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March, 1944

James Zimmer

James Griffith Zimmer's birthplace.



LYN BROOK SANATORIUM

My Home

Charles H. Zimmer,
my grandfather
said he would
purchase a boat
if my mother
gave birth to a
boy. April 10, 1932
at the Lynbrook
sanitarium a boy
was born. The thought was executed



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On the boat



soon afterward. I was
a seaman at two months.

Almost every Saturday and Sunday
thereafter I was loaded into the "88" as
the boat was called, cradle and all.

Between three and eight I took several
trips to Washington, Glens Falls and Greenport
where some of my relatives live.

Before I went to school I went to
Nursery School. My mother took me
almost every day.

When I was quite young I had a dog
named "Skipper". Several times he came



Jan. 1933

home limping from
being run over by
cars. The dog-catchers
got him because he
chased cars.

At four I went
to Florida to see my
grandfather, grandmother,
aunt and cousin. Once
on the way (we went
by train) I questioned a Hindu as to the reason



Oct. 1