

Wilmette Historical Museum
Oral History #84

Abstract

Interviewee: Florence Thalman

Interviewer: Unknown

Date of Interview: January 24, 1978

General Topics: Family history and working at Village Hall

Minutes into **Topics Discussed**
Interview

0 to 5 min.	Family history Grandfather, Joseph Thalman, lost everything in Chicago Fire – walked from Chicago to Hibbard Rd and built family home Careers of family members Land family owned Tavern – Thalman's Beer truck
5 to 10 min.	Prohibition: Tavern / Grocery Store Siblings: Elizabeth, Evelyn, Lucille, Mildred, Bill Currently lives with her sister Mildred Grocery Store: corner of Lake and Illinois Fireworks stand explosion Former tavern and bowling alley
10 to 15 min.	Grocery Store cont. Work experience at Village Hall during the Depression Typist, switchboard operator, secretary to Village Manager Layout of old village hall building
15 to 20 min.	Gatherings at village hall on the weekends Became assistant cashier and special assessments clerk
20 to 22 min.	Development of the Village Manager position Became Village Collector until December 1, 1974