

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CEDAR RAPIDS

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

INTERVIEW WITH Elise Zuber

CONDUCTED BY Emilie Hoppe

DATE March 4, 1985

TRANSCRIBER Hazel Storm

PUBLIC LIBRARY
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

10-09
2005.10.89

Elsie Flick Zuber was born in the school house in West Amana. The year was 1900. She was raised and spent her life in West Amana, where her great grandfather had been a school teacher. German is her first language, as it was for most all who lived in the Colonies. Mrs. Zuber is interviewed by her granddaughter, Emilie Hoppe, about life in the Colonies as a young girl and the people she knew, including Grant Wood and the Averills of Cedar Rapids.

INTERVIEW TOPICS
CEDAR RAPIDS: THE EARLY DECADES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

I. PERSONAL LEAD-IN QUESTIONS

- 1--When were you born? Where?
- How long have you lived in Cedar Rapids?
- 3--What are your parents' names?
- Where did you go to school?
- 1--Are you married or single?
- Did you raise a family? How big?
- What has been your occupation (career) during your adult years?

II. COMMUNITY TOPICS

A. Technology in the Community

- 1. Transportation
 - 2-3--Railway travel (Union Station, trips to Iowa City on Crandic)
 - 5,7--Trolleys (the Interurban)
 - 2,11--Horses and First Automobiles
 - 29-30--Mud roads and the seedling mile
 - Hunter Airport and the first planes
 - Cedar River (ferries, floods, dams)
- 2. Communications
 - Newspapers
 - Radios
 - Advertising
 - Telephones

B. People in the Community

- 1. Amusements/Recreation
 - Motion Pictures
 - Cedar Rapids Parks
 - Dances
 - Carnival Week
 - Chautauqua
 - Community Theater
 - Little Gallery
 - Symphony Orchestra
 - Circus
 - Greene's Opera House
 - Amusement Parks (Alamo)
 - Camps
 - Community Centers (YWCA, YMCA)
- 2. Famous Characters
 - Cherry Sisters
 - 14,17-18,19-22,24-29 --Grant Wood
 - Carl Van Vechten (The Tattooed Countess)
 - 18,20 --Marvin Cone
 - 14,16-17,24--Averills

