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Woodbridge Public Library Oral History Interview

Mrs. Adams

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On August 8, 1978, Mrs. Adams was interviewed for the Woodbridge Public Library Oral History Interviews. There was one interviewer, a female.

Male Interviewer: When were you born if I may be so bold?

Mrs. Adams: You may and you'll be surprised. I was born in 1882.

Male Interviewer: My goodness.

Mrs. Adams: I'm going to be ninety-six on December 24th.

Male Interviewer: When did you come to this country?

Mrs. Adams: I was three years old. My father came and established a home. My father was a cabinet maker in Germany and he came and worked in a great big lumberyard where they made cabinets. They didn't have cabinets made in those day, they made them. Then he became foreman for the lumberyard and was there until we moved to Long Island. I don't know what year that was. I was sixteen years old.

Male Interviewer: What was your maiden name?

Mrs. Adams: Lapp. My father's citizenship papers are over in the bank, over at Trinity's office, the Rahway office. Let me see, what else.

Male Interviewer: How did you meet your husband Mrs. Adams?

Mrs. Adams: I lived in New York, 209 East 17th Street, and I met my husband the year I was confirmed at St. George's Church in New York City. Dr. Rainswathe was the director then and Harry Erdley sang, for fifty years, the morning service. Then what else do I know?

Male Interviewer: When were you married?

Mrs. Adams: I was married June 6th, 1905 at 209 East 17th Street, New York, right around the corner from St. George's Church.

Male Interviewer: Your husband was an architect?

Mrs. Adams: My husband was an architect with McKinley & White for fifty-nine and a half years.

Male Interviewer: Very good.

Mrs. Adams: Of course they didn't have pensions and things like that in those days. We had a wonderful life and we had three children. Virginia was my oldest child. She passed away. Bob Rubin and my daughter died within six months of each other. Bob Rubin was senior vice-president of American Cyanamid. Their house now is the Bobbin Museum.

Male Interviewer: Where is this located?

Lady in the Room: Next to Rutger's Prep. Franklin Park bought it and they made it a museum. I didn't know it was opened yet.

Female Interviewer: That's not Easton Avenue, is it?

Lady in the Room: Yes, Easton Avenue. I don't know if it's New Brunswick or Bound Brook; some town out past Rutger's Prep.

Mrs. Adams: Isn't that Somerset County.

Lady in the Room: Near McAteers.

Male Interviewer: How many other children did you have?

Mrs. Adams: I had Virginia who was my oldest, Jim was the second oldest, Freddie Adams.....

Male Interviewer: Was that your son who was the mayor?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, Freddie. That's all and they all passed away.

Lady in the Room: No, Jim isn't.

Mrs. Adams: Jim isn't.

Lady in the Room: Jim is very much alive.

Mrs. Adams: Jim lives in Newport, Rhode Island.

Male Interviewer: Did your husband design this house?

Mrs. Adams: He certainly did and my father built it. My father was a builder and contractor. My husband designed the arch in Washington Square.

Male Interviewer: Was that his design?

Mrs. Adams: Yes.

Male Interviewer: So how old is this house?

Mrs. Adams: This house is, let's see, Jim was three and a half years old when we moved in here.

Lady in the Room: So it's roughly seventy.

Male Interviewer: Wow! Is that how long you've been in Sewaren, about seventy years?

Mrs. Adams: No, I came, you see, as a bride.

Male Interviewer: Oh, okay. Where did you originally live in Sewaren?

Mrs. Adams: I stopped at the Homestead and I lived there until we built this house.

Male Interviewer: Do you remember who owned it at that time?

Mrs. Adams: The Homestead Boarding House? Yes Mother Theresa. She been dead a long time. She was a son and a daughter.

Male Interviewer: Was Sewaren very big when you moved here?

Mrs. Adams: Sewaren was a summer resort and this was owned by DeForrest, Robert DeForrest in New York City.

Male Interviewer: He owned almost everything here?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, and we'd get up in the morning and the sidewalks would be cleaned. The snow shoveled away and we had nothing to do but just live I guess.

Male Interviewer: Was that when you were in this house or in Homestead, the boarding house?

Lady in the Room: I don't think she lived in the boarding house too long.

Mrs. Adams: Yes I did.

Lady in the Room: You did, okay.

Mrs. Adams: Jimmy was born there.

