

## Joseph and Pauline Amann

written by their granddaughter Vernetta Heare aged 87

My maternal grandparents were Joseph and Pauline Amann. Joseph was born in 1870 in Eagleville Wisconsin his father was born in Switzerland and his mother was born in Wisconsin. He worked as a carpenter and mason he had one brother Julius, who also lived in the Eagle area. He served in the Spanish-American war.

My grandma was Pauline Zabel. She was born in 1877 in Princeton Wisconsin. Her parents were born in Prussia. She had two sisters and three brothers. Pauline came to Eagle to work for Dr. Fitzgerald as she was a Midwife. She helped deliver many babies in the Eagle area. I believe the Eagle hospital was on the left side of Main Street, a large brick home.

Joe and Pauline met and married in 1889. They lived on a farm outside of Eagle for several years. They had four children: my mother Mildred, Harold, Everett, and Luella. The family moved to the village of Eagle and had a home on the back street just down on the left hand side of Eagle from Mealy's funeral home. They lived in this home the rest of their lives.

My grandpa, whom we called Poppy, loved to make items out of cement he would trim them with polished stones and broken glass. He made lamps and bird baths and many other things. My grandma loved to crochet. She made lovely lace tablecloths and doilies. She also did embroidery.

We all had beautiful gifts every Christmas. I still have several of these things and I treasure each and every one. The children all attended school in Eagle and went on to make their own lives. Millie married Virgil McGill. They were neighbor sweethearts. Harold married Florence Mason and for many years they owned the Silver Arrow on highway 12 in LaGrange. Everett never married. He served several years in World War 2. He returned from service and spent the rest of his life in Eagle. Luella married Wes Tans and they had one daughter, Virginia. They lived on a farm in the Mukwonago area. Believe it or not, I only have the one cousin.

My grandpa built a cute little Playhouse for my cousin and me. It had a kitchen and also a bedroom for our dolls. We loved to spend time with our grandparents so we could use the Playhouse. All the girls in the area wanted to come and play with us.

When I was only about five years old, my mother would put me on the train in Palmyra with my little suitcase and doll and tell the conductor to be sure I got off in Eagle. Guess what? Grandma was always waiting at the station to pick me up. What a great experience for a little girl.

Grandma and I would go to the butcher shop and pick out the meat for our evening meal, then down the hill to Vinton Sherman's grocery store for other things grandma needed. Vint always gave me a sucker. Vint's mother lived in the apartment next to the store, so I always stopped in to see her and she always had a treat for me, usually a big sugar cookie.

Grandma and I always went out the back door as their house was on the back lot behind the store. We had many Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in Eagle. Grandma always had a large goose and duck from the butcher shop. Grandma also sewed clothes for my dolls and for me. About this time is when barrel skirts were so popular. I was the envy of all my girlfriends because she made me several skirts and always had a scarf to match.

My grandparents always had a great vegetable garden, and their flower gardens were some of the most beautiful in Eagle. Grandma had giant dahlias and beautiful gladiolas. They also grew the huge blue morning glories. People would always stop and take pictures of the arbor of the morning glories.

My grandpa passed away in 1947 at the VA hospital in Milwaukee at the age of 77. Grandma passed away at home in 1959 of a stroke at 82 years old. They had many happy years in Eagle and so many good friends. What wonderful memories I have of them and the days I spent in Eagle.