

East Falls Past--Weddings to Remember

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June is the month for weddings.

On June 6, 1981, a group of local senior citizens met at the Falls of Schuylkill Library reminiscing about “Weddings To Remember.” Some even brought their wedding dresses and photographs along. Gerontologist Cherie Snyder (left) facilitated this group oral history session which was part of a series co-sponsored by the Falls Library and INTERAC Senior Center. The session was taped for posterity.

The participants remembered:

- Ordering wedding cake from Rosie’s Bakery located on lower Ainslie near Conrad.
- Having wedding pictures taken by “Mucky” Brownsworth whose shop was on Midvale Avenue (in Odd Fellow’s Hall).
- Holding single ring wedding ceremonies.
- Honeymooning in Atlantic City or New York.
- Shopping for wedding gowns on South Street
- Planning quiet weddings during World War II when most men were getting ready to go overseas.
- Having difficulty getting a dress to fit during World War II.
- Witnessing the day Elizabeth Dobson Altemus *[photo]* was married at St. James the Less or Lizanne Kelly was married at St. Bridget.
- Buying a new house on Ainslie Street for \$6,950 or during the Depression for \$2000 – perfect for newlyweds.

