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Adam Schaum was born in the Rhineland in Germany on March 17, 1856. His education completed, he decided to see America. In 1880 he sailed, it took him seventeen days to cross and when he arrived in New York he was offered \$25 by the ship master to go back, their being a shortage of hands, he went back and in this way made many trips. Mr. Schaum sailed back to Germany six times.

In 1883 he went to work on a farm in Pennsylvania. On one of his trips he brought back his wife and was married July 19, 1882 in Lenger-ser County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Schaum was the daughter of Christ and Catherine Hattman natives of Germany.

In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Schaum came to Saint Cloud, just a very small town at that time. Benson Brothers had the leading grocery store then located at 13-Fifth Avenue South, and Mr. M. J. Nugent with Frank Fandel had a dry-goods and grocery store combined located at 602 Saint Germain. The land now called Highbanks was then the city park and all celebrations, especially the Fourth of July, were held there. Mr. Schaum bought and sold cattle in and around Saint Cloud. He also helped build the Cathedral Church in 1883.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schaum had one son, William, born in 1890, who is married to Katie Monthy and has two children. William is at present working for the city of Saint Cloud.

In 1908 Mr. Schaum made another trip to Germany. This trip took six and one-half days, he visited with brothers and relatives. He bought his present home in 1914 and still lives there. He has been working for the city of Saint Cloud for the past seven years.

Mr. Adam Schaum was one of the first members of the German Evangelical church on Eight Avenue South.

Interviewed: Mr. Adam Schaum  
Date: May 7, 1936  
By: Mrs. Tresa Gruber

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE ADAM SCHAUUM BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Nellie Schaum	Apr. 13, 1890	St. Cloud	Adam Schaum	34

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Lena	31	B	197	25	

SCHAUM, ADAM

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.

AFFIRMED:

Name of William is correct as stated in the biography.

Reinterviewed: Mrs. William Schaum  
Date: November 23, 1937  
By: Tresa Gruber