

ABSTRACT

Interviewee: Fred Northam (Deceased)

Interviewer: Rhea Adler

Date of interview: Fall, 1977

Birth in Wilmette - Llewellyn Park - Early childhood experiences  
 "L" tracks run into Wilmette overnight on CMSTP right of way - Digging Sanitary Canal  
 Wilmette business district Central/Wilmette Avenue and West Railroad Avenue (Green Bay Road)  
 Account of Drury and Northam families - Grandparents - Parents locale in village  
 Socialized with Chicago families  
 Gage's Woods - Marshes - "Small town" feeling  
 Circulation of petitions for New Trier High School by Grandfather Drury - President of Wilmette  
 Life at the 900 block of Linden Avenue - Father CPA for International Harvester at 606 South Michigan  
 Grant Park a "garbage dump" - landfill  
 T. Slater Gillette - Photographer; Drs. Byron and Rufus Stolp  
 Moved to Glencoe brief - Return to Wilmette to 1614 Elmwood - Back of Grandma Bell's farm house, later remodeled (ca. 1936 by Matots) on 1600 block of Greenwood Avenue  
 Death of Mr. Northam, Sr. - Left wife and five children  
 Mrs. Northam - Wilmette's first welfare employee  
 Description of surrounding area to Kenilworth  
 Episodes of childhood  
 Move to 423 10th Street after death of father  
 Reichmann, Gibson, Leary, Wilson neighbors  
 Wilson Bakery - Delivery wagon  
 Description of first movie at Ridge/Lake; Mueck grocery store - Licorice balls ("penny candy")  
 Started school at ("Logan School") now called McKenzie  
 Glassblower lived and worked near Park Ave./Wilmette Ave.  
 People of area - "Nigger" Smith's store  
 Home gardens - Vegetable - Household activities early twentieth century  
 Description of Grandpa (Horace) Drury's house  
 Wilmette elementary schools; New Trier High School  
 Teachers he remembered at New Trier High School  
 Reading - First movies seen - Presbyterians  
 Old Carnegie Library - Anna Law - Importance in lives of children of that era

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Portius Gage - Stanley Steamer - Breaker Beach Club -  
Gage Piers - Henry Gage - Stanley Gage  
Andreas - History of Chicago 3 Vol.  
Andreas - History of Cook County 1 Vol.  
Discussion of source material