Lady in the Room: Well you said you moved in here when he was a few months old.

Mrs. Adams: I was going to the hospital in New York, the woman's hospital in New York, and I began having my pains in the morning and I couldn't get

to the station so he was born there by a Perth Amboy doctor.

Male Interviewer: Do you remember very much what Sewaren was like when you were younger?

Mrs. Adams: It was a summer resort then and it was a regular Coney Island. Mrs. Acker had a Ferris wheel, a merry-go-round and the fisherman came down from New York on a Sunday morning and Mrs. Acker would have three hundred rowboats out there with the men fishing. They'd go back with lots of fish but since we've had the oil companies we don't have fish.

Male Interviewer: Were the mosquitoes very bad when you were a young girl?

Mrs. Adams: Here?

Male Interviewer: Yea.

Mrs. Adams: Yes they were; they were terrible.

Male Interviewer: Was that because of the swamps you think?

Mrs. Adams: Yes. They're not so bad now.

Female Interviewer: What was Sewaren called at that time? Was Sewaren called Boynton Beach?

Mrs. Adams: Well we had Boynton Beach down there. The Sewaren people did go in bathing.

Female Interviewer: Did you ever go to the dances at Boynton Beach?

Lady in the Room: Oh yea, they had a big dance area. Didn't they have a large dance pavilion down near the Ferris wheel and the merry-go-round?

Mrs. Adams: I think they did.

Lady in the Room: I think so.

Mrs. Adams: Yea, Mrs. Acker had it and as I said she had a merry-go-round and then the big hotel was there. The hotel had just actors and actresses. They came down and stayed there.

Male Interviewer: Do you remember any of the actors or actresses that came and stayed?

Mrs. Adams: No, I don't believe I do. That's a long time ago.

Male Interviewer: Yea.

Mrs. Adams: Maude Adams, I was connected with her in some way but I can't remember how.

Male Interviewer: Do you mean you were related or were you a friend?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, because Maude Adams was Louise Boynton.....

Male Interviewer: Was Louise Boynton Maude Adams secretary?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, Louise Boynton was Maude Adams secretary.

Male Interviewer: We were told that people like Thomas Edison used to stay at the Sewaren Hotel.

Mrs. Adams: The Sewaren Hotel was a very expensive place. I think they charged forty-five dollars a day. Back in those days that was expensive.

Male Interviewer: Yea, did you ever go there? I think they used to have a restaurant at the Sewaren Hotel, didn't they?

Mrs. Adams: Yes they did, a very nice one, and we used to go bathing from the dock.

Male Interviewer: I see. Were you a member of the Land and Water Club?

Mrs. Adams: Oh, yes, my husband was commodore. We just loved it. We played cards down there every Friday afternoon and Saturday nights they danced.

Lady in the Room: One personal member of our club used to be the host and hostess for the dance for a particular Saturday night and they would have all different kinds of dances. I remember particularly one dance that my parents went to which was called a shipwreck dance and everybody came dressed as they probably would have been dressed on a shipwreck.

Mrs. Adams: Sunday morning the men would come down to fish. There were maybe three hundred rowboats out there and they'd go for their flounders and fish on the boat.

Male Interviewer: Did you used to go swimming with your family at Sewaren?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, we used to go swimming in the creek and we used to go crabbing in the creek. We used to have lovely big crabs.

Male Interviewer: Were the bathing suits very different at that time?

Mrs. Adams: Oh, yes. We had black brigantine bathing suits with bloomers and then one piece over it.

Male Interviewer: Were there also stockings that were worn with them?

Mrs. Adams: We certainly wore stockings.

Male Interviewer: That's amazing you didn't drown wearing them, all these clothes.

Mrs. Adams: Well the brigantine would keep you up.

Lady in the Room: Did you tell them about being in politics? She was in politics from the time the women got the vote until '46.

Mrs. Adams: Yes, I was with a very prominent woman.

Lady in the Room: Was it Susan B. Anthony?

Mrs. Adams: Maybe it was. And this flagpole that is up in the little triangle there I got that flagpole from Tacoman, Washington from Demarest that used to live here in Sewaren and I went around collecting for a flag and we put the black flag up there. Then Lawrence Ballard was the only boy that was killed during the war.

Lady in the Room: That was World War I.

Mrs. Adams: And I collected money for the monument up there. That used to be nothing but a dirt heap and I had the earth carried and spread. Then we put the tree up in memory of Mrs. L.B. Shide.

