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PREFACE

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Leontina Schraeder at 85 lives alone, is alert, and does her own housework. She is very close to her family -- two daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The youngest child of Lorenz Rihn III and Elizabeth Conrad, Tina was born in Castroville and grew up in the house she now lives. After attending St. Louis School, she began working in a millinery shop and later went to work for the postmaster, Alex Tondre. She became postmistress of Castroville in 1919 and served until 1929, when she married and moved to D'Hanis. She and Frank Finger had two daughters and she raised two daughters of Frank's from his first marriage. After Mr. Finger's death in 1943 Tina again went to work, this time in D'Hanis as a store clerk. In 1946 she moved back to the family home and has lived here ever since. She married Adolph Schraeder in 1966. She was again widowed in 1972 .

Tina tells about growing up in Castroville, how much she enjoyed her childhood. She tells about St. Louis Day in the early 1900's and other Church activities her family was involved in.

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