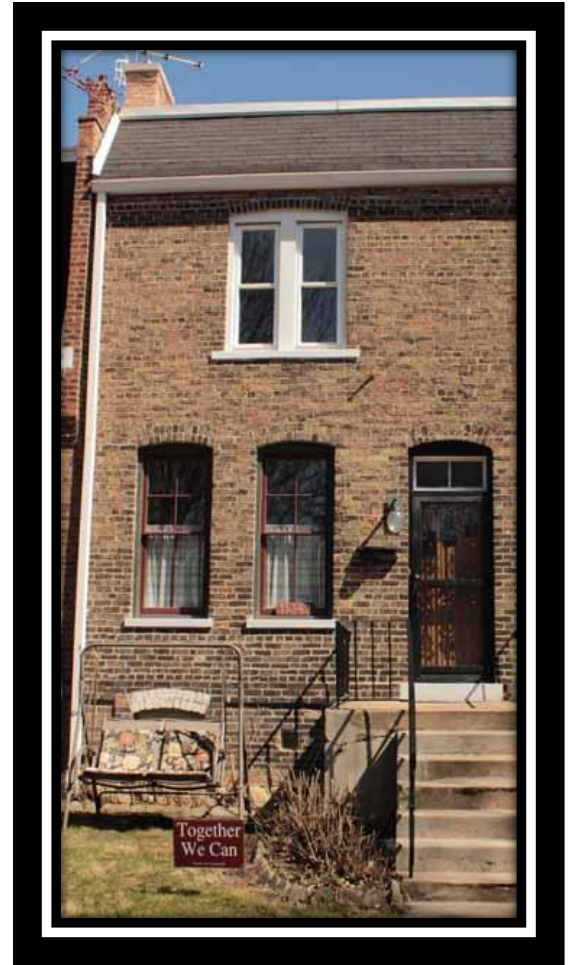


# House History of 11349 Champlain Chicago, IL

Once known as 349 Stephenson before 1907.

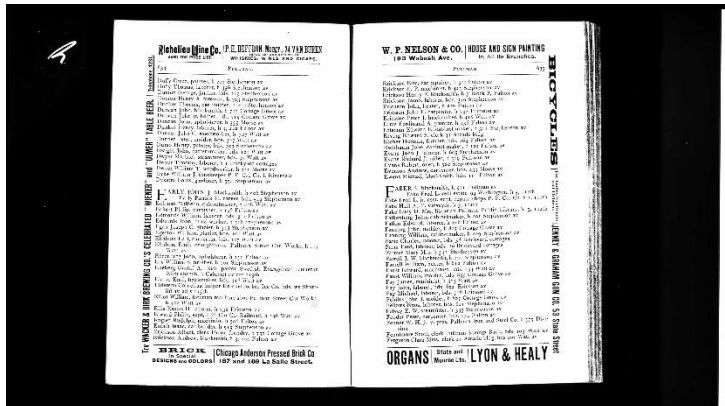
This historic home is located in the historic Pullman Community which was once known as a company town. The town itself played an important role on the history of Chicago and the United States through its strike in 1894.

The community in which the house is placed was built in the 1880's and not long later we see the first residents of the home appear.



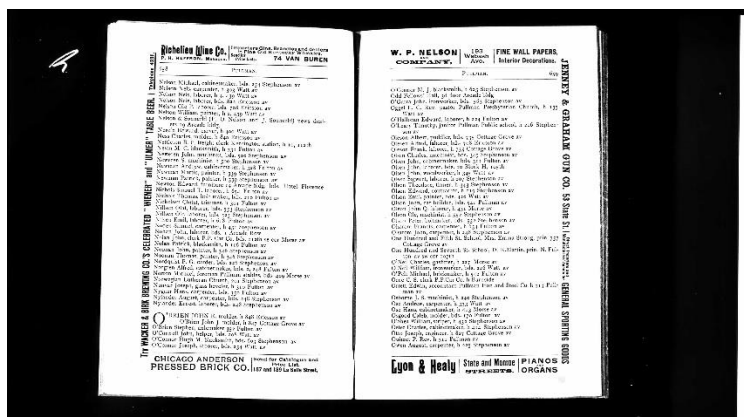
## 1880's

The earliest evidence these is of residence at 349 Stephenson are from 1889  
Andrew Johnson, Charles Oleson, Jacob Erickson, Olfena Weeg, Charles Weeg



Jacob Erikson lives in the residence in 1889 as a Laborer. He is suspected of being colleagues with Charles Olsen as they moved out of the residence together.