Lady in the Room: What is the story behind the cannon that used to be up there?

Mrs. Adams: Well I don't know if it was put there by one of the Boynton boys that was killed.

Lady in the Room: It's since been stolen.

Male Interviewer: The cannon was stolen?

Lady in the Room: The concrete block is there that held the cannon but the cannon is gone.

Male Interviewer: Right, I was wondering what that was. It would take a couple of steps. We couldn't figure out what it was.

Lady in the Room: Big iron cannon.

Mrs. Adams: In the school I established the school. I went around taking the census at that time which were a hundred and twenty-five children and I had this school put up and when I came back I had a vacation in the Adirondacks for two and a half years when my husband wasn't well. When I came back the school was built.

Lady in the Room: That was 1924 wasn't it?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, and the school was built and I was the first president of the Sewaren school association.

Lady in the Room: Parent teachers?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, parent teachers. I established that in all the townships; the entire township. Then I ran in what election year?

Lady in the Room: I don't know. You told me once that you were in office when the women got the vote and then you went out at the same time Mr. Rush went out when the Democrats took over in Woodbridge which I believe was about '47.

Mrs. Adams: I was elected to the Sewaren Trustee of the Free School Land and the Democrats could fit in. Well I was in twenty-three years elective office and the people of Port Reading they were all mostly Italian down there then; very nice Italian people. They used to give me a spaghetti dinner every winter. Father Galassi was down in a little church and I really helped Mrs. Murphy build that little church.

Lady in the Room: This is St. Anthony's you're talking about?

Mrs. Adams: Yes.

Lady in the Room: In Port Reading.

Male Interviewer: How did you help build?

Mrs. Adams: What?

Male Interviewer: What were you doing that you helped build?

Mrs. Adams: Well, we collected money and Father Galassi had a large congregation down there, very large. I know people liked it and there used to be a large mansion down there. I don't know what happened to that.

Lady in the Room: It was torn down. Are you talking about where Mrs. Murphy lived?

Mrs. Adams: Yes.

Lady in the Room: The red brick building?

Mrs. Adams: Yes.

Lady in the Room: It's been torn down.

Mrs. Adams: I helped Mrs. Murphy build that church.

Male Interviewer: Do you remember the old railroad station in Sewaren?

Mrs. Adams: Sure. We used to go up and buy a ticket for sixty-five cents round trip.

Lady in the Room: To New York?

Mrs. Adams: New York.

Lady in the Room: Didn't you ever take a ferry?

Mrs. Adams: Yes we did. We'd walk from the car to the ferry and then we

had to take a subway to Coulton Street.

Male Interviewer: And the sixty-five cents included all of that, the ferry ride too?

Lady in the Room: Oh, yea.

Male Interviewer: Do you remember the movie that was shot there?

Mrs. Adams: The what?

Male Interviewer: The movie that they made at the railroad station.

Mrs. Adams: It was up here in Sewaren. Yes, I remember that.

Male Interviewer: Peacock Alley back in 1920 or 1921.

Lady in the Room: I remember it.

Male Interviewer: All the little kids in the neighborhood they had to stand in a line and they gave them flags and they were waving flags. Sewaren's role in the movie consisted of a train pulling up to the station, Monty Blue and Marilyn May getting out of the train and going into the station and meeting Monty Blue's father. Mr. Herman he was called.

Female Interviewer: And it was Hermanton?

Male Interviewer: Hermantown and then they got in cars and they drove away.

Lady in the Room: I heard a funny story about how Sewaren got its name. I'm not sure of this. Apparently some company was working here and every time somebody would ask a question they would say go see Warren.

Another Lady in the Room: Yea, I heard that one. Then there was one about a good deal of land was one time owned by a woman by the name of S.E. Warren and they combined it and got the name. But I don't know where she came from.

Mrs. Adams: There used to be a boarding house up the street.

Male Interviewer: That was moved here wasn't it.

Mrs. Adams: What?

Male Interviewer: Wasn't that house moved to here?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, from Carteret.

Male Interviewer: Were you in the Sewaren History Club?

Mrs. Adams: I was one of the first members.

Male Interviewer: So you were in it a long time.

Mrs. Adams: Yes, I'm the oldest member.

Male Interviewer: Were there many houses around when you first moved here?

