

The below history was dictated by John Pauli Jr, the oldest son of John and Katherina Pauli, to his sister-in-law Velma (Henry Pauli's wife).

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I say I, Henry has broken his arm, and I had to write it as John was talking. Now, I do have to say that your Uncle Hank disagreed with some of it.

John Pauli was born along the Volga River, County of Saratov in the Colony of Norka Russia on September 13, 1883. His father had migrated to Russia under Catherine the Great when she gave land to the Germans if they would work the land. It was the law that the eldest son had to serve time in the cavalry and were trained in the same way as the Cossacks. In St. Petersburg, in the insurrection, his (John's) skull was grazed by a bullet. While on the farm he was the manager of his father's brick factory. They (the family) had built their own home. Someone, who had been to Russia, lately says there is no longer a Norka, but the brick house was still standing, except the wood. It had been used for fuel.

It was the custom that if you met someone that you would like to marry, they had to go between and see each family. They had chosen Pastor Schterkol. John had met Katherine Hamburg, born 1884, and they were engaged October 6th, 1906 and married November 14th, 1906. The custom was that when the eldest son married, he brought his wife home to do all the housework, while the mother-in-law sat.

John worked in his father's brick factory for no pay. His father said if he needed anything to ask. He didn't like to and so when it was time for him to go back into the cavalry; he borrowed money from his brother \$200.

They got their visa's and left for America in 1907. They landed at Ellis Island in New York. They took a train through Detroit. Then to Portland. When they got off the ferry in Portland he had \$10 in his pocket and their wicker luggage. When they were walking along Henry

Wolf came out of a saloon along the waterfront, and told them he'd lost his renters and they could live there.

The next morning after hearing there was work available at a sawmill in Sellwood, he arose at 4:00 and walked 8 miles to work. At quitting time, everyone went home except him. He kept working until the owner made him understand that he was to go home. He walked home instead of paying 5 cents for a streetcar. He was making 50 cents a day. He saved enough to build a bungalow. They started a family and a business. With a horse and buggy, he had a route of butter, eggs, and chickens. He dressed the chickens in the basement of his home. Before the First World War, people were shipping butter and eggs to him at the waterfront.

The Germans were not liked very much so he was advised to change his name to Pauli (possibly at Ellis Island). Butter and eggs were shipped from Skomokoway. He had a big bell that he would ring going down the street. He ran the delivery wagon from 1908 to 1940.

He saved money to bring his wife's parents over in 1928. He paid the money to a shippers agent. His father-in-law wrote he had been to the P.O. County seat in Russia and there was no record for them to come to America and if they didn't get it soon they would starve. The shipper's agent had absconded with the money. That was the last time that they heard from them.

In 1940 John and Henry (his son) borrowed 2500 dollars from Mrs. Wolf and bought Crescent Poultry at 532 SW Front and were there 1 year and 3 months. Then in 1941 moved to 322 NW Everett, and stayed there until 1951. Built a building \$25.000, corner of McMillan and Benton. The Coliseum came and took over the ground in 1957. He retired at the age of 74. He died at the age of 76 in 1959.