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Jacob Erickson, Pullman p. 635



Proof of Olsen's Residence in the home in 1889. From this we can interpret he was a machinist.

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Charles Olsen, Pullman, p. 659

This 1900 census represents that two people living in Pullman named Charley Oleson and Jacob Erikson live together under 441-Watt Av. There is a high probability it is the same people that lived under 349 Stephenson but there is no certainty.

From this information we know that they were both from Norway. Olsen was aged 32 and Erikson 33.

Olsen was born in Norway in Sep 1867 and immigrated into the states in 1883. By 1900 he is a Naturalized citizen and is single employed as a day laborer. He is well educated as he can read, write and speak English in 1900.

The image is a scan of a 1900 United States Federal Census form, Schedule No. 1 - Population. It lists two individuals: Charley Oleson and Jacob Erikson. The form includes columns for name, sex, age, marital status, birthplace, and occupation. Charley Oleson is listed as a day laborer, and Jacob Erikson is listed as a day laborer. Both were born in Norway.

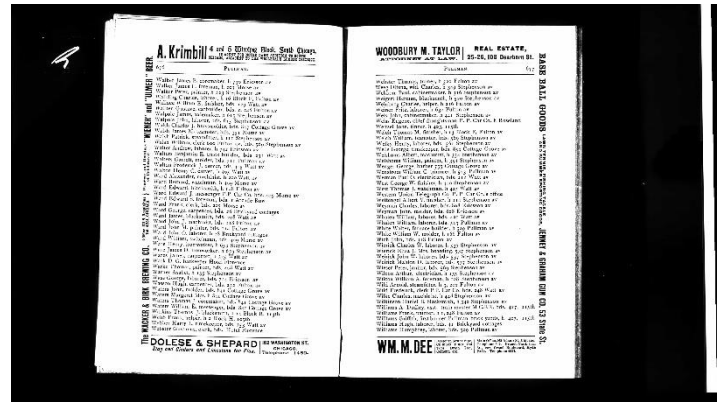
NAME	SEX	AGE	MARITAL STATUS	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION
Charley Oleson	Male	32	Single	Norway	Day Laborer
Jacob Erikson	Male	33	Single	Norway	Day Laborer

1900 United States Federal Census for Charley Oleson and Jacob Erikson



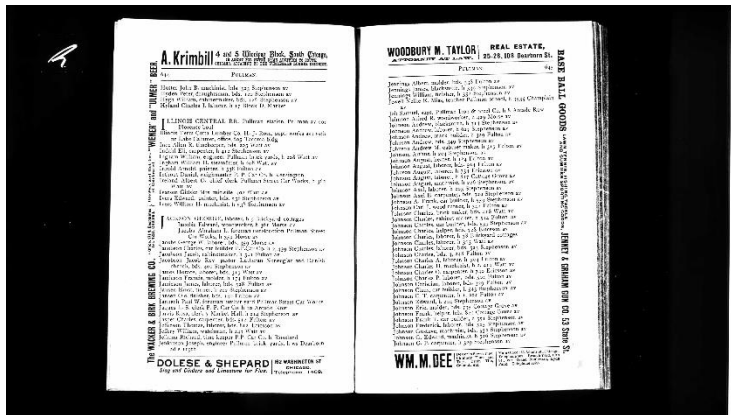
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Olfena Weeg lived with her husband at 349 Stephenson as it the U.S. City Directories it states "wid. Charles" which is her spouse's name Charles Weeg.



