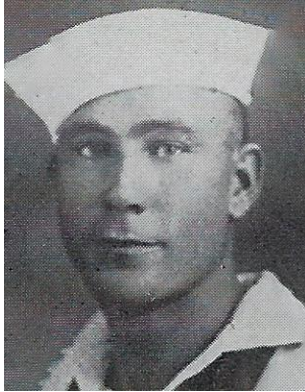


Joseph Nicholas Hinderks

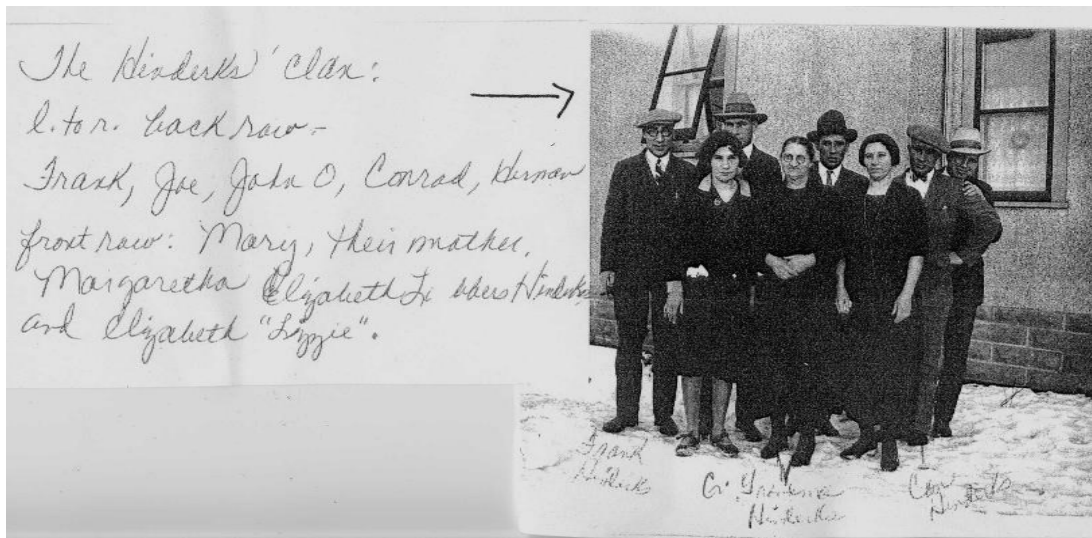


Joseph Hinderks was born on October 18, 1891 in Lennox, South Dakota to Conrad Joseph Hinderks (1843-1917) and Margaretha Elizabeth Luebers Hinderks (1857-1929). His father was a farmer and the family lived in South Dakota and Minnesota (Scott and Dakota County). They had five boys and three girls.

Joseph enlisted in the US Navy on May 25, 1918 at the age of 26. He was assigned to the 23rd Aviation Regular Unit and he trained at Hampton Roads, Virginia. Men typically trained at one of the three ground schools for a period of 8 weeks and based on its location, this was probably Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis for Joseph. He was most likely too late to serve in France so he did not go overseas. The Naval Patrol Aviation grew from 38 aviators to 1,656 trained pilots and 2,107 aircraft on hand during World War I. He was released and sent home on June 12, 1919. He married Lucia T Brahy (1892-1981) on March 3, 1919. Lucy had just learned that she was pregnant with their first son Conrad who would be born December 1, 1919. Young Conrad would also enlist in the US Navy and would be killed in action in WWII.

Joseph worked at the South St Paul Stock Yards as a commissioned hog salesman until he retired. He died in South St Paul on March 24, 1973 at the age of 81. He is buried at the St Stanislaus Cemetery in Arcadia, Wisconsin.

Four of the five Hinderks Brothers would serve in World War One: Conrad Joseph at age 28, Frank Bernard at age 22, Herman Henry at age 23 and Joseph Nicholas at age 26.



Sergeant Conrad Francis Hinderks (1919-1943), 23 year old son of Joseph & Lucy Hinderks would die serving his County in World War II. He received the Purple Heart and is buried in Nettuno, Italy.