

## Mae Demumbrum

Q: Where and when were you born?

I was born near Indianapolis in 1911.

Who were your parents?

I imagine my mom and my dad.

Did you have brothers or sisters?

Yes I had brothers and sisters. I think they are all about gone now. I had 4 brothers and 5 sisters, I think.

When did you come to Marshall?

I'd say about 40 years ago. I was living in Chicago and moved down here.

Why did you move to Marshall?

My daughter that I lived with got a job down here.

Let's talk about growing up....talk about where you lived....

I grew up in Kentucky. I worked on a farm, in the yard, in the garden. Then, I got married and moved to Indiana. I moved up here then and I worked at Colonial Kitchen for twelve years. I worked in the kitchen doing cooking and cleaning. I worked on the schmorgesboard in the front. I had to keep it clean.

And you were married at that time?

I was married but then seperated. My husband got promoted. He is dead now, He has been dead a long time. I think he died in '72.

Lets go back to your childhood. Where did you go to school at? Was that in Indiana or Kentucky?

In Kentucky. I went to school in a little schoolhouse called Pleasant Grove.

Did you participate in activities? What things do you remember about school?

Yes. I loved playing games, playing ball....

Well I asked you about growing up. You were with

your family and your brothers and sisters. What do you remember? Do you remember doing things with them?

Oh yeah. We always played games and things.

Did you have a hobby?

I don't remember. I don't know.

Did you have a pet?

Oh yes. We had a dog we called Rover. It was black and white.

When did you go to Chicago?

Oh Lord, I don't know. I lived up there 17 years.

Were you married then?

Yes.

Did you work there?

I babysat.

You had a daughter there?

Yeah. I had all my kids there. I had seven kids and one of them passed away though and she had....I forgot what she had....something bad though. She got it and she died. I still have six kids though.

How many boys? How many girls?

Two boys and the rest are girls.

Then your daughter wanted to live in Marshall so you moved with her?

My daughter still lives there. She worked a while in a shop....I don't remember what it was. Then she started babysitting. She still babysits.

As you think back over your life and all the people you've known. Is there a particular person that you remember?

Yeah. I remember going to church. The Baptist Church in Marshall. I was baptized there.

What things in history particulary stand out to you?

I remember getting married.

My oldest sister....my oldest daughter is in Attica, Indiana. She lives there and she is about 75 years old now.

Do you know how old I am? 103. I'll be 104 next November.

Will you have a birthday party?

Probably will.

If you were talking to someone about Marshall, how would you describe it? What would you say about?

It's a nice place to live, I'd say. A lot of people like Marshall.