

ABSTRACT

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Interviewees: Anna Schneider Schuett  
and  
Margaret Schneider Schoenbeck

Interviewer: Briggs Maselli

Abstract: Rhea S. Adler

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Grew up on farms in Grosse Point - fathers were brothers  
Schooling at St. Joseph in original school building - present  
building is the third building on the corner (NE) Ridge Rd.  
and Lake Ave. - names of early Sisters - Sister Judith,  
Sister Urseline, Sister Alisetta, Sister Loretta, Sister  
Modesta, Sister Beatina

Original Schneider farm on Old Glenview Rd. was divided among ten  
children - eight boys and two daughters of Joseph and  
Katherine Schneider

Corpus Christi Day - celebration with baskets of flowers strewn  
along parade route (a German custom) by the whole parish -  
discontinued later because automobile traffic became too  
heavy - May of each year after last mass on a Sunday

Roller skating to school - long days with mass at 7:00 a.m. until  
4:30 p.m. - all classes taught in German - took lunch from  
home as it was an hours walk to St. Joseph from 3100 Old  
Glenview Rd. - if lunch forgotten, child was sent over to  
kitchen at the convent and the "cook" sister would make  
them a sandwich - picked apples that hung over a fence and  
ate on way to school - all subjects taught in German for  
first two grades - from third grade only English was  
taught - at home German was used - transition was difficult -  
classes were 50-55 children per class - discipline strict

Pastured everyone's cows near Lockerbie Lane before leaving for  
school and upon return in late afternoon had to drive them  
back home

Truck farmed - had to drive produce from farm to South Water Street  
market on Chicago River in Chicago - left 9:30 p.m. to  
arrive there before 4 a.m. - returned home by 11:30 a.m. -  
produce was: corn, tomatoes in boxes made at Morton Grove  
(box factory), carrots, beets, beans, celery

Kept cows to give milk - produced own butter and cottage cheese -  
chickens produced eggs - bought sugar and salt but little  
else

Great grandfather Joseph Schneider had a brick bake oven in back  
yard where bread and coffee cakes were baked

Sundays went to church twice - mass in a.m. - dinner at 12 noon -  
vespers in afternoon - walked from 3100 to church and back  
twice - weekdays began with breakfast at 6 a.m. - plow the  
fields - 9:00 a.m. a little lunch - 12:00 noon dinner -

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3:00 p.m. lunch - 6:00 p.m. supper

Winter storage of vegetables in cellar and in heaps of sand and manure in yard

Livestock consisted of a team of horses, cows and pigs - butchered and made pork-cured sausages and hams and bacon in "smoke-house" - traded at Bleser's and Hoffman's - ice-boxes and ice man but in earlier years stored milk and butter in the deep well - cellar (dirt floor) stored root vegetables - canning from large orchard of apple, pear, cherry and peach trees with grape vines and currant bushes

Flooded fields - barn burned, horses killed - purchased a new team of horses - father did landscaping for Mallinckrodt and Bahai Temple and "teaming" for Doetsch Brothers - mother a Doetsch - Mother and Anna did the farming with a single temperamental horse - winter father worked for Cook County with his team

Picnics at Goldbar's Grove - July 4th, Labor Day, Old Settlers and Schneider Family Picnic in pasture - Schneider Band played for all events - six of the eight brothers were in the original band - Masked Ball - Village Hall - Grosse Point - post office at Bleser's store - mail picked up there

Move to "Grandfather's house" - four unheated bedrooms - out house - well water until the 1930's - washing in winter in shed in yard - home-made soap - lye and lard