U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Olfena Weeg, Pullman, p. 677

Lastly for the 1880's there is Andrew Johnson



U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Andrew Johnson, Pullman, p. 645

Proof of residence but no further information can be concluded

# 1900's

These are the years with the introduction of the longest residing family of the house the Johnson's. There is no proof to show that Andrew Johnson was part of their family.

Residing at 349 Stephenson from the Johnson family were Charles August Johnson (Head), Carolina Wilhelmina Johanson (Wife), Charles Elevert Johanson (SON) (Passes away before 1900), and Anna W Johnson (Daughter).

1900 United States Federal Census for Chas A Johnson, Carolina Wilhelmina Johanson, Anna W Johnson, Hubel Bordorff, and Olaf Runsten.

In 1900 there were 5 residences at the address and 4 were born in Sweden and Anna W Johnson (Daughter) was born in Pennsylvania.

Hubel Bordorff (32) was a shipping clerk and Olaf Runsten (27) was an Upholsterer.

Bordorff immigrated in 1888 from Sweden and Runsten in 1892.

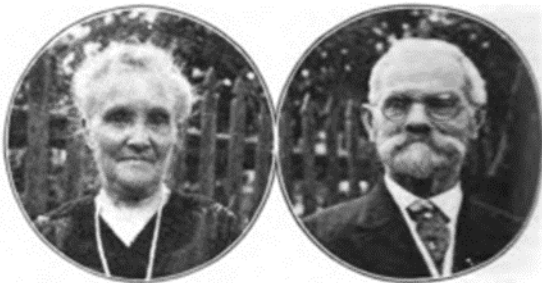
From the 1900 Census there is evidence that Carolina Wilhelmina Johanson lost a child as she said she had two and one living in 1900.





# Pullman in the News

## 1922



MRS. AND MR. CHARLES AUGUST JOHNSON

country. Mr. and Mrs. Charles August Johnson were both born in Sweden, but came to America in their youth and were married at Titusville, Pa., on Sept. 17, 1872. They came West and in 1882 Mr. Johnson began his Pullman work in the interior finish department, later going into the electric and then the brass, where he stayed until he was pensioned in 1914. Their son, Charles, died some years ago, this being the only unhappiness they have suffered. Their daughter, Anna, resides with them. The Rev. Carl A. Tobin of the Lutheran Elim Church, Pullman, arranged suitable services for the evening of Sept. 16, and on the afternoon of the anniversary a dinner was given at the Calumet Commercial Club by some 65 friends and relatives.

Mr. Oscar Peterson, leader of the brass paint department, was recently married to Miss Christine King. The brass department extends heartfelt congratulations.

Mr. Jess Hendrix, formerly employed in the planning department, paid the brass department an unexpected visit. He now resides at Grand Haven, Mich. . . .

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*Pullman News from Oct of 1922.*

*Pg. 174, 147 in document*

This News clipping shows the importance of the Johnson family as they get their own pictures in the paper. This clipping represents evidence of the Johnson's being married on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1872. Chas transitions from carpentry working in the interior finish department in Pullman later to be an Electrician. Shedding a light on the family's involvement in Pullman and the influence of their son's death on the family.



*Charles Elevert Johanson Passes away in 1899 and the cause behind his death is unknown. To this point the star marking hasn't been identified and remains a mystery.*

## An Aviary Without a Warble



Some interesting insight into the Passions of Chas A Johnson. Chas was an Ornithologists. He was pensions on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1914.

**T**HERE are many ornithologists in the Pullman Car Works, doubtless, but it is asserted that the only bird fancier who possesses an aviary devoid of sound or song is Mr. Charles August Johnson, a pensioner who lives at 11349 Stephenson Street, not far from the big plant where he worked for 32 years. There is an elastic city ordinance against keeping cocks that crow and other feathered nuisances, but Mr. Johnson beat that—he made his own birds and not a one sings a note. If you glance at the picture you can tell why. He made 'em, every one, and lifelike, too, except the music. Mr. Johnson was born in Sweden, Feb. 19, 1842, and entered the Car Works in October, 1882, and after working until March 21, 1914, as a bench hand in the brass and electrical departments he was pensioned.



