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An Interview with Gertrude Childers

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

Interview # ISR-V-D-2010-060

Gertrude Childers is a native of Dixon, and was one of the many who Ronald Reagan rescued from drowning at Lowell Park in 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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Gertrude Childers, *Ronald Reagan*, ISR-V-D-2010-060

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Gertrude Childers is a native of Dixon, Illinois. She was one of the seventy-seven people that Ronald Reagan is credited as rescuing while he worked as a lifeguard at Lowell Park in Dixon. During her high school sophomore year during the summer of 1931, she was knocked unconscious while swimming and “Dutch” swam out and brought her back to shore. She also discusses how her older sister attended school with Ronald Reagan. Gertrude Childers passed away in 2012, one year after the Reagan centennial. Gertrude passed away on Aug. 10, 2012.

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