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An Interview with Marian Floto

Part of the Dixon Historic Center's
Ronald Reagan Oral History project

Interview # ISR-V-D-2011 075

Marian Floto is a volunteer at the Reagan Home and a life-long resident of Dixon. She was interviewed on the dates listed below as part of the Dixon Historic Center's *Ronald Reagan* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Marian Floto was born and raised in Dixon, Illinois. She attended the First Christian Church, the same church that Ronald Reagan and his mother Nelle attended. Marian was very close to Nelle Reagan as they sang in the choir together. Marian remembers Ronald Reagan from their days in church together in the late 1920s and early 1930s. She recounts his time as a Sunday school teacher, conducting classes down in the furnace room of the church, as well as performing in the church plays. She also discusses the memories she had of going to Lowell Park during the summer. Marian and her husband were active volunteers at the Reagan Boyhood Home for quite some time. Her husband, Frank Floto, passed away in 2009 and Marian passed away in 2014.

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