Chas passes away on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1926 (Illinois, U.S., Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947) and his wife Carolina Wilhelmina Johanson follows in 1936. They lay next to their son Charles at Mount Greenwood Cemetery.





The family has a sizable Family tombstone to be remembered by.

Anna Wilhelmina Johanson goes on to move away to Los Angeles, California and passes away on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1957. From the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997 there is evidence her mother's Maiden Name was Hultgren.

The Johnson family resided in the home till the 1930's with Anna and Carolina being the last residence.

### **Johnson Mystery**

In the 1910's it seems that the Johnson's aren't on the Census anywhere in Pullman even though they worked in Pullman.

This means they were still most likely at the home alongside Alfred Williamson (Husband) and Katharine Williamson (Wife) who were both from New York City and they missed Census day.

*1910 United States Federal Census for Alfred Williamson and Katharine Williamson*

Alfred worked as an office clerk at the car works in Pullman and rented at the home.

His family immigrated to New York from England.



1940's

Margaret and Charles Toller Both lived at the home as can be indicated by the 1940 Census.

The image shows a detailed 1940 United States Federal Census form for Margaret Toller. The form is titled 'POPULATION SCHEDULE' and includes fields for name, address, date of birth, sex, race, and marital status. Margaret Toller is listed as a lodger at the residence of Charles Toller. The form also includes a section for 'SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS' and a 'REMARKS' section.

1940 United States Federal Census for Margaret Toller

What is interesting is that from the Census it is indicated that she was born in two different countries. First in Italy in the 1930 Census then in Austria in the 1940's Census. But the higher probability is that she was in fact Italian as that was her native language as was indicated in the 1930's Census.

**Additional Resident:** According to the 1940's Census it is indicated that a Lodger by the name of Ralph Roghier was also living with the two Toller's. He was a naturalized US citizen from Italy working in construction at the age of 60.



First Italian Resident

Margaret was previously known by the last name of Zang as can be indicated in the 1930's Census from her marriage with David Zang.

## The Second World War

Charles Andrew Toller joined the US Army at the age of 27. He was born on the 11th of February in 1913 and was working for the International Harvester Co before the war as can be indicated by the 1940's Census and his draft card which was filed on the 16th of October 1940.

SERIAL NUMBER 3046	1. NAME (Print) CHARLES ANDREW TOLLER JR.		ORDER NUMBER 132
2. ADDRESS (Print) 11271 CHAMPLAIN AVE CHICAGO COOK ILL.			
3. TELEPHONE NO	4. AGE IN YEARS 27	5. PLACE OF BIRTH BERWIND COLORADO	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Margaret Zang.			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON mother.
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 11271 Champlain Chicago Cook Ill.			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME International Harvester Co			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1015 N. 120th St Chicago Cook Ill			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1	Charles Toller Jr. (Registrant's signature)		

Charles Andrew Toller

in the U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947

This Card also provides the new address in which the Toller family resided at the end of the 1940's which was 11271 Champlain Chicago, Cook County.

Looking closer at the address you can see that the numbers have been erased. The last digit was a 9 before it was changed to a 1 possibly indicating how recent the move might have occurred as the last number of 11349 Champlain is 9.

Notice How  
the Previous  
number was  
Erased

# The Italian Migration 1950's

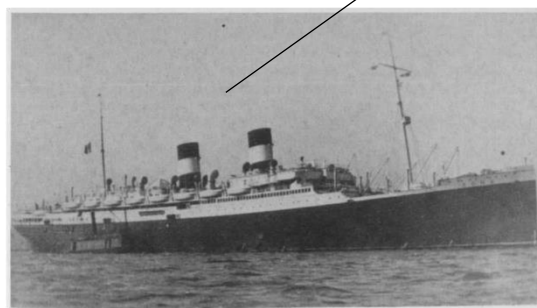
Dominick Zovi came from Genoa, Italy on the 6th of Oct 1930 and arrived in New York, NY, USA. He is shown to live at 11349 Champlain Chicago, IL in the 1950 Census with his wife, Teresa Zovi, who joined him by coming over on the 7th of September 1948 from Italy with their daughter Katherine Zovi on the Nea Hellas Ship.



