

ABSTRACT

Interviewee: Frederick William Waidner

Interviewer: Rhea Adler

Date of interview: December 6, 1979

- Born in Wilmette - Panushka family Methodist Church - Waidner's arrival in community - pickle broker
- Pickles shipped from here in barrels - Dinges and Gages from Westchester Co., N. Y.
- Interrelationship of Waidner - Panushka - Dingee - Gage families
- First Boy Scout troop - Congregational Church - second troop at Methodist Church
- Community through WWI - rationing sugar, meat, etc. - WWII same - he in active service
- Depression years - he worked at Curtiss Air Field (now Glenview Naval Air Base) - then into field of music
- Waidners were a Chicago family from before the Chicago Fire - early "Blue Law" rules for Sundays
- Discussion of Margaret McClure in relationship to Waidner and Gage families
- F.W.W. experience as an adult playing with "big bands" and war bands - two sons and a daughter
- Discussion of Fitch family
- Sunday "do's and don't's" in the M.E. Church and the Waidner family - Wilmette Country Club
- Recalls childhood with "Bill" Gage, Stanley Gage's son and a first cousin of F.W.W., in "No Man's Land."