

Interviewee: Katherine Nanzig

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Joining is Elizabeth Duncan, sister of Katherine Nanzig

Born 335 Ridge Road, in same house father was born; 7 girls, 1 boy.
 Father, Paul Nanzig; mother, Willamina Niggle; grandparents
 born in Germany; parents here.

Grandfather left on July 2, 1844 on the Agnes; landed New York in August.
 He came with Hoffman family; parents married at St. Joe's 1849;
 he shoemaker, she nursemaid with Pecks. earned \$53 a year;
 now says last name Knigle. Grandmother's name Anna Marie Hoffman;
 grandfatjer Reinard Nanzig.

Stories of misspelled names and connection from Cologne with reference
 to Nancy, France then in Trier, and Michelle and various
 possibilities back to 1770's.

Story of locations on Ridge; father's business and village first
 village clerk and having mini-post office

Story of father's career; plumber, liked flowers better; produce, too;
 mother's father stonemason, worked on Water Tower and St. Joe's;

Story of house on Birchwood that had been jail; just west of Ridge, south
 side of street; bunching flowers; misery of washdays; dog Hans

Where Elizabeth lived as bride. and wartime stove problems

Grandmother a midwife; Katherine was secretary of Superintendent of
 schools in Wilmette for 35 years; retired, then worked at St. Joe's

Mother's midwife training was at University of Chicago. Came at 16 with
 brother 14, became midwife after daughters were 17.

Descriptions of house, greenhouses, etc. and furniture; speaking
 German at home and school; 'til WWI; mention of Forester's bldg.
 where a little house stood next to Blesers on Ridge

About the public schools. tells of Bertha Engels; their stand; onwards
 to Depression; to father's retirement; flu of 1919; going to
 Century of Progress; WWII men at war;