New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957 for Dominick Zovi

This ship called "Roma" is the ship which Dominick Zovi came from Genoa, Italy on the 6th of Oct 1930

**Occupations in Pullman:**  
 Dominick worked as an Occupation Elevator Freight Operator for Paint Mfg Co. While his wife was a housewife. Katherine Zovi occupation was as a Stenographer working for the Cigar Whise House.



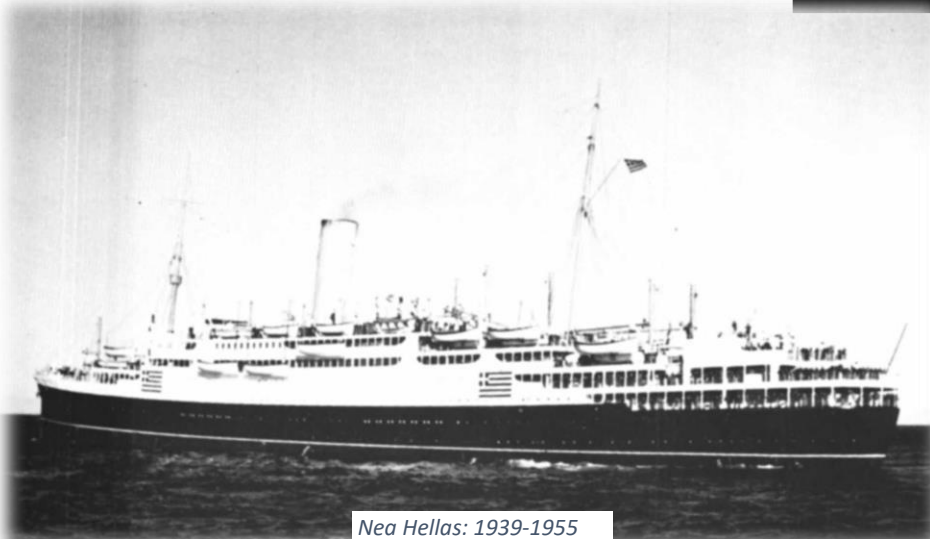
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# Ships To America

This to the left is the passenger list in which Katherine Zovi and Teresa Zovi are labeled toward the bottom. They arrive on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sep 1948 on the Nea Hellas as can be viewed below.

18	ZOVI Teresa Scolastica	37	F	M	148073
	11349, Champain St., Chicago, Ill.				Italy.
19	ZOVI Catherine.	17	F	S	148073
	11349, Champain St., Chicago, Ill.				Chicago, Ill.

New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957



Nea Hellas: 1939-1955

## Newly Weds on 11349 Champlain

*Weds in St. Anthony's*



**MRS. VICTOR DALLA COSTA**

The former Catherine Zovi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Zovi, 11349 Champlain av., became the bride of Victor Dalla Costa, son of Mrs. Katherine Dalla Costa, 318 E. 116th st., in a recent ceremony in St. Anthony church.

[Milton Photo]

Katherine Zovi got married at 19 years old in 1951 to Victor Dalla Costa at St. Anthony's Of Padua Catholic Church which is still a local church today.

