

**Oral History Interview**  
**Charles K. Paul II**  
**WH058**

(written transcript and digital audio)

On July 24, 2009, Charles K. Paul II was interviewed at the Woodbridge Main Library by Brenda Velasco at 9:30 A.M.

**1. Identify individual-name, section, date of birth.**

*Charles K. Paul II:* My full name is Charles Kenneth Paul II. I live in the Iselin section of Woodbridge Township and was born on August 31, 1945.

**2. How long have you lived in Woodbridge?**

*Charles K. Paul II:* Sixty-four years.

*Brenda Velasco:* Was it always at that address?

*Charles K. Paul II:* No, the first six months was in Avenel on George Street and then we moved to Cedar Avenue for the remainder of the time and when I got married we moved to South Park Drive in the apartments that are there, the first apartments in Woodbridge. From there we moved to Iselin in 1974 and I've been there since.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, so you've lived in Avenel, Woodbridge Proper and you're in Iselin now?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Correct.

**3. Why did you or your family originally move to Woodbridge?**

*Charles K. Paul II:* Well, my parents, two brothers and my sister were in Washington, D.C., my father was going to law school there, and once he got his degree he obtained a job in New York City for the Port Authority. He also wanted to move back this way because we had a lot of family living in Perth Amboy at the time. Then they located a house for us on Cedar Avenue in Woodbridge.

*Brenda Velasco:* Family connections then and location.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Correct.

**4. What physical changes have occurred over the years in the area you lived?-houses, streets, services, stores, houses of worship, schools, etc.**

*Charles K. Paul II:* I've seen quite a few changes in the sixty-four years that I've been here. Not too many new houses in the Cedar Avenue area but many condos and town houses have been built, Woodbridge Center and a lot of changes on Main Street in Woodbridge. The three high schools had been constructed taking the place of the one on Barron Avenue.

*Brenda Velasco:* Which condos are you talking about because being a fairly new resident I was familiar with some of the changes.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Most of the condos on Woodbridge Center Drive and of course you have a lot of town houses there as well and there has been quite a bit

of construction in the past decade off Rahway Avenue. So there's been quite a bit of buildup in those areas.

*Brenda Velasco:* When you mentioned Main Street was that an area that you and your family were familiar with?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Oh, we always shopped downtown Main Street. I used to go to **Modern Men's Shop** and I used to get my clothing there. They used to have **F.W. Woolworth**. They also had a supermarket and **R&S Auto Shop** and just a whole bunch of other stores that we used to shop constantly.

*Brenda Velasco:* So this met all the needs that you really needed at one time.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Absolutely.

*Brenda Velasco:* What was the supermarket, do you recall?

*Charles K. Paul II:* I thought it might have been a **Shop Rite** but I wouldn't swear to that.

*Brenda Velasco:* I think there were **A&P** and **ACME** at one time from my previous interviews.

*Charles K. Paul II:* It may have been.

*Brenda Velasco:* Any other stores that you recall on Main Street?

*Charles K. Paul II:* **Choper's**, I believe, was one of the stores, clothing store. I guess that's about it as far as I can remember. Oh, the **New York Deli Restaurant**, where the pizza place is now.

*Brenda Velasco:* Is that the pizza place across from Town Hall?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Across from where **Jackson's Drug Store** used to be.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, so you had drugstores here too then?

*Charles K. Paul II:* **Jackson's Drug Store** was on the corner of School and Main and I knew Ray Jackson Sr. and Jr. and the families.

*Brenda Velasco:* Now we no longer have **Jackson's** or **Publix**. We have a **CVS**. Whatever happened to the Jackson family?

*Charles K. Paul II:* The daughter moved about two blocks away from where she was brought up; and I believe Ray and his wife passed away while they lived on Grove Avenue.

*Brenda Velasco:* So they lived quite close to their business then too.

*Charles K. Paul II:* They lived maybe four blocks away and we lived right around the corner from them. I do remember they used to have a soda fountain in there and I used to go there and get an ice cream or a seltzer. If we couldn't afford a seltzer when we were little kids, we used to go in there and ask for that. They were always kind and gave it to us.

*Brenda Velasco:* How about houses of worship?

