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OBJECT NAME	Oral History
LANGUAGE	English
OBJECT COLLECTION	National Hellenic Museum Oral History Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	July 9, 2013
ALTERNATIVE NAME	Video
RESTRICTIONS	Full oral history video and transcript available onsite at the National Hellenic Museum.
INTERVIEWER	Anagnostopoulos, John
INTERVIEWEE	Beyer, Catherine
ACCESS POINTS	Confectioners Greek Americans Manners and customs

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Catherine Patrenis Beyer recalls growing up Greek in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where the Patrenis clan was one of the few Greek families in the area. After her parents immigrated from Greece, they quickly assimilated to a life in America, adopting American names and traditions. Catherine's father was a core maker until he learned English and opened his own business, Waukesha Billiards. All the while, her mother was a homemaker, raising the seven kids. Catherine and her siblings learned Greek from tutoring sessions with their local priest. In high school she worked for a tobacco and liquor/soda-fountain shop. While there, she was known as an unofficial matchmaker for some of the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears that passed through the business. Catherine took classes at Carroll College She moved on to working at a sporting goods store on Lake Michigan until she married and



had two kids.

CITATION

Oral History interview with Beyer, Catherine, July 9, 2013, National Hellenic Museum Oral History Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 09/23/21.
