

The following interview is with Mr. Edward Bernards on April 5, 1978. He is a life-time resident of the Dutch-Catholic community of Verboort. He was born in 1900, in the very same house he is living in presently. He was recommended to the oral historian as a good candidate by Charles Colegrove, the County Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, who considers Mr. Bernards as somewhat of a local historian in his own right.

In the following interview, he talks abouts the original settlement of the town of Verboort, the original families, the farming activities in this rural community, the importance of the Catholic Church, the various social activities, and life in general.

The interview supplements the book, The Verboort Centennial 1875-1975, which gives an excellent historical account of the town, its people and it's purpose.