*Charles K. Paul II:* We went to Trinity Church on Rahway Avenue and we lived about a block and a half away from the church on the corner of Grove and Barron. Of course they built a new church for St. James, the old wooden one that they used to have up there. There were several other churches, one on Main Street further down, there's the White Church, the Presbyterian Church on Rahway Avenue and there's now a Baptist Church in Sewaren on Woodbridge Avenue.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay then basically other than the Baptist Church these churches remained relatively where they've been.

*Charles K. Paul II:* They've been there since we moved to Woodbridge the whole time.

**5. What public buildings/property were there?-post office, library, parks, firehouses, schools etc.**

*Charles K. Paul II:* Just about four or five blocks away as we've mentioned they had the old memorial Town Hall building which has since been replaced with the current one. The post office was located on Pearl Street which is now located on Main Street. The library was at the **Barron Arts Center**, then they moved to a building across from the **Woodbridge Car Wash**. I believe it was and then.....

*Brenda Velasco:* That's the old **Cameo**.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Correct.

*Brenda Velasco:* Now the current **Arianna's**. That's where the library was.

*Charles K. Paul II:* And from there they moved to their current location.

*Brenda Velasco:* On George Frederick Plaza and that's where we're having our interview. How about parks?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Well the parks back then didn't have the playgrounds that they have now but we always played in the park by the School Street area and School No. 11. When we didn't get to there, we just usually played on the grassy field area in front of the Barron Avenue School. It was only a block away from where I lived.

*Brenda Velasco:* And where you're talking about, this is the old high school.

*Charles K. Paul II:* The original high school.

*Brenda Velasco:* Which wasn't too far from your house, right?

*Charles K. Paul II:* A stone's throw and for some reason when I went there to Junior High School I was usually late.

*Brenda Velasco:* You lived too close.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Too close, that was it.

*Brenda Velasco:* You stretched that bedtime. How about the firehouses?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Well the current firehouse was built after they needed a new one to fit their apparatus of the day. It outlived its area of the old one. I saw the destruction, I should say, dismantling of the old firehouse along with the old training tower that used to be in the back and they built a new one across from the first aid squad.

*Brenda Velasco:* Is the current firehouse basically in the same location?

*Charles K. Paul II:* It's in the same area, same plot of land on School Street.

*Brenda Velasco:* And how about the first aid squad?

*Charles K. Paul II:* The First Aid Squad that was there since 1939 I believe it was. In 1995, it moved to its current location on Green Street in Iselin.

*Brenda Velasco:* Now you're also involved with the First Aid?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Yes, I joined the First Aid Squad in June of 1965, I had forty years of active service and for personal reasons after that I just became a life member and attend meetings now and then.

*Brenda Velasco:* So you have a long history of being associated.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Yes, I knew a lot of the original members.

*Brenda Velasco:* Who were some of the original members because we're talking

about the Woodbridge First Aid Squad.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Woodbridge Emergency Squad which was formed in 1937.

*Brenda Velasco:* Who were some of those original members you were talking about.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Julius Bernstein, Elber Richards, Gordon Hunt, you had, I believe, the Houseman brothers who were milkmen from the Maple Hill Dairy which was in Woodbridge.

*Brenda Velasco:* That was on Woodbridge Center Drive?

*Charles K. Paul II:* In that area, yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* Now it's condos or townhouses or apartments. Was Gioffre or Capraro.....?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Frank Capraro was not an original member but I knew Frank who is still hanging in there which I'm glad to hear about. There was also Vince Gioffre whom I knew. His wife Dolores, I knew her: Dr. Gioffre. Alexander Hamilton who was related to me through marriage, we always called him Uncle Al and a long time friend, Fred Iverson.

*Brenda Velasco:* A lot of these names are familiar in Woodbridge history.

*Charles K. Paul II:* There was one gentleman that I didn't know Eldon Raison, he was called Pappy Raison. He was also a volunteer fireman and supposedly he and Jules Bernstein, after they passed, haunted the building.

*Brenda Velasco:* That I have never heard but we'll keep that in this interview, that's for sure.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Okay.

