

ABSTRACT

Interviewee: Robert D. and Alice Hall  
 Interviewer: Rhea Adler  
 Date of interview: Winter, 1977

His childhood in Zion, Illinois - Description of the community founded for religious reasons by Mr. Dowie  
 Wilbur Glenn Voliva and radio station WCBD  
 Hall family from Vermont to Zion "to be healed" in 1902 - Most went on to California later but his father and uncle stayed  
 "Blue laws" - No sewers - No movies - Owned all industries - Zion Bakery - Lace factory - Power plant  
 Uncle Charley moves family to Alamo, Michigan about 1920 - Family and household goods in two boxcars - Head of household drives team of horses from Zion to Alamo - Spends first night in Wilmette, horses spend night on Ridge in a lumberyard - Goes through Chicago via Western Avenue and horses spend second night in lumberyard and driver slept in wagon - Took two weeks to reach Alamo, Michigan - Had a celery farm - Strawberries  
 Return to Wilmette - Lived in various areas - 4th Linden area - "West of tracks" - Community attitudes toward different locale - Harms Woods trolley - Two years University of Alaska  
 Alice Hall's description of Mrs. Freeman's (her mother's) grade school board tenure - Purchase of Harper school land - Mother's Quaker upbringing in Richmond, Indiana - Graduated Earlham College - Volunteer year in Puerto Rico  
 Discussion of philosophy of Wilmette/Winnetka schools - PTA - Woman's Club - Arden Shore Girl Scouts - Park Ridge School for Girls - All activities of Elizabeth Freeman - Father on faculty of Armour Institute (forerunner of Illinois Institute of Technology) for 42 years  
 Present activities of the Halls - She, New Trier High School teacher - He, in audio-visual school supplies - Avedex in Skokie