

Peggy Gerasimos and Margaret Zakos

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Interview Time	Chronology	Place	Description
1:10			James was a merchant in Greece. This was listed on his papers when he came over.
1:35	1914-1927		James opened the Olympia fruit, vegetable, and candy store. It was located near the orange hall. His children worked in the business with him - both the girls and the boys. The girls made candy down in the basement and the boys worked upstairs in the store.
2:23	1927		In 1927 James opened Zakos Brothers Limited. It was on 360 Princess street. They sold primarily fruits and vegetables. They would drive up to Toronto to get their produce.
3:30			It was a period with no refrigeration, so their “purchasing was important”. They couldn't keep fruits and vegetables for a long period of time.
4:25			The business was a family affair. The children used to get a piece of pie for a hard day's work.
4:45	1945		They purchased Hamilton Drugs in 1945. No one was a pharmacist in the family, but they started in the business anyways. It was difficult - they ran into opposition. There was discrimination within the pharmacist association as they thought that Greek immigrants couldn't run a pharmacy properly, even though by that time they had five pharmacists working in their store.