

Cassette Tape: Kischner, Richard – RE: Our Place

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I'm making this tape for Miss Ethel Andrews and Miss Glorious Stanton(?). My name is Charles Richard Kischner. I am the son of Dick and Margarete Kischner and I am giving this brief synopsis of my recollection of the Masonic Club on old Nieman Point Road.

I was first contacted by members of this club, as I can recall, probably in the summer of 1953, to cut the grass and maintain the grounds. I kept this summer job, as I recall, for probably three to four years. A very good relationship, in which I regularly cut and maintained the grounds during the summer months. I had no contact there in the fall or winter months at all.

As I recall, the building in 1953, '54, '55 – it was a two-story building that, I believe, was either... either wood-side or asbestos shingle as siding. I believe asbestos shingle siding. The colors changed once during my tenure there, and that was... I don't recall whether it was white and it was painted a light green, or it was light green and it was painted white. My recollections are that it was white and subsequently was painted green.

It was a two-story building. There was a couple of very large gum trees, which were very close to the structure, which caused a lot of raking of the gum balls, which fell every year. There was a gravel driveway, and as I recall, facing the building, coming in the driveway, on the right-hand side, was a walk-up stairway that went from the ground up to the second floor. Also, there was a building that came out from the main building that, I believe, acted as a kitchen and a storage area.

I do not recall the names of any of the persons of who I had dealings with. But they would stop by my house every Saturday and pay me for the work that was done during the week.

I do not recall ever being in the building, except on one occasion in which, I believe the second floor has a dormitory-type bedding arrangement, and the first floor was rather open and contained tables. It looked like it may have been just for eating and some entertainment.

I don't recall too much more. I don't know of any other information that may be relevant to you all. So I'll end this tape now. Thank you and good luck on your venture and your seeking of history of this building. Thank you.

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