

## Thomas Kustermann Interview Transcription

Yeah, hi - My name is Tom Kustermann and I brought along with me today a picture of the building that I was born in, that was the grocery store located on the corner of Fisk and Rondo. It was the original building on that corner. My grandfather purchased that building in 1913, and I and two of my brothers were born within that building and lived upstairs of the building, and he ran the business until 1959.

The grocery store was kind of the center point of the community, and involved with a lot of the socialization and people coming in every day, and a lot obviously knew each other very closely. I brought a picture of the original purchase agreement where he bought the building and he paid \$1000 for the building and the contents of the building. He actually received a horse that they used for deliveries, and there was a stable/garage in the rear of the property and that's what he used for deliveries.

What came after that, there was a tailor's shop, there was a barber shop in that area, there was a cleaner's. Later on in the years coming up into the '70s there was a VFW club and some associated businesses like that. That is kind of a historical reference of what was on that property over the years. After he sold it there was an ice cream shop, there was a restaurant called the Pivot Restaurant. The Pivot I think is deceased as well. I don't think there is too much that is active right now from that time.