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Joseph Osmanski was born in West Prussia, Germany, February 24, 1871, son of John and Barbara Osmanski. As a young boy he attended German Catholic School and graduated from the eighth grade. After graduation he worked as a farm laborer. The farmers in Germany all had their residences in the towns and walked to work in the fields each morning and returned in the evening. The German farmers had only a small number of acres and these were divided up over a large piece of land, each farmer having a portion of good loam and a portion of high hilly land and a portion of sandy soil. If the farmers would construct homes on their land this would perhaps rob them of the necessary space to plant potatoes etc. due to the small acreage of each farm. This explains why they all resided in one town and left the land open for cultivation.

In 1900 Joseph Osmanski married Francis Protokoritz in West Prussia. The next year this newly married couple decided to come to America for a honeymoon and at the same time find better living conditions here.

John Osmanski settled in Iowa for one year and then came to Minnesota settling at Albany, Minnesota. At this place Joseph farmed successfully for twenty-eight years and in 1930 retired and moved to Saint Cloud.

To Joseph Osmanski and Francis (Protokoritz) Osmanski were born nine children, two are deceased, Anna and Joseph. The living are Tecla, Paul, Veronica, Rose, Marie, Martha, and Alphonse. There are thirteen grandchildren.

Francis (Protokoritz) Osmanski was born in West Prussia in 1882, daughter of Frank and Mary Protokoritz. She was educated in the German schools and spent her life previous to her marriage at home with her parents.

Joseph remarked, "I found it easy to find work when I first came

to America. It seemed as if everyone was hiring men. The wages were low but food prices were also very low. The first house I rented here only cost \$2 a month and I think that rent could have been much lower than that figure."

Joseph Ormanski is retired and living in Saint Cloud at 228 Third Avenue North East.

Francis (Protokoritz) Osmanski died in Albany in 1918.

Interviewed: Joseph Ormanski
Date: October 26, 1936
By: Dean Nelson

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOSEPH OSMANSKI BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Amelia Osmanski	Oct. 28, 1910	Albany	Joseph Osmanski	32
2. Martha "	June 17, 1912	"	" "	36
3. Anna "	Aug. 13, 1914	"	" "	42
4. Alfaus "	Apr. 14, 1915	"	" "	42

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Francisca Patvoski	30	D	4	6	
2. Franciska	30	F	2	14	
3. Francis	34	H	11	41	
4. Francisca	35	I	4	52	9th child

DEATH RECORD BOOK L. PAGE 21 LINE 1

Francis Osmerski Born in Germany, December 19, 1879

Daughter of Frank Arstocovetsch, mother unknown

Died November 10, 1918

Age 38 years 10 months and 21 days

OSMANSKI, JOSEPH

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION:

The birth of Francis Protokovitch, December 19, 1879, is correct as stated in the legal records.

AFFIRMED:

The correct spelling of the name Protokovitz, is Protokovitch .

AFFIRMED:

The spelling of the name Osmanski is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED:

The names of the children are all correct as stated in the biography.

Reinterviewed: Joseph Osmanski
Date: November 8, 1937
By: Dean Nelson