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Recorded on cassette by Jeffrey P. Lysaught of 4409 W 62 Shawnee Mission, Kansas of a conversation between Lysaught and Miss Mc Gregor of Lawrence, Kansas at her home.

[First let us talk about how you first came to know about the family.] They lived near where my sister and her husband lived. My sister and her husband then lived at 1538 Vermont and the Slyches lived at 1617 or 1645, I cannot be sure but at anyrate the 16 hundred block on Massachusetts. My sister and Mrs. Slyche belonged to the same club and knew each other well and much earlier than that when Mr. Slyche was a student here at K.U. and Mr. Rice also was a student, they knew each other then, and Mr. Rice at that time was not married and lived with his parents in the old stone house just north of the Catholic Church. It is now gone. It was torn down oh about four, five or six years ago. Well, at any rate, when the Slyches were married they came to live at the Rice's home, that would be my brother-in-law's parents home in this old stone house. [What year do you think this was, roughly.] Well, probably in the 1880's but I cannot give you the date. My brother-in-law graduated in 1891 from the University and Mr. Slyche must have been about the same age, and when he was a student, Mr. Slyche, he lived in, well, to be called a trailer now, but of course people didn't know about trailers in those days, but at any rate, he lived in a wagon that was covered over and I think that at one time lived with another fellow, sometimes alone with himself and so on. He was rather short of money. I'm not sure whether he was employed with the University yet, I think not but I think he may have been graduated or almost at the graduation point when he married. Now his wife's name was Ophelia and I can't right now but I may before you leave, think of her last name at that time. [Wasn't it Aptel?] Yes that <sup>is</sup> it Aptel-A-X-T-E-L and she came from Wheaton, I mean she had gone to school at Wheaton College, Illinois. How she had met him I am not quite sure,