Mrs. Adams: No, there was only one house down here where Sam Henry lived and he was buried last week; wonderful man, wonderful man. His wife was my very best friend. You know we were members of the Perth Amboy Yacht Club and we had a boat. On Saturday mornings we used to get in the boat, it was a dory, and we'd go to Perth Amboy and do our marketing. There were nothing but small houses in Perth Amboy then on State Street. There were all small houses; there were no large houses there.

Male Interviewer: How were the markets different then? They've changes so much now that we have supermarkets.

Mrs. Adams: Opposite the railroad station there was the open market that they

had.....

Male Interviewer: Vegetables?

Mrs. Adams: Vegetables and everything. They had it twice a week and you'd get all fresh vegetables and fresh eggs. In the summertime it was still there.

Male Interviewer: I don't think the original one that you're talking about, that one isn't there anymore. A few years back I think that stopped.

Female Interviewer: When you went shopping did you go to Perth Amboy?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, we had no stores here and you know the fish store in Perth Amboy.....

Lady in the Room: Handershans?

Mrs. Adams: Handershans, his father used to come around every Friday morning with a fish wagon and sell us our fish from there.

Male Interviewer: Was Kate's, the store up on the corner, here then?

Mrs. Adams: Oh, yes.

Lady in the Room: He wasn't on the corner.

Male Interviewer: Okay, he was down a couple of feet a little bit.

Lady in the Room: A couple of hundred feet, yes.

Mrs. Adams: He used to come around and take our orders and then he opened this store.

Male Interviewer: How did he used to deliver? Was it by.....

Mrs. Adams: Car.

Female Interviewer: And these were groceries you would buy from Mr. Kate?

Mrs. Adams: Well I have a very, very happy home here for us. I have a wonderful husband, just wonderful. And then they had opened the other club down here.....

Lady in the Room: Motorboat?

Mrs. Adams: The motorboat club.

Lady in the Room: Wasn't there a Land and Water Club in Sewaren too?

Mrs. Adams: Yes.

Female Interviewer: What was the motorboat club?

Lady in the Room: You know where our house is, well if you just walk right to the water you'll run into it. It's still there.

Mrs. Adams: Well one by one they're going from Sewaren too.

Male Interviewer: The houses that were along Cliff Road they were all there when you moved here right?

Mrs. Adams: Oh yea, and I want to tell you something, you couldn't turn a blade of grass there. Everything was beautifully kept.

Male Interviewer: They all had gardeners and caretakers?

Mrs. Adams: Yes and Mrs. Ames was there. She was a Boynton connected with the lumberyard.

Male Interviewer: Who were the early families? Do you remember some of the real early families when you moved here?

Mrs. Adams: Well, the Boynton. The old families?

Male Interviewer: Yes.

Mrs. Adams: Well, the Gore Boyntons. See there were three brothers. This is Gore Boynton and two others.

Lady in the Room: Clancy?

Mrs. Adams: Clancy.

Lady in the Room: Clancy was one.

Mrs. Adams: Clancy, he was our friend.

Lady in the Room: Who else was here when you moved here Nanna? What other people were in Sewaren besides the Boyntons?

Mrs. Adams: And your father.

Lady in the Room: He came in 1907.

Mrs. Adams: Yes, they came to Perth Amboy.

Lady in the Room: Who else lived in the houses on Cliff Road?

Mrs. Adams: Oh, I can't remember.

Lady in the Room: The Scotts lived next to us.

Mrs. Adams: The Scotts lived in your house.

Lady in the Room: And the Freemans across the street.

Mrs. Adams: And your father bought that house long before I ever met my husband.

Lady in the Room: No, my father bought that house long before I ever met my husband.

Mrs. Adams: Dorothy Drake was a Boynton and Mrs. Higgins.

Male Interviewer: The Coupea house, that was the one where Mrs. Kozusko is now?

Lady in the Room: No, that was on Cliff Road. It's been torn down and another new home built there.

Male Interviewer: What house was where?

Lady in the Room: That was Freemans where Mrs. Kozusko is now.

Male Interviewer: Oh, okay.

Mrs. Adams: That was the Freeman house.

Male Interviewer: She had told us what had happened with the house how it had burnt down and she told us a little story behind it.

Lady in the Room: What's the story behind it?

Male Interviewer: She said that someone had a stile in there.