*Brenda Velasco:* And this is the old building, the old First Aid Squad?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Correct, the one on Brook Street.

*Brenda Velasco:* Anything else you want to mention about the public buildings or property?

*Charles K. Paul II:* That's about it.

## **6. What did you do for recreation?**

*Charles K. Paul II:* We did play football and baseball and hung around a lot and I was in bowling leagues.

*Brenda Velasco:* Where did you bowl?

*Charles K. Paul II:* At the **BowlMore** lanes, to start, which is now a lawyer's office on Amboy Avenue. It used to be Stuart Hutt's office I believe and Bressaw, I think, was the other person's name.

*Brenda Velasco:* Anything else?

*Charles K. Paul II:* We just used to hang around. One thing we found interesting is we had a lot of friends and what we used to do on Sundays is visit each other's church just to see what the other churches were like. I found that interesting.

*Brenda Velasco:* That's unusual.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* But it reflects Woodbridge, too.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Yes, it does.

*Brenda Velasco:* And this is an important part of Woodbridge history.

*Charles K. Paul II:* We honored each other's religion. We didn't make fun of each other. That's why we did what we did.

*Brenda Velasco:* When you played at the time, I know they have counselors there now, what did you do at the park?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Back then we just picked games of touch football, tackle football; we played baseball and horseshoes. Anything you could do in the park, we pretty much did.

*Brenda Velasco:* Where did you go for picnics? Did you have picnics in this area with your family and friends?

*Charles K. Paul II:* My family really didn't do picnics that much but when we were growing up we built a swimming pool in the backyard.

*Brenda Velasco:* Lucky you.

*Charles K. Paul II:* We did it all by hand.

*Brenda Velasco:* You dug out.....

*Charles K. Paul II:* We dug out the pool. It was eight feet by twenty feet by six foot deep.

*Brenda Velasco:* That's a lot of digging.

*Charles K. Paul II:* A lot of digging, a lot of block building, and a lot of cement mixing but we enjoyed it for many, many years and usually had a lot of the gatherings at that house.

*Brenda Velasco:* I'm sure you were very popular during the summer. That was a great place because we didn't have pools.

*Charles K. Paul II:* We pretty much were pretty well known in the neighborhood, obviously; and there were a lot of parties there and we really didn't have any problems.

*Brenda Velasco:* Anything else you want to mention for recreation?

*Charles K. Paul II:* Not really, that's about it.

*Brenda Velasco:* How about Sewaren, did you do any boating off of Sewaren?

*Charles K. Paul II:* I didn't but my father, years ago, built one of those swamp buggies; they call it the blow boat; I guess just like what you see in the Everglades down in Florida. He had that down in Sewaren and used that a few times. He and my oldest brother, Richard built a boat, an outboard boat, a sixteen foot boat they used to launch down in Sewaren.

*Brenda Velasco:* Your father was pretty versatile.

*Charles K. Paul II:* He was an inventor as well. In the late '40s he invented something called the pedalcopter. It was a device that had a large helium balloon on it, rotating blades and the mechanics of it was from a bicycle. What you could do if you pedaled it you could go up, you could go down, you could go forward, you could go backwards or you could just hover. He flew this down in **Lakehurst Naval Air Station** and in 1951 it was featured in *Life Magazine*.

*Brenda Velasco:* Do you still have the article?

*Charles K. Paul II:* I just got copies of the magazine, online, from 1951 and my oldest brother, like I said Richard, was featured in one of the pictures that was still on the website for *Life Magazine*. So to surprise my brother, I had ordered both pictures that were matted and framed and presented to him at a family gathering we recently had.

*Brenda Velasco:* What a great gift!

*Charles K. Paul II:* He was very surprised.

*Brenda Velasco:* Oh, yes.

*Charles K. Paul II:* I was six years old at the time and he was about twelve.

*Brenda Velasco:* Great gift though. Unusual especially as you get older.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Yes.

### **7. What was the focal point of your community at that time?**

*Charles K. Paul II:* I guess it was community service. My father belonged to the Lions' Club, the Masons Lodge and, of course, the church activities. I joined the First Aid Squad in '65. My brother, George, got me into that one. He joined a year or two before me.

