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HISTORY 497: FARMING AND FARM FAMILIES IN DEKALB COUNTY

Oral History Interview  
with

Ruth Pauling

November 3, 1986

300 Fairmont Ave.  
DeKalb, Illinois

By: Sharon M. Bartholomew

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General topic of interview: A farmer's wife's experiences (life), education, organization's (farming and children's), recreation, and many other interesting things.

NARRATOR: RUTH PAULING  
DATE: November 3, 1986  
LENGTH OF TAPE: 1½ hours

INTERVIEWER: SHARON M. BARTHOLOMEW  
PLACE: 300 Fairmont Ave.  
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

PERSONAL DATA

Ruth Pauling grew up in Bloomingdale, Illinois until she married Orrin Pauling in 1940. She attended St. Isadore's School and Church (patron of farmers) until her marriage. She is the middle child in her family. She has six children whom she loves dearly and speaks about them thus. She has many hobbies; such as, crafts, reading, traveling, dancing (square), etc. She and her husband are retired farmers and live in the city of DeKalb. Their nephews are farming the family land now.

INTERVIEWER'S COMMENTS

After taping was completed, Ruth Pauling and I discussed more about her family heritage and her background in DuPage County when she was a young girl growing up on a farm. We discussed her ceramics that she has on display in her home. I have tried to keep in contact with her since the interview. I found her to be an educated woman and an extremely fascinating one, at that. If I had the chance, I would like to get to know her better.

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<u>TAPE COUNTER NUMBER</u>		<u>SUBJECTS COVERED</u>
	<u>TAPE 1</u>	
Side 1	000-074	Background information-childhood
	074-149	Education-grade school and high school
	149-163	Church
	163-185	Moved to DeKalb
	185-203	Farm Organizations
	203-262	Neighbors
	262-288	Kin Network
	288-303	Work Experience-telephone company
	303-317	Children's Organizations
	317-347	Trips to Town
	347-480	Normal Day Experiences
Side 2	000-019	Children's Occupations
	019-032	Later Education-Kishwaukee Community College
	032-067	Hobbies-TV, crafts, etc.
	067-089	Going Out With and Without the Children
	089-108	Favorite Seasons
	108-162	Holidays
	162-173	Dances
	173-189	Drives
	189-209	Farming (tractor disc jockey)
	209-260	Standard of Living
	260-338	Farming: Future Expectations, crops, garden, etc.
	338-366	Work (children) Away From the Farm
	366-394	Prices-crops and cattle
	394-424	Transport of Crops and Cattle
	424-451	Government
	451-464	Extra Help
	464-468	Retired
	468-483	Plans for Retirement
	<u>TAPE 2</u>	
Side 1	000-011	New Machinery-Tractor, combine, cars, trucks, etc.
	011-027	Cost of New Machinery
	027-050	Fertilizer-How it is applied, and What is used
	050-077	Pesticides
	077-096	Hybrids
	096-101	Vietnam War
	101-120	Changes in the Farm
	120-153	1970-1975
	153-188	1975-1980
	188-215	Urbanization
	215	Thanking subject for participation