# Naturalization

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**ORIGINAL**  
(To be retained by Clerk of Court)

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

No. **315436**

**PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION**  
Section 310a

[Of a Married Person, under Section 310(a) or (b), of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1144-1145)]

To the Honorable the DISTRICT Court of THE UNITED STATES at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.  
This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed pursuant to Section 310(a) or (b), of the Nationality Act of 1940, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is TERESA SCOLASTICA ZOVI  
(Full, true name, without abbreviation, and any other name which has been used, must appear here)

(2) My present place of residence is 11549 Champlain Av., Chicago, Ill. (3) My occupation is Housewife

(4) I am 33 years old. (5) I was born on October 19, 1911 in Cogollo Pro. Vicenza, Italy  
(City or town) (County, District, Province, or State) (Country)

(6) My personal description is as follows: Sex Female color White complexion Light color of eyes Brown color of hair Black-Grey  
height 5 feet 3 inches, weight 155 pounds; visible distinctive marks None; race White; present nationality Italian

(7) I am married; the name of my wife or husband is Domenico Zevi; we were married on June 21, 1930  
(Date) (Year)

at Cesuna, Pro. Vicenza, Italy born at Cesuna, Italy on July 29, 1901  
(City or town) (State or country) (City or town) (County, District, Province, or State) (Country) (Date) (Year)

entered the United States at New York, N.Y. on Dec. 1923 for permanent residence in the United States, and now resides at Chicago, Illinois  
(City or town) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State)

with me. and was naturalized on Jan. 28, 1930 at Chicago, Illinois  
(City or town) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State)

certificate No. 3291602 or became a citizen by 730 82235  
(Certificate No.) (Citizenship No.)

(7a) (If petition is filed under Section 311, Nationality Act of 1940) I have resided in the United States in marital union with my United States citizen spouse for at least 1 year immediately preceding the date of filing this petition for naturalization.

(7b) (If petition is filed under Section 312, Nationality Act of 1940) My husband or wife is a citizen of the United States, is in the employment of the Government of the United States, or of an American institution of research recognized as such by the Attorney General of the United States, or an American firm or corporation engaged in whole or in part in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, or a subsidiary thereof, and such husband or wife is regularly stationed abroad in such employment. I intend in good faith to take up residence within the United States immediately upon the termination of such employment abroad.

(8) I have one children; and the name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:  
Catherine, Female, born October 23, 1931, Chicago, Illinois, resides Chicago, Ill.

(9) My last place of foreign residence was Cesuna, Italy (10) I emigrated to the United States from Genoa, Italy  
(City or town) (County, District, Province, or State) (Country) (City or town) (Country)

(11) My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, N.Y. under the name of Teresa Silvestri Zovi on Oct. 6, 1930 on the SS Roma as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached to this petition.  
(City or town) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year) (Name of vessel or other means of conveyance)

(12) Since my lawful entry for permanent residence I have not been absent from the United States, for a period or periods of 6 months or longer, as follows:

DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES			RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES		
PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE	PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE

(13) (Declaration of intention not required) (14) It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which at this time I am a subject or citizen, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (15) I am not, and have not been for the period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition, an anarchist, nor a believer in the universal damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage, nor a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government; nor a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposition to organized government. (16) I am able to speak the English language (unless physically unable to do so). (17) I am, and have been during all of the periods required by law, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. (18) I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of 1 year... at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit: since October 6, 1930. (19) I have not heretofore made petition for naturalization number   on   at   in the   Court, and such petition was dismissed or denied by that Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit:   and the cause of such dismissal or denial has since been cured or removed.

(20) Attached hereto and made a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are a certificate of arrival from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of my said lawful entry into the United States for permanent residence (if such certificate of arrival be required by the naturalization law), and the affidavits of at least two verifying witnesses required by law.

(21) Wherefore, I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to  

(22) I, aforesaid petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, that the same are true to the best of my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name: SO HELP ME GOD.

Teresa Scolastica Zovi  
(Full, true, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviation)

010-10450

Illinois, U.S., Federal Naturalization Records, 1856-1991 for Teresa Scolastica Zovi

In 1945 Teresa (Mother) petitioned to become a US Citizen close to the end of the Second World War.

## The End of the Road



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*Teresa S. Zovi passes away 5 years after her husband on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1980. They are both buried at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.*

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*Dominick Passes in Dec 1975 (U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014)*

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