

Jeanne Gehrman Interview

Jeanne Gehrman:

This is a coffee cup from the Square Deal Liquor Store that was on the former Rondo Avenue. It was my grandfather's and I ended up with it probably from my mom. My grandfather was a World War I veteran, brought a woman from France back with him as his bride. If that were us nowadays, it would be like getting on a spaceship. You couldn't call home. It's probably ceramic, probably made in the 1950s, early to mid 1950. I don't know anything about the business. I said it's the Square Deal Liquor Store. I'm guessing that my grandfather, they probably said, "Hi Tom!" We came in, but we moved away from the neighborhood. We lived on Blair and went to St. Agnes School for nine years, but we moved when we were eight years old. My dad brought us in. He worked at the Great Northern. He brought us in every morning to go to school at St. Agnes. I was not a community member after the age of eight, but I still like to look at the St. Agnes people and say that's where I went to school. And this was my neighborhood and I love it. I moved away from home when I was 25. I must have acquired this from my mom. No, I never went there. I went to the liquor store that was close to the place where I lived in Highland Park, but no I went to that liquor store. My grandfather was alcoholic. My mom doesn't like talking about him. She wanted my grandmother to divorce him, but that didn't happen.