

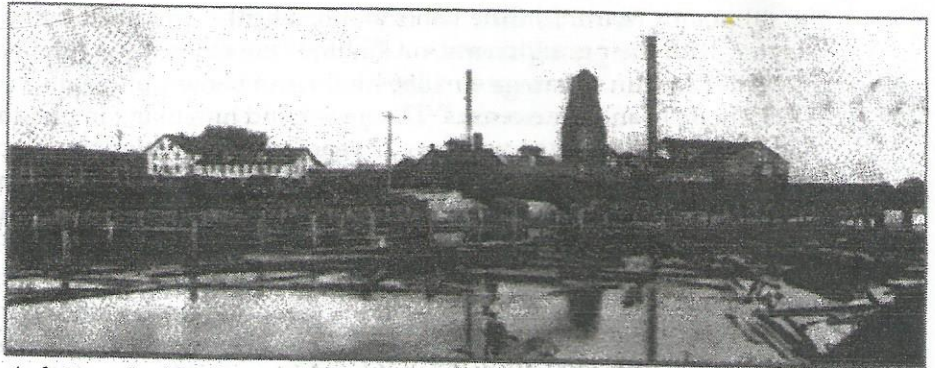
the Cain Family

working in the lumbering industry was very high. It was a dangerous way to make a living.

A few years after settling in the city, John met Clarissa (Carrie) Ann ROSA (see *The Rosa Family*) the daughter of Jennie and Abram Rosa of Michigan. They were married sometime around 1874.³¹ Carrie was about 18 years old and this was her second marriage, her first having occurred when she was 13.³² Together they raised a family of 9 children (which included a

set of twins) in Oconto, where they lived the rest of their lives. John continued his career in the lumber industry working his way up from the sawmill to eventually working as a 'boom man' on the river sorting and connecting the logs dumped into the water.³³ Meanwhile Carrie stayed home, raising their large family and taking care of the household.

John died in Oconto on 5 Mar 1918, when he was only 65, and was buried in the Oconto Catholic Cemetery.³⁴



A photograph of the Oconto Company's lumber operation in Oconto.³⁵

Obituary as written out by a relative:

"It was sad news Tuesday afternoon to most of the old residents of Oconto when it was learned that John Cain had answered the last roll call. John Cain died shortly after 12 o'clock Tuesday at his home on Smith Avenue and this morning the funeral was held from St. Peter's Catholic Church. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Fr. Looze and interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Death was caused by a complication of diseases. Long a sufferer from rheumatism he was stricken with paralysis last July and had been failing since. Mr. Cain was almost 61 having been born in Nov. 1, 1857 in Chilton, WI. He has resided here since 1876, his wife to whom he had been married 43 years was Carrie Rose. Mrs. Cain survives with eight children, Harry, who lives in Milwaukee, Mrs. V. H. (Gertrude) John, Albert, and Mrs. Frank Roseau of Oconto, Milton is with the troops in France now.

Few faces were more familiar and few figures better known for years in Oconto than Johnny Cain, he had a host of friends and had grown up with the city, he will be greatly missed."



John Cain's headstone is incorrect regarding his birth date. If he was born in 1857, then that means at the age of about 13 he moved to Oconto, alone, which is doubtful. Even though we have no documented proof of his birth, 1852 seems more likely as the year of birth, because it is more compatible with the 1860 and 1870 census records.

Obituary from the Oconto Reporter March 7, 1918:

"Pioneer of City Answers Call, John P. Cain Succumbed to Paralysis Tuesday

Wife and Eight Children Survive - Funeral Friday

John P. Cain, a pioneer resident of the city, answered his final summons Tuesday, just about noon, death occurring at his home on Smith Avenue. For the past two years he had suffered with rheumatism and about ten