

Wilmette Historical Museum

Oral History #103 – Abstract

Interviewee: Mort Balaban

Interviewer: Patience Kramer

Date of Interview: March 24, 2022

General Topics: Architecture and building of homes in west Wilmette 1960 +

<u>Minutes into Interview</u>	<u>Topics Discussed</u>
0 to 10 minutes	personal history and education, Sullivan HS, Univ of Illinois, Navy Pier, State Boards in architecture, jobs with early architectural firms
10 to 20 minutes	association with Hollywood Builders and Barney Hoffman Builders in Wilmette, dealings with Wilmette Building Commission and inspections, building homes in west Wilmette
20 to 30 minutes	designs and costs of homes in west Wilmette
30 to 40 minutes	variety of home styles built in Wilmette, issues with Wilmette Planning Commission, affordable housing concerns in Wilmette
40 to 50 minutes	residences built in Chicago, zoning issues in Wilmette, early development along Glenview Road
50 to 60 minutes	house design for Judge Burt Coleman at Glenview and Hibbard, comparing architecture today to 1960s