

Interviewer: Kendra Payton

INTERVIEW AND TAPE SUMMARY

Name: Vicky Siers

Date and Place of Birth: August 26, 1944 in Granite City, IL

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Interview Date, Time, and Place: November 5, 2001 6:40 pm Vicky's house.

Interview Summary (attach additional sheets, as needed):

This interview contains some general information about Lincoln Place. Vicky shared many childhood memories from growing up in Lincoln Place. She is currently 57 yrs. old, so her memories as a child date around 1950. Vicky shared what she knew about her family history. A lot of what she knows is stories that have passed down. This interview shows the pride that people from Lincoln Place have in their neighborhood and special organizations. It was an enjoyable interview to do!

Note any special circumstances involving the interview:

The interview was recorded at Vicky Siers' home. The windows were open for comfort in the home so some background noises were picked up. The neighborhood kids playing next door and the train whistles. Vicky lives close to the tracks.

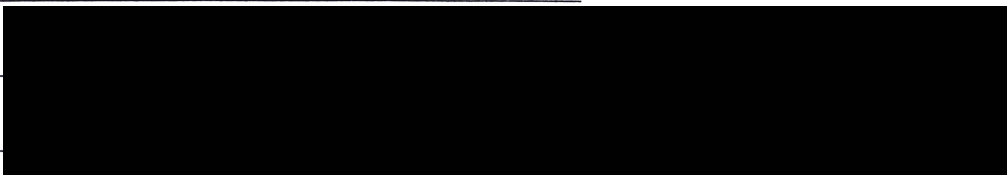
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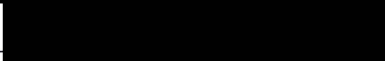
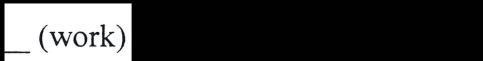
Biographical Information and Family History

Current Information

Full Name: Siers Vicki
Last First Middle

Maiden Name: Andria

Current Address: 

Telephone Number: (home)  (work) 

Best time/way to reach: work 8:30-5:00 home 5:30-10:00

Family History

Years/dates lived in Lincoln Place: 1944-1958 / 1970 - Present

Address(es) in Lincoln Place: 1717 Olive St.

Date and Place of Birth: 8-26-

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

Spouse's name and place of birth: _____

Mother's name and place of birth (if known): Alma Nemeth - ~~GA~~ St. Louis

Father's name and place of birth (if known): Clement Andria - GC

Children's names: Christine Cornett, Mark Siers
Michelle Siers

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Biographical Summary of Vicky Andria Siers

Vicky Andria Siers was born in Granite City on August 26, 1944. Her maiden name is Andria. Her mother was Hungarian and her father was Macedonian. Her maternal grandparents were both Hungarian and paternal grandparents were Macedonian (grandfather) and Bulgarian (grandmother). Both of her parents were born in America along with her sibling and self.

Vickie's family came to America to find work. This was a common reason for most immigrants during the 1900-1930 period. They came in search for a better life.

Vickie has lived in Granite City for all of her life. She grew up in the Lincoln Place neighborhood. She remembers moving into town around her seventh or eighth grade years. They moved when she was going to Coolidge Junior High. She then moved back in 1970 to live close to an ailing grandmother. The ailing grandmother lived for another 15 years, so Lincoln Place must have been her destiny. She has lived in Lincoln Place ever since. Vickie mentioned that she really enjoys the neighborhood. She says it's a very safe place to live. By the time Vicky had moved back to Lincoln Place she had been married and raised a family and being close to the grandmother meant a lot to her. She had just recently divorced when she had moved back, so the living arrangements were nice for all of them. The lot that her mobile home sets on was purchased from the grandmother.

Vickie has three children and all are grown now. Two of them still live in the Granite City area and one child lives in St. Louis to be close to his job. An interesting fact about Vickie's family is that her father, herself and grandson all have attended the same Junior High School. Something you don't hear much about these days as much as people move.

Vickie has had several jobs through out her working years. She is currently a secretary for a company that owns part of Ernst and Young. She said that her jobs have been similar over the years just at different locations. Her frequent job changes have been due to job security. Her current job may last another year she mentioned and then she will need to be looking for a new one. This is a common job history these days. Companies do really well starting out and then realize that they employ to many and she has fallen in this category before.

Vickie seems to have enjoyed her life this far. She's a very happy spirited individual. She loves her family and seem to look forward to what the future holds for her.