

INTERVIEW WITH MARIE PAULUS SEPT. 5, 1976 - AT HER HOME - INTERVIEWER A. POTE

Pote - I have a few questions that I want to be sure I get for the newspaper article, so I'll ask you those first. Then I'd just like to hear you reminisce. What was your name before you were married?

Paulus - Adams. Marie H. Adams.

Pote - Adams - a good name in American history. Marie H. Adams. And where were you born?

Paulus - Near Osman, Ill. O S M A N. On a farm.

Pote - Would you care to tell your birthdate? Most of us know it anyway, and we're so proud of you.

Paulus - I was born on May the 24th, 1891. That would make me 85, wouldn't it?

Pote - Yes, 85 this year. And did you have any brothers and sisters?

Paulus - Let's see....There were nine of us. 5 boys and 4 girls, including me.

Pote - Are any of them still living?

Paulus - No, I'm the only one that's left.

Pote - You were the sturdiest.

Paulus - Yes. I'm the only one that's left.

Pote - After you left Osman, where did you move to?

Paulus - We were in Streator after Osman. My husband worked there.

Pote - O you were married then. When did you get married?

Paulus - Let's see. when was that now?

Pote - How old were you, that'll tell.

Paulus - Nineteen.

Pote - Then that would be 1910.

Paulus - Yes, that's right. It was on Dec. 28, 1910, that we were married. I have so many dates to remember, I almost forgot.

Pote - I forget dates, too. Everybody does.....So you were married in 1910. Did you move to Streator right away?

Paulus - No we lived near Osman for a while.

Pote - And then to Streator?

Paulus - Yes, and then we moved to Oak Lawn. And then, in 1924, to Chicago Ridge.

Pote - What induced you and Mr. Paulus to come to this area?