Lady in the Room: Oh no, that was the house across the street. That was Rimshaw's house and they had a big garage in the backyard and it used to be called Ford Motors. I guess that was just a front because all of a sudden the stile blew up.

Male Interviewer: That's on the same side of the street but just across as we are.

Male Interviewer: Oh!

Lady in the Room: Same side as we are. There's one house between that house and our house.

Male Interviewer: What had happened with her house?

Lady in the Room: They just tore it down as far as I know. I never heard any story about that.

Mrs. Adams: The Freemans?

Male Interviewer: Yes.

Mrs. Adams: Yes, they did because they had a dog and my husband wouldn't allow my son to have a dog because he said this house is too small for a dog. So he brought the dog up because my son wanted him so we kept him.

Male Interviewer: Why did so many people want to move to Sewaren back at that time?

Mrs. Adams: At that time Sewaren was a summer resort.

Male Interviewer: Why did you move her Nanna? I mean maybe that's the reason other people moved here.

Mrs. Adams: Now let me see. My husband's secretary in New York lived in Woodbridge across the way where the supermarket is now and we were married on June 6th and we came to stay at his house for the weekend. We had a friend that lived in Sewaren at that time in the boarding house at Mother Turners. The Balfords that lived across the street at that time were living there too. They bought that house, it was a private house across the street and we bought this whole stretch of land, the old road, to the next street. We built a house. My father came down from New York every morning to build the house. As I say it cost sixty-five cents a day to come down here. He was here until five o'clock at night.

Male Interviewer: So you really, I guess, kind of fell in love with the area when you were here?

Mrs. Adams: Oh, it was lovely, just lovely. The Walker house was built when this was being built. That's two houses up. The Rybacks lived next door and Mrs. Ryback used to be out wiggling the garden all the time. Then of course the corner house was built. Of course we had our own bathing houses down on the beach.

Male Interviewer: Even though you lived away from the beach you had beach property?

Mrs. Adams: Yes.

Male Interviewer: Yea, I think Mr. Henry mentioned that everybody had a little strip of property along there even if they lived on West Avenue.

Mrs. Adams: Yes. Oh I miss Mr. Henry. He was a fine man, just wonderful. I couldn't go to the funeral because it rained so. This is the first time I'm sitting up. I'm always in bed.

Male Interviewer: Well we're honored that you would see us.

Mrs. Adams: I'm in bed all the time. I have equilibrium.....

Lady in the Room: Nanna, did you tell them that grandpa designed the house?

Mrs. Adams: What?

Lady in the Room: Did you tell them that grandpa designed the house?

Mrs. Adams: This house? Yes, and my father and father-in-law built it?

Male Interviewer: Do you remember when the oil companies first came in and some of the industries?

Mrs. Adams: I certainly did and my husband fought the oil companies because he didn't want them.

Lady in the Room: I suppose he didn't want the oil storage tanks so close

to Sewaren, is that it?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, he didn't want the refinery up there.

Male Interviewer: Which was the first one to come in? Was that Royal Petroleum? Because there are a couple down there. I think there's Shell and Royal and I think Hess is down there also. When Royal came in that took over the Sewaren Hotel I think.

Mrs. Adams: No, the Sewaren Hotel burnt down.

Lady in the Room: Who bought Boynton Beach? Which company? Was it Shell?

Mrs. Adams: Let me see, where's Boynton Beach?

Male Interviewer: That was next to Ackers between Ackers and the Sewaren Hotel.

Mrs. Adams: That was what?

Male Interviewer: Boynton was between Ackers and the Sewaren Hotel so I think Shell Oil was located where Boynton Beach was.

Lady in the Room: Were they the first one to come Nanna?

Mrs. Adams: What?

Lady in the Room: I think Royal was the first one in. What did the residents in Sewaren think when these oil companies started coming?

Mrs. Adams: Well my husband prevented them from wiggling them.

Male Interviewer: Did the oil companies get a little angry at the Sewaren residents?

Mrs. Adams: Well.....

Male Interviewer: When the oil companies first came they took most of the bathing beach, is that right?

Mrs. Adams: They took up Acker's bathing beach.

Male Interviewer: So that was kind of the end of the resort wasn't it?

Mrs. Adams: Oh, the end of the resort was a long time ago. Gee, I'm here seventy-one years.

Male Interviewer: Were people still swimming down at Sewaren or coming to.....

