

Foivos Menikefs

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Interview Time	Chronology	Place	Description
0:15			Once the church was bought, the Greeks used to see other every Sunday, and would get together after church, like we do now over coffee, to socialize.
0:35			They had dances at the LaSalle hotel to raise money to keep up the church and the community.
0:55			Once the church was bought there was always a priest.
1:20			At the time the priest's house was next to the church.
1:49			The interaction between the Greeks that arrived before 1950s and the new Greeks that arrived after 1950 was good.
2:15			Greeks that came later than 1950s had a hard time buying a house and getting a business. Most of them worked in restaurants. They worked hard.
2:50			Many Greeks worked in a leather factory because it was hard work. When the factory closed a lot of them went to Queen's to work either as cleaners or maintenance people or they worked for KGH.
4:00			After CIL Fill bought a business from Manos Tryfonopoulos in 1976. It was a dairy bar.
4:38			He was unsure so he asked his wife to work for Manos's dairy bar for a couple of months, to see how it was. He also took 6 weeks off CIL and worked for the dairy bar before quitting CIL. It was a risky move for him because CIL was a good job.
5:30			There was also a milk factory.
5:56			Fill sold the business after 20 years to retire. The dairy bar worked both as a retail store and to provide supplies to other restaurants.
6:48			The business was at 817 Division street. It is something else now.
7:08			Fill delivered ice-cream to the Harbor restaurant. He was getting ice cream at a whole-sale price so he could sell it to other restaurants.
7:52			For the last 22 years Fill and Maria have been retired.