*Brenda Velasco:* And you continue because now you're part of the Historical Association as well. So you come from a long tradition of volunteer activities.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* Which makes Woodbridge, once again, a much better place to live because of volunteerism. Any specific projects that you worked on or any particular events that occurred with the First Aid Squad?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Well in Woodbridge like when I was six years old, I do remember vaguely the Woodbridge Train wreck that occurred in February of 1951. There was a small fire at my own house when I was about ten years old and I remember the fire trucks driving up the street. Fortunately it only damaged one room. I remember the construction of Woodbridge Center. Being a member of the squad since '65 I experienced many accidents, unfortunately some suicides, industrial explosions, fires, prison riot and the best part of it all was helping people in need. They were always happy to see the ambulance drive up.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes, that is one job where people are happy to see you, really.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* When you arrive there they realize help is there and you look professional; some of the pressure of the people that called for the ambulance lowers the anxiety.

*Brenda Velasco:* You're absolutely right.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* You find professionalism even if you didn't know what you were doing, if you acted like it, it relieved a lot of the pressure.

*Brenda Velasco:* It's a good commentary and you're absolutely right, you are relieved more so than if the police are coming. There's a question there but with the first aid you're relieved.

*Charles K. Paul II:* Well now today the police officers are much more trained in first aid and in helping people until the ambulance arrives. So they're a big help as compared to when I first joined in 1965. They did what they could but they are now much better trained in CPR and various stages of first aid.

### **8. What did you like about living in your section of Woodbridge?**

*Charles K. Paul, II:* It was a close knit community. The neighborhood was always very close. We visited each other frequently. I know the parents watched each other's kids so in case one of them did something wrong the parents knew about it and you knew you weren't going to get in too much trouble. We couldn't

get in too much trouble so it was a good neighborhood and there wasn't too much to worry about.

*Brenda Velasco:* Because your father was working for the Port Authority. Was your mother also working?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* On occasion she worked part-time. She worked at **Woolworth's** on Main Street part-time and there was a refreshment stand in Edison that she worked at for a while. But for the most part, she was a homemaker.

**9. Did you experience any significant happenings in Woodbridge-construction, accidents, sports events, riots, discrimination, etc.**

*Brenda Velasco:* Now you mentioned some of the significant happenings in Woodbridge and you did mention some of the construction that was going on with Woodbridge Center because that was in the 1960's, am I correct?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Correct.

*Brenda Velasco:* And you were old enough to be aware of.....

*Charles K. Paul, II:* I was in the squad at the time. In fact, I have one call that sticks out in my mind. There was a construction worker that injured his back and he was on the second floor, I believe, and we had to use a forklift to get him off the second floor. He was a big guy, a heavy set, very nice man and it turned out later that he became a paid fireman in Woodbridge. I won't mention his name but he was a big guy and obviously he survived and got well after that incident.

*Brenda Velasco:* You did something right.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* We must have.

*Brenda Velasco:* You sure did because with a back injury that could be paralyzing even.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* I believe we put him on a sheet of construction plywood and then used the forks on the forklift and that's how we got him off the second floor. Otherwise there were no stairs installed yet and they only had ladders and we couldn't take him down the ladder.

*Brenda Velasco:* But they had the forklift available right there.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Yes, at the construction site.

*Brenda Velasco:* With the first aid squad, any other response calls that stand out in your mind?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Well again the construction incident on South Park Drive which was related to Woodbridge Center with all the pipe and duct work they were doing, we got called. A construction worker fell into a pit. We got there and for some reason he missed all the reinforcement rods that were sticking up. He fell in between them. So we had a problem. We figured, how are we going to get this gentleman out of there? Fortunately again there was small crane in the neighborhood and we commandeered the crane and the driver for the crane and brought it over to the pit site. My brother and I rode, what they called, a stokes litter, down into the pit and got to the man in the pit and again the crane lifted us all out and he was fine after that.

*Brenda Velasco:* And nothing happened to you or your brother either.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* No.

