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To whom it may concern:

My name is Enid Sanford, a granddaughter of Fred Rutherford Sanford and his wife Margaret Hough Sanford. Grandfather Fred's father and mother were Miles and Mary (Rutherford) Sanford, settlers in 1879 on Hubbard Prairie, Minnesota. In looking at the article "Biographical Sketches of Settlers of the 1880s," I found some information on my Sanford ancestors that is incorrect, and I would like to have it corrected. This is the link where I found this information:

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/mn/hubbard/bios/bioss-v.txt>

From my own knowledge of our family history and from other information I have gathered from my older relatives, I have made several changes in this article and will copy the revised version below. I would appreciate hearing back from you after these corrections have been made. Thank you so very much.
--Enid Sanford, Edinburg, Texas

Sanford

Miles B. Sanford was born July 18, 1835, in Addison, New York. His father, Lorenzo Sanford (1811-1883), was born in Dryden and died in Troupsburg, New York; and his mother, Hannah P. Smith (1815-1894), was born in Cortlandt, New York. Miles' wife, Mary Mahalia Rutherford, was born March 15, 1846 in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Mary's father, George Rutherford, Sr., was born in Kentucky and Mary's mother, Rachel Jester, was born in Ohio. Miles and Mary were married December 18, 1864 in Spring Green, Wisconsin. Miles' brother, Charles Sanford, married Sarah Rutherford, Mary's sister.

Miles Sanford served as a private in Company H of the 10th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment from 1861 to 1864 in the Civil War. He sustained a gunshot wound to the hip in the Battles of Chaplin Hills and Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862. He was mustered out of the army November 3, 1864 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Miles married Mary after the Civil War and then moved first to Iowa in 1865, and then to southern Minnesota. In 1879 they moved north to homestead on Section 26 of Hubbard Township, Hubbard County, becoming one of the first families to settle in that area.

Miles and Mary Sanford's children are the following: Frank L., born October 4, 1865, in Iowa (married Idella Rex); Willie C., born Feb. 2, 1867 in Fillmore County, Minnesota, as were the next four children: Fred R., April 6, 1869 (married Margaret Ann Ethel Hough); Addie Belle, March 14, 1871; Stella May, March 10, 1873; Emmer B., July 9, 1875. Their two youngest children were born in Hubbard County: Lewis (Lou), June 6, 1882 (married Mary McCullum); and Jay, January 11, 1885 (married Vivian C. Adams)

Four of the Sanford children (Willie, Addie, Stella, and Emmer) died in February 1881, during a diphtheria epidemic in which many other children died. The snow was so deep that the children's bodies had to be wrapped in quilts and passed through a window, and preserved in a snow bank until the spring thaw permitted burial. Frank, the oldest child, was working away from home that winter and did not get diphtheria. Of the five children who were at home, only 12-year-old Fred survived, thanks to his mother Mary, who had prayed that God would not take all of her children. The four children's bodies were some of the first to be buried in the newly created Hubbard Cemetery. (Lou and Jay were born after this.)

Miles Sanford died August 20, 1905, and his wife Mary died May 2, 1916, both of them in Hubbard County, Minnesota, and both are buried in the Hubbard Cemetery.