

*Interviewed by Maury Miller, transcribed by Katelyn Rhoads and edited by Gary Strohm.*

Mae DeMumbrum was born in November 1911 near Indianapolis, Indiana to Henry and Myrtie Thompson. She had four brothers - Leonard, James, Raymond and Fred and four sisters - Betty, Martha, Gertrude and Molly.

Mae grew up in Kentucky. She helped in the yard and in the garden. She attended the Pleasant Grove School. She enjoyed playing games and playing ball, and the family had a black and white dog named Rover.

Mrs. DeMumbrum got married and moved to Indiana. She and her husband then lived in Chicago for 17 years. They had seven kids, two boys - Glenn and Ed and five girls - Shelby, Betty, Mary, Carol and Barbara. She helped generate income for the family by babysitting.

Mae came to Marshall about 40 years ago with her daughter Barbara. She worked at the Colonial kitchen, where she helped with cooking and cleaning. She helped keep the smorgasbord table clean.

She separated from her husband Samuel Noel DeMumbrum, and he passed away in 1977.

Mae attended the Marshall Baptist Church, where she was baptized.

In describing the town of Marshall, she commented, "It's a nice place to live, I'd say. A lot of people like Marshall."

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