

ABSTRACT

Interviewee: Elizabeth Brown Brooks

Interviewer: Rhea Adler

Date of interview: Spring, 1979

Grandparents- Crocker, 1892/Brown, 1868
Early childhood- schools- churches
Dedication of Sanitary District Canal and creation of
(Washington) Gillson Park from dredgings
New Trier faculty- 1914-1918; activities
Village businesses: Smith's Grocery; Mueller's Meat
Market; van Dusen's Grocery; Cramer's Dry Goods;
Green's; Martin Jacobson, plumber; Snyder's Drug;
"The Hall"; Wilson's Bakery
Brown Building built 1909; Masonic Hall on third floor
Grandfather Brown blinded 1870- carpenter
Melville Brown's business life in Chicago
Allen Family- Rodney
World War I- Wilmette activities- Red Cross entertain-
ment of Ft. Sheridan and Great Lakes men; via North
Shore Railroad
Woman's Club first President Mrs. Leonard; Reading club;
Miss Ida and Anna Law and Wilmette Library beginning
Edwin and Horace Drury
Louis K. Gillson family, Grace and Marjorie Stewart