

ABSTRACT

Interviewee: John T. Miller

Interviewer: Rhea Adler

Date of interview: Winter, 1977

Early memories of Wilmette - Death of father 1929 - Laurel, Stolp, New Trier schooling

Pony "Sunshine" - Cart and sleigh - Delivery service for Consumer's Grocery Store - Grandfather moved in from farm in Iowa in 1929

Northwestern athletic field before Dyche Stadium - Fire in bleachers - Built barn for pony from lumber salvaged from fire

Mother establishes "Sunshine Corner" after refresher course at National College of Education

Manual training course from Lester "Pete" Ball - Treasure chest

Grinnell College - Marine Corps - First child was walking when he first came home - Back to Wilmette 1945

Buys a home from Robert M. Johnston (Johnston Brothers Real Estate)

Blacksmith shop where Janaes Laundry is - Had pony sharpshod there for ice shoes red hot iron pounded into pony hooves

Building of Baha'i Temple from tar paper covered foundation to present - Beauty of building and gardens

Sports in school - Tenure of teachers longer then - More women than men

"Pete" Ball - Square dancing - "East side/West side" - Schools combined at junior high level help to break down barrier

Marine Corps volunteer - finished Grinnell College - Parris Island, N.C. for boot camp - Officer's training at Quantico, Va. - 2nd Lieutenant Commission - Marriage

Miller's met at Grinnell - She a minister's daughter from Iowa - Dated for three years prior to marriage - Then moved to Duneden, Florida - Assigned to amphibian/tractor battalion - Sent to California then to Guadacanal, Okinawa, Guam - Preparation to invade Japan - U.S. bombs Japan - Return to San Francisco via LST, relaxed - Home for Christmas to wife and daughter

Jobs - Discussion of advertising field - Children, grandchildren

History of Wilmette Presbyterian Church - Early church - Fire

Florist - Sunday traffic - Electric cars - Gasoline cars  
 Depression - Brick streets - WPA  
 Wilmette Beach a fun place - Discussion of beach in 1930's -  
 Sand and water clear - No alewives  
 "Toonerville" trolley along Central Street, Evanston to  
 forest preserve  
 New Trier West/East, Locust, Highcrest Schools attended by  
 children of Millers - Discussion of early "No Man's  
 Land" and its development

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