

Interviewer: Rance Olliges

INTERVIEW AND TAPE SUMMARY

Name: Jack Vizer

Date and Place of Birth: 10-3-28 - Granite City, IL

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Interview Date, Time, and Place:
10-29-01, 5:00 P.M., Lincoln Place Community Center

Interview Summary (attach additional sheets, as needed):

- family background
- work background
- Andy Phillip + 1940 Basketball Team
- recreation
- school background
- Boy Scouts

Note any special circumstances involving the interview:

Jack's wife did not want the interview done in the house, so we decided to use an empty room at Lincoln Place Community Center. There were kids and basketball being played while we were there. Jack is also hard of hearing.

Biographical Summary of Jack E. Vizer

By Rance Olliges

Jack E. Vizer was born on October 3, 1928 in a house on Olive Street in the Lincoln Place neighborhood of Granite City, Illinois. He was the third born son of his parents, and he has two sons of his own. Jack's grandfather came to America from Hungary sometime in the early 1900s, about 1906 he thinks. Jack's father worked at the Commonwealth Plant in Granite City. Jack claims his father loved the United States, but he hated income tax. Jack's mother worked at the National Enameling and Stamping Company. Jack held several jobs himself. He worked at the Commonwealth Plant with his father for a while when he was a teen. He used to turn over his check every week to his father as soon as he received it. Jack also worked for International Shoe, McDonnell Aircraft, and Corps of Engineers. He eventually retired early from the Corps of Engineers because of a \$25,000 incentive.

Jack has been involved in many things in his life. Jack was drafted into the Korean War. He ended up building his own house in the Lincoln Place neighborhood for only \$15,000, with the help of family and friends. Jack's interests include drafting, building remote controlled airplanes, and the Boy Scouts. Jack was very much involved with the Boy Scouts for many years. Jack is a hard worker that comes from a hard working family. He is very proud of his Hungarian heritage.