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Emil Lepinski was born in Chicago on April 23, 1872.

When Mr. Lepinski was at the age of two years, he and his parents were in one of Chicago's early fires. This fire is still considered the biggest fire in the country. He says the fire lasted for almost two weeks. When the fire was over his parents were forced to look for other means of livelihood, for everything they had was destroyed.

They came to Perham, Ottertail County, Minnesota, where they homesteaded a farm. Their first home was a roughly made log house which was later replaced by a brick home. Emil says there was no cement to lay bricks with, but this did not hamper the pioneer people for they went to the lake shore and gathered lime stone which they put in water and built a fire over it until it was soft like butter. This was the substitute for cement. All farm work was done by ox team.

Mr. Lepinski came to Saint Cloud as a very young man. When he came all the buildings on St. Germain were frame, and there were very few of them. The street cars were horse drawn, and went from Tenth Street and Fifth Avenue to Ninth Avenue and Third Street North. They had their barn on Ninth Avenue where the garage and taxi office are now located. Mr. Lepinski was first employed by the Preiss and Wimmer Brewery, where he held the position of beer cooker. He held this job for a period of ten years. He then went to work for the Great Northern Carshops where he worked four years. He left to take a position on the city police force. He worked under the following mayors: J. E. C. Robinson, Hugh Evans, Peter Seberger, Daniel H. Freeman, and William M. Matson. He then went to the Great Northern Railway as Special Police, then to the Pan Motor Company as watchman. He worked for Reider and Yaeger as a teamster. After that he received Frank Lorsinger's position as janitor at the city hall, which he has held for the past sixteen years.

LEPINSKI, EMIL

Mr. Lepinski was married to Anna Ruhoff on the twenty-eighth day of April 1897. The marriage took place at the Cathedral Church with Father Schur officiating. To Emil and Anna (Ruhoff) Lepinski six children were born, Joseph; Raymond; Walter; Angeline; Clarence; and Armilda.

Interviewed: Emil Lepinski  
647 East St. Germain St.  
Date: June 3, 1936  
By: Gilbert Bunt

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE EMIL LEPINSKI BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Baby Lepinski	Jan. 8, 1898	St. Cloud	Emil Lepinski	
2. Joseph "	May 30, 1899	" "	" "	29
3. Baby "	July 11, 1905	" "	" "	34

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Anna Ruhoff		(1898)B8	300	24	Female
2. " "	24	(1899)B9	320	15	
3. " "	32	(1905)B15	297	6	Female

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Emil Lipinski and Anna Ruhoff

Married at St. Cloud April 28, 1897

By: Rev. A. Schaut

Witnesses: Joseph Wegler and Dina Ruhoff