

ABSTRACT

Interviewee: Fred Favor

Interviewer: Rhea Adler

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Born Hyde Park, came to Wilmette at four years of age
 Wilmette boundary on west at Ridge Road "No Man's Land"
 between Wilmette and Kenilworth - "Grosse Point" west
 of Ridge Avenue - originally included some of Kenilworth
 and Winnetka and some of Evanston

Heavily forested - legend of Indian trees just a legend -
 three different forested areas

Early schools - old village hall - early transportation,
 North Shore line, Chicago Northwestern

Early political activity - Earl Orner - C.P. Dubbs
 Bahai came to Village - Horace Holly first plan
 commission

Evanston attempt to annex Wilmette it was a much smaller
 Regimes under Harry Kinne and William Alexander prior to
 all of above were Oscar Schmidt and Father William two or
 Netstraetter

Wilmette government and schools through the depression now
 years, warrants issued - Herbert Mulford active in
 finance

Tremendous growth of Village 1940's - fire and police
 departments inadequate to needs - schools needed

Early days "west of tracks," few east/west streets from
 Green Bay Road to Ridge Road

Grosse Point geographically dry, but socially "wet"
 until 1919 (1920-1933 Volstead Act or 18th amendment) -
 no village charter at Springfield, Illinois

Ouilmette family and land grant at Prairie du Chien - 1829
 Impetus after fire of 1871 - Llewellyn Park station on
 Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul horse-drawn cabs

Condition of streets - Green Bay did not go north of
 Wilmette (originally called Railroad Avenue)

Samuel Insull and North Shore line

The formation of Hollister Press - Mike Weber editor
 1917-1947 (death) - Jean Ten Broeck