*Brenda Velasco:* All these events were occurring in the '60s when Woodbridge Center was going up.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Yes. There was another call that I always remember. It was myself, Elber Richards Sr. and Bud Richards, Elber's son. We got a call that there was a young child not breathing on South Park Drive. So we got there, we opened up her airway, she was still coughing, we got her to the hospital, she got an injection, so on and so forth and she was fine after that. Years later, maybe ten years later on our annual fund drive knocking on doors, I went there and the little girl came out and gave me a big hug.

*Brenda Velasco:* Wow!

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Her father told her that I was one of the guys that was on-call.

*Brenda Velasco:* You saved her.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* We helped save her. The hospital did a lot of saving too but we did the instrumental part in the beginning.

*Brenda Velasco:* I bet that made you feel great.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Absolutely, it made it worthwhile.

*Brenda Velasco:* All the time you give up for your emergency calls and so on as a volunteer.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Thankfully to my wife she puts up with it.

*Brenda Velasco:* You're right the wife is an important part.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Absolutely.

*Brenda Velasco:* Otherwise it would be a big major battle. Anything else, sporting events, riots, or discrimination?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Well riots, I was at the Rahway Prison riot.

*Brenda Velasco:* Do you recall what year that was?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Not off hand. It had to be in the '70s, I would think early '70s. (1971) Maybe even late '60s now that I think about it. I wasn't married yet.

*Brenda Velasco:* What happened with that?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Well there was the prison riot, obviously. They called in the State Troopers and local police and guards that were there. It was an overnight situation and then eventually they calmed down and they got the governor somewhat involved in that and they settled it. I believe the warden stabbed a man and there was one prisoner that helped the warden out but he survived no deaths. I remember that night we were in the vestibule area. They were going to go in in force and I was going to make a phone call to my wife, there was a phone booth there at the time, and I started to go in there. One of the State Troopers said, you don't want to go in there and I said, I've got to, and he said, you don't want to go in there. So I take a look over inside the phone booth and here are all these assault rifles and weapons ready to go. But fortunately they didn't have to use any force of that nature and they cleared the situation up by the next day.

*Brenda Velasco:* And nobody was killed?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* No one was killed. One humorous part was we had our emergency truck there for lighting and one of our members, his name was Bob Powers, he lived on Grove Avenue in Woodbridge, was working by the truck and monitoring the truck and somebody from the prison yelled out, what time is it?

He said, what the hell do you care, you're not going anywhere. You know its things like that that break the tension.

*Brenda Velasco:* Did you respond to the warden being stabbed?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Personally, no, because that was the next day they brought him out. They had plenty of ambulances there and we were in the staging area. We were lined up in case there were problems but fortunately I believe there were only a couple of incidents where they had to take people out of there.

*Brenda Velasco:* Then we were very lucky.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Very.

*Brenda Velasco:* I think of some of the other prison riots in other states. We were very fortunate with that. Anything else there, discrimination or sports?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Well I didn't experience any discrimination in the squad. We were always glad to have people no matter what race, color or creed, that sort of thing. Of course when I first joined they only allowed males but later one, in the '70s, they allowed females.

*Brenda Velasco:* So in the 1970s females. If there is nothing else to add there, we can go to question 10.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Okay.

#### ***10. What do you like about Woodbridge today?***

*Brenda Velasco:* Since you never moved out.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Well I like living in the section of Woodbridge that we're at. It's a nice quiet little neighborhood. We live two streets behind where the **Luna Bell Diner** used to be and it's near the Pochek baseball field. So we like living in that area because there are a lot of events going on. A lot of baseball, Little League type things and people just sometimes go down to the park and enjoy it a little bit. One good thing is my house is paid off and my vehicles are paid off so we're comfortable but not rich. So we're doing okay and we are retired, my wife and I.

*Brenda Velasco:* Good feeling isn't it?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Yes, a very good feeling.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* It's a nice quiet neighborhood. I haven't had too many problems in that area.

*Brenda Velasco:* There are a lot of one family homes too.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Yes, they are all one family homes.

#### ***11. Do you have family members still living in Woodbridge?***

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Well one of my brothers lives in Woodbridge Proper, George. I have a brother-in-law that lives in Woodbridge, Bill Myer. Two nephews and their families. One nephew is a Woodbridge Police Officer and another one is a professional fire fighter. My oldest brother, Richard, lives in North Brunswick. So we're all fairly close and keep in touch and see each other quite frequently. So we're a very close knit family.

