

August Christian Gaeng Junior

August Gaeng was born on March 16, 1887 in Hastings, Minnesota to August Gaeng Senior (1847-1920) and Franciska Haas Gaeng (1849-1919). August was one of five children born to this affluent family. Both parents had emigrated from Germany. In 1887 August Senior purchased a home located at 212 Sibley Street from Archie McPhail for \$800. The couple lived in the apartment above the saloon that they opened below. Both parents tended bar. In January of 1920, when America went dry under Prohibition, they converted the saloon to a soda fountain/grocery store. In September of 1911, August married Marie E Ward from Mankato. The couple married at St Boniface Church in Hastings. August was 24. It was later learned that Miss Ward was already married and the marriage was most likely annulled by the Catholic Church.

On June 5, 1917, August registers for the mandatory draft in Hastings at the age of 30. At the time, he was working at a livery barn. Previous to this, he and his brother lived in Harlowton, Montana operating a steam shovel. He served, based on the one military record that we could find and was released on February 1, 1919. We could find no other records of his service.

August would lose both his Mother and his Father in 1919 and 1920. His father had already given him the family home which he continued to operate until his death. He added a taxi service and was a well-known and popular citizen of Hastings. He married Dora Regina Bausquet (1892-1971) from Canada in Redwing, Minnesota on June 19, 1920. They had no children.

August died on February 15, 1935 in Hastings. He had been sick for at least two years. He is buried at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Cemetery.