

Spiros Sakell

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Interview Time	Chronology	Place	Description
0:12			After the recession, Spiro's father was on city relief for a couple of years. Then Karris opened a restaurant at Barrie and Princess street, across from where Spiros's grandfather had a grocery store. Spiros's uncle, Greg, was asked to manage the restaurant. He brought Spiros's father to work there. Spiros himself also worked in the restaurant. Spiros was 14 years old.
1:15			Spiros liked working there; worked behind the Soda fountain with his dad. Always wanted to stay there until it closed.
1:30			The restaurant closed and Spiros's father had to work with Spiros's godfather, George Papas, at Montreal and Princess street. Billiard parlor. The business had 12 tables. It was a big place. They sold mainly hot dogs, milk shakes and soft drinks. On another side, tobacco and pipes.
2:47			Spiros worked there while in high school. He worked there on the weekends. Was able to work there because Papas was his godfather.
3:05			The Papas family was comprised of two brothers, George and Nick. They lived side by side. They both had their own families.
3:30			George had two daughters, Dora and Marie. Marie worked in Toronto. Dora stayed with her mother over the years. Neither girl got married.
3:55			Nick had 3 sons and 1 daughter. The daughter's name was Minerva. Minerva got married. The sons' names were Othan, Teddy and George. Othan got married and then he disappeared. George also got married and stayed in Kingston. George owned and worked at the billiard parlor for many years (Montreal and Princess Street) Teddy never got married and he also stayed in Kingston.
4:44			The Papas's real last name was Papadopoulos.
5:07			Spiros's father worked there until retirement.
6:30			After high school Spiros worked in that place for 2-3 years. Later he decided to pursue pharmacy studies.
7:30			He graduated from Pharmaceutical studies. He took courses at the University of Toronto. He got a job at a pharmacy on Princess street (Moffatt)
7:53			He then went to the University of Toronto. He graduated in 1952 and got back to Moffatt pharmacy.
8:19			He finally owned a store on Division and York street. He later moved to Collins Bay, bought a new store. Stayed until 1974.

8:38			Finally, Shoppers contacted him and offered him a position. He left his business partner and started working for shoppers.
9:01			Spiros found it very satisfactory to work with people and for people. Being a pharmacist is a step below being a doctor. The education never stops.