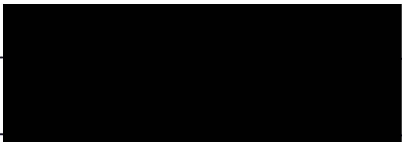


Interviewer: Anne Valk

INTERVIEW AND TAPE SUMMARY

Name: Dena Spiroff Lovacheff

Date and Place of Birth: Madison, IL 1931

Address: 

Telephone Number: _____

Interview Date, Time, and Place:
at Mrs. Lovacheff's house on 11/29/01 at 10:00 am

Interview Summary (attach additional sheets, as needed):

This interview focused primarily on the family run business operated by the Lovacheffs - Louis's Market. The interview began with Mrs. Lovacheff's childhood years in an ethnically diverse, working-class neighborhood in Madison when she was raised by her father and grandmother. She discussed her marriage (in 1951) to William Lovacheff and their subsequent life in the Lincoln Place neighborhood (where she lived from 1951-1988). She describes in detail the building (824-826 Niedringhaus) in which she lived with her in-laws and in which the store was located. She also discusses how the business and the neighborhood changed. Near the end of the interview, Lovacheff discussed what it was like to raise a family in Lincoln Place and her involvement/membership in St. Cyril + Methody church.

Note any special circumstances involving the interview:

The interview took place in Mrs. Lovacheff's kitchen. We took a break after the start of the second tape and during the break, Mrs. Lovacheff showed me pictures of her grandchildren.

After the interview ended, we talked for a while about the interview, the project, and the neighborhood.

Mrs. Lovacheff indicated that she would look for some photos of the store and building that I could copy and add to her file.

In the interview, we consult some pages of the Tri-City city directory (1937, 1955, 1968, 1975, 1988) and a handdrawn map of Niedringhaus St. (drawn by Mrs. V. Thron) - pages are included with this interview.

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Biographical Information and Family History

Current Information

Full Name: Lovachoff Dena
Last First Middle

Maiden Name: Spiroff

Current Address: 2029 Clark
Granite City

Telephone Number: (home) (618) 877-2314 (work) _____

Best time/way to reach: _____

Family History

Years/dates lived in Lincoln Place: approx. 1951-1988

Address(es) in Lincoln Place: 824 Niedringhaus; 828 Niedringhaus

Date and Place of Birth: 1931, Madison IL

Current Marital Status:
single [] married [] divorced [] widowed []

Spouse's name and place of birth: William Lovachoff

Mother's name and place of birth (if known): born Macedonia; died 1938

Father's name and place of birth (if known): born Macedonia

Children's names: _____