

ABSTRACT

Interviewee: Albert J. Braun
 Interviewer: Rhea Adler
 Date of Interview: October, 1978

Account of Braun family, six boys and three girls
 Farm of 25-30 acres - Truck gardens - Randolph Street Market
 and South Water Street Market with horse/wagons
 Indian Hill Estates developed by Henry Drucker - Streets
 laid out - Turned over to Bill's Realty - Swamp land -
 Skating on pond - Drained into Skokie Lagoons
 CCC Camp - (Civilian Conservation Corps) - Harold Ickes -
 Sump pumps needed in houses built throughout the area
 Earlier times they were able to ice skate north to Glencoe
 in winter and west to Waukegan Road - Clamp-on skates -
 Playmates Bohnen's and Braun's and Borres - All relatives
 but Thalmann's
 Thalmann's Grocery and Tavern - Now Wilmette Fire Station #2 -
 Tavern later a bowling alley - Ballroom during Prohibition -
 Old Gross Point band
 Moonshining - Blind Pigs - Home Brew - Raids Judge Peters
 Warrants needed - Warnings given before raids were made -
 Contents of various liquors
 Picnics held at Lake/Locust - Mostly family reunions - Several
 generations
 Otto Kempe - Shoe shop - Paul, Mathilde, Walter
 Ditmer - Shoe Shop - Lake Avenue
 Dance halls of 1930's - Weller's tent - Waukegan/Dempster -
 Kit Kat at Howard/Sheridan second floor, one on Peterson
 Avenue - Saturday night at Diamond Lake - Young people's
 parties - Taverns of the 1930's family affairs
 Winkler's Grove at Ridge/Lake
 Stores on Ridge Road: Beuscher's Hardware, Klinge and Leich
 Grocery
 Segar Street now Schiller - Reinwald now Illinois Road - Blum
 Street and Brown Street
 Families on south side of Lake Avenue - Goldbach, Zeutschel,
 Carrier, Ditmers, Spiess, Braun, Joe Thalmann and Millie
 Thalmann
 Meier's Ice Company - Wilmette at 1900 Washington (from Seltzer's
 Pond at Hibbard/Illinois Road) stored in saw dust in barn
 Annexation of Gross Point by Wilmette 1921-1926