

ABSTRACT

Interviewee: Margaret Dingee McClure

Interviewer: Rhea Adler

Date of interview: October, 1981

I lived at 112 Lake Wilmette. When we were

Early years - homes - schools
 New Trier High School years - subjects - teachers
 Social life - Carnegie Library - Annie Long, librarian -
 Musically educated - moved to Highland Park several years
 after marriage to Lawrence McClure
 Ravinia - property owned by Jewish Charities of Chicago -
 1936 concerts began after Mr. Eckstein's attempt had
 failed in early '30's - an historic view of the develop-
 ment of Ravinia 1936-1981
 Family picnics in Grandma's orchard - home grown peas -
 home made ice cream on Fourth of July - awoken by fire-
 crackers - winter - Christmas dinner at Grandma's -
 Thanksgiving with other side of families - Panushka
 family - Grandpa was from Prague via St. Louis - Mother
 and siblings attended Evanston H.S. but Mother was in
 first New Trier H.S. graduating class - 1901
 Parents married in Evanston
 Two Dingee Pickle Co.'s - "Squire Dingee Co." and "S. M.
 Dingee & Son" - Evanston - a blight descended and they
 could not grow pickles here - Removed to Wisconsin -
 Squire Dingee Co. sold to "Ma Brown" who sold to Beatrice
 Food Co.
 Pickles contracted from individuals in area - methods of
 sale and making
 From horse and buggy to "jet age"
 Mementos of early years - Christmas tree ornaments - from
 Dingee and McClure families - Santa Claus - candles -
 fire
 Human relationships - Grandma - Maiden Aunt - neighbors
 Wreck of Lady Elgin - Grandma Dingee's contribution to
 victims
 Chicago Opera Co. - Auditorium Theatre - Harold and Edith
 Rockefeller McCormick's support

Wilmette was a fairly white community at that time.

but one Black family moved in and...

RA: And how early was that?

MDM: When I was in fourth grade and as I am now 80, you still