*Brenda Velasco:* And you're still within Middlesex County.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* And you still have a lot in Woodbridge.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* And many of the people that are involved are dealing with emergency services whether it's fire or police.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Right.

*Brenda Velasco:* And that goes back to your parents.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Correct.

*Brenda Velasco:* So quite a family then. Well, is there anything else that you would like to discuss or add to the interview?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Well just that I've tried to give something back to the community by being, in the past, a member of scouting. My son, John, became an Eagle Scout.

*Brenda Velasco:* Congratulations!

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Which only five percent of the scouts that ever enter become Eagle Scouts. It's quite an honor for that. I'm a Vice Commander of the American Legion Post 471 in Iselin. I'm a member of the AARP Woodbridge Chapter. I am a new member of the Woodbridge Township Historical Association. As I said before, I'm a member of the Woodbridge Township Ambulance Rescue Squad. Outside of the township I was Associate President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 37 out of Newark.

*Brenda Velasco:* Were you a policeman?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* No, associate member.

*Brenda Velasco:* Oh, okay.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* My friend, Elber Richards Jr., whom I mentioned earlier, retired as a lieutenant of the New Jersey Transit Police and he got me involved in that. I'm currently a member of the Raritan Millstone Heritage Alliance and I'm applying for the membership of the Sons of the American Revolution.

*Brenda Velasco:* Wow!

*Charles K. Paul, II:* My relative in that area was Dr. Charles McKnight who was the Surgeon General under George Washington.

*Brenda Velasco:* It's great that you belong to the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township and Raritan Millstone because those are two important historical associations.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* They sure are.

*Brenda Velasco:* That's great. I didn't realize your lineage went back that far.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* My father was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution so I had all his original paperwork so I know it's a fact.

*Brenda Velasco:* Terrific!

*Charles K. Paul, II:* There is one story, I don't believe is true, but my father always kidded us kids about it. Being our last name is Paul and the Scottish heritage, that John Paul Jones original name was John Paul. He was a captain of the British merchant ship down in the Caribbean and there was a minor mutiny. They killed a British subject and he was going to be court marshaled under British law. But the governor of the area at the time told him it would be quite a while before they could convene in the court. And if he should happen to disappear, they wouldn't know. So he left the area, assumed the last name Jones, went to

Fredericksburg, Virginia where his brother was a merchant. When he got to Virginia he found out his brother had passed away and he inherited his brother's business. The rest is history as they say. He became an admiral in the American Navy. He died in France but later on was buried in the Chapel at Annapolis which we recently visited and found the entombment.

*Brenda Velasco:* You could go online and perhaps trace it. Fascinating.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* I don't think that is true because if it was, he probably would have used that reference for the Sons of the American Revolution.

*Brenda Velasco:* But it sounds good, doesn't it?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* It's a good story.

*Brenda Velasco:* Oh, it sure is.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* We always enjoyed that story.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes, wow! Well I wish you luck and keep me posted on your admission into the Sons of the American Revolution.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* I have the application all filled out and my two brothers are interested so we're going to get them the forms and mail them all in and try to get them all acknowledged at the same time.

*Brenda Velasco:* Terrific! Just keep us posted on that. Is there anything else that you want to mention?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* I think that about covers it except that I must mention my wife, Maryann.

*Brenda Velasco:* Who's put up with your volunteer work.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Somewhat interesting, I met her through a friend, John Hapstack, who was a long time Woodbridge resident. He hurt his back and she was a student nurse at the time and I was a new member of the First Aid Squad and that's how we met. He got her telephone number, we went bowling and from there we went on.

*Brenda Velasco:* And life goes on. You've been married how long?

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Since 1969.

*Brenda Velasco:* That's a long time. That's forty years.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* That's even more of an accomplishment than being Sons of the American Revolution.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* Well, thank you very much for your time and for this very interesting and enlightening interview, thank you.

*Charles K. Paul, II:* You're welcome.

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On December 10, 2009, Charles K. Paul II was accepted as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.