Mrs. Adams: Now?

Male Interviewer: No, back when the oil companies came. Was it still considered a resort at that time?

Mrs. Adams: No.

Lady in the Room: Why not? Was the water dirty then?

Mrs. Adams: Yes, because then they had.....

Male Interviewer: The sewage treatment plant?

Mrs. Adams: Yes.

Male Interviewer: We were told that Heard's Brook runs through Woodbridge.

Mrs. Adams: What?

Male Interviewer: We were told that Heard's Brook was almost an open sewer because no one had sewage systems so it would all go into Heard's Brook and it would just come right out into Sewaren.

Lady in the Room: I can remember people swimming down there Nanna.

Another Lady in the Room: We had found out that back in 1934 this water had all been condemned.

Male Interviewer: People still came but it was.....

Mrs. Adams: Oh, we used to catch.....

Lady in the Room: I hear it used to be good crabbing.

Mrs. Adams: Wonderful crabbing, yes.

Male Interviewer: Who are some of your friends that were in the history club when you first arrived here?

Mrs. Adams: The Salmagundi was like a musical club.

Lady in the Room: Who was in it with you?

Mrs. Adams: A man by the name of Dill. Some of them are still alive and I can't think of their names.

Lady in the room: Probably Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Rankin.

Mrs. Adams: No, they didn't belong. It was a social club and they had a reception.

Male Interviewer: What was the history club like? Was that a social club also?

Mrs. Adams: Isn't it funny, I'm getting so that I can't think.

Lady in the Room: Do you want to rest awhile Nanna?

Mrs. Adams: No. Now what was I asked?

Lady in the Room: You were going to tell him about the history club.

Mrs. Adams: Oh, the history club.

Lady in the Room: They had a history club that must have played for seventy years. I guess it's not in existence now.

Mrs. Adams: Yes, we played bridge until I went to New Mexico.

Lady in the Room: About a year ago.

Another Lady in the Room: Ten years ago?

Mrs. Adams: Ten years, no. I'm only home from New Mexico a year.

Lady in the Room: The odd thing about the bridge club was all of them would bid seven no trump when they didn't have any cards.

Female Interviewer: When did the history club start? Who organized it?

Mrs. Adams: The history club started when we moved in this house. I'll tell you how it started. We used to go around to different houses and read the latest books that were published. Then we would discuss them.

Female Interviewer: Whose houses were you going to?

Mrs. Adams: Well anybody who offered their house.

Lady in the Room: Probably Mrs. Rash.

Mrs. Adams: Yea. We had the meetings at the hall there. We didn't have any parish house or anything like that then.

Female Interviewer: When was the church built?

Mrs. Adams: The church was built in, I think, 1880.

Lady in the Room: There are a lot of old records in that church.

Mrs. Adams: Yea, what's her name in Delaware.....

Lady in the Room: Oh, Mrs. Thompson?

Mrs. Adams: Thompson, yes. The people on Cliff Road built that church.

Lady in the Room: What was Mrs. Thompson's maiden name?

Another Lady in the Room: Ballard.

Mrs. Adams: Ballard, that was the year little Kelly was born.

Male Interviewer: I think that we read that you were working with the Library or you were involved in getting the library started, the Sewaren Library.

Mrs. Adams: No.

Lady in the Room: The Red Cross maybe?

Mrs. Adams: No, Daisy Rush did.

Male Interviewer: Oh, okay.

Mrs. Adams: Mrs. Thomas didn't want the rivalry.

Lady in the Room: Why not?

Mrs. Adams: Well because she kind of wanted to be responsible for the library.

Male Interviewer: Before the library people just went around to each other's houses?

Mrs. Adams: That was the Christian Science.

Lady in the Room: What she's saying is the Christian Science Church was....

Male Interviewer: Right.

Mrs. Adams: The Christian Science used to meet in back of Kate's store.

Male Interviewer: Right, okay.

Lady in the Room: That was Mrs. Binidistan's church or Olive's.

Mrs. Adams: Isn't it strange about Olive? I can't get over it. We were over there to see the grave and we couldn't find it. Then we came back to the hospital and here was Olive in the hospital. She was there eleven days when she passed out. My memory isn't too bad.

Male Interviewer: Well, I think we should stop for now because we're going to run out of tape soon and we don't want to tire you out. Thank you.