

## Spiros Sakell

<b>Interviewee: Spiro Sakell, Kingston, Duration: 6:45, November 17 2017</b>			
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<b>Interview Time</b>	<b>Chronology</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Description</b>
0:10			Crystal palace storage had beautiful floors. The tables were thin marble tables with wire chairs. On one side they sold all kinds of chocolates in glass cases, they had a soda fountain, and they also had ice cream. "This is where they made the fabulous sundaes they used to sell there". Later they started selling exotic fruits. "We didn't go down there often, but when we did, it was a fabulous treat. We loved it."
1:25			Crystal palace used to sell sandwiches as well. All the brothers were involved. Unfortunately Spiros's uncle, George, was drown trying to save a girl in a picnic and his uncle Tom died in 1929 of pneumonia. It was only Spiros's father that ran the Crystal Palace business after that.
2:18			They also ran a tea room (Mayfair) above the place that is now the grand theater. During the Great Depression things got bad and in 1930s they lost the business; they had to move to the Mayfair to continue. Spiros's uncle Pete Karis used to run this business but for a reason that Spiros doesn't know, his father and uncle were no longer owners. It was a very bad situation as the Spiros's family lost everything.
3:20			The Karis family was Spiros's father's cousins.
3:37			The Mayfair was there until the 60s-70s. It was parallel to the Crystal palace. It served light lunches. One side was the counter with the ovens and frying pans. Spiro remembers Uncle Pete frying eggs.
4:44			Crystal Palace was affected by the depression. The daily sales of the business dropped considerably, until daily sales eventually disappeared and they had to stop the business.
5:48			Although they tried to sell the business, in the end the family did not receive any money at all.
6:10			These details are very vague for Spiro, he was young. In 1940 Peter Carisson from Ottawa contacted Spiro's mother. He said that he was able to buy them a house. They didn't know how. But that is how they got the house at York street. The used to rent rooms out to survive.