

Janet Skadan - interview June 22, 2000

- granddaughter of Ferdinand Schmitz
- grew up on the Schmitz Estate

- grandfather bought cherry tree from Japan for his

- garden

- Mother Emmy Hartman - daughter of Ferdinand Schmitz

- lived on an estate belonging to Ferdinand Schmitz

- ↳ Uncle lived on the other side

- ↳ grandparents also lived there

- talks about the woods behind her house

- grew up during the Depression

- ↳ born in 1923 - Janet Skadan

- after her grandfather died, the garden was cared by a Japanese gardener Koshio and his wife Shagino

- ↳ during WWII they were interned at Tule Lake

- ↳ after WWII they came back to work for Janet Skadan's uncle

- Ferdinand Schmitz intent for creating Schmitz Park and leaving it to the City: small reminder of what the community looked like before



it was logged and settled. Also it was to remain natural; only the use of native plants.

Grand father came from Germany  
↳ started The Butler Hotel  
(2nd and James)

↳ sent for his wife-to-be

↳ after she came his hotel burned down

↳ he rebuilt the Hotel in Pioneer Square

Janet went to Alki Elementary, Madison Junior High and West Seattle High School