

Margaret Poor

Side 1:

[1] Her daughter, called "Dottie" gave me instructions to the house from the florist. Mrs. Poor is on a walker. [Frances Poor]

[10] She learned how to make flower arrangements and her husband bought a refrigerator to keep flowers fresh. Their shop was located on Patton Ave when it was a dirt road and called Old County Home Road.

[15] She describes early Asheville and Pack Square. She lived on Fremont Street, attended Eugene Rankin and Hall Fletcher schools. She met her husband at church.

[30] Her husband, who died in 1986, was a landscaper but when he was unable to get workers who weren't "too good to work" he and his wife started the florist shop.

[37] She describes old buildings in the center city and West Asheville

[45] Although people from West Asheville stayed in their area for shopping, they came to Pack Square where a minister held tent meetings near the water fountain and horse trough. [Ralph Sexton]

[58] The Westgate Shopping Mall was very popular (on 341 she said the area went downhill and people stole from the grocery store - Winn Dixie).

[67] The shop on Patton was sold (I think that, with the road paved, the area increased in value) and moved to present location.

[76] She had no involvement with libraries (after her school years, when she went to Pack Library on the square).

[89] She started collecting art objects when the children (10) were grown. Every weekend she and her husband went to auctions and antique shows all over the area. They held one auction which was unsuccessful but when her husband died she had some successful sales. At one time she had antiques in the flower shop but there was a problem with theft (see 228).

[102] All florists subscribe to wire services. One of her employees counted 10 shops between the house and Haywood Road - only 5 miles.

[136] Mother's Day and Valentine's Day are their busiest times. Because of changes in style, corsages are rarely worn. Poor's used to supply flowers for graduation and commencement (two blocks from her house of 8 years). She likes silk flowers.

[253] She took China painting when the children were grown and belonged to the Asheville Community Club (no longer in existence) where "the cream of the crop" were members.

Although there are no meetings, old friends still see each other. [Edna A. McGinnis, Blanche (Mrs. Charles D.) Franklin, Kathleen (Mrs. Harry) Atkins, Georgia N. Nicholson]

[317] The trolley and several shops are mentioned.

[326] Aston Park used to be known as Rhododendron Park before the rest home was built.

[365] The shop on Haywood Road was the only available location when they decided to move from Patton Ave. Rudy's wine shop had been there, a Laundromat was next door and there was parking in front.

[420] She has 10 children - 7 girls and 3 boys, 20 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.