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As a member of the Pioneer Grocery firm of Bowing Brothers Grocery, Harry Bowing is widely and favorably known in this section of Stearns County, and his efforts have largely been directed into those channels which have for their object public improvements, and the advancement of the general welfare. Stearns County claims him as one of her outstanding business men. He was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania on November 24th, 1867 and was a boy of three years old when he arrived in St. Cloud, Minnesota with his parents in 1870. Son of Stacy and Isabel (Ellis) Bowing. Harry Bowing received a liberal education attending the public schools and the State Normal school of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

At the age of twenty-one in 1888, Harry and his brother Albert Bowing bought the Grocery Store from Edwin Robertson and their business has increased from year to year, keeping pace with the growth and development of St. Cloud. They founded their business on the substantial basis of straightforward methods and honorable dealing, and their success is the reward of earnest, systematic effort and good management.

Mr. Bowing was married to Amelia L. Hockema, a teacher from Spring Valley Minnesota, daughter of Henry W. Hockema who died in 1909 and Elizebeth Du Mez Hockema who died in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowing are the parents of one daughter Elizebeth Isabel Bowing born on June 16th, 1909, who lives at home, and is now employed at the St. Cloud Public Library.

Mr. Bowing is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and is fraternally identified as a charter member of the local lodge of Elk's.

Mr. Bowing states that in 48 years in business he has seen quite a change in times and also believes that conditions were better than they are now, as people never thought of spending as much money for luxuries.

Interviewed: Harry Bowing  
Date: May 1st, 1936  
By: N. P. Kruchten

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE HARRY BOWING BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Baby Bowling	June 16, 1909	St. Cloud	Harry C. Bowling	40

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Amelia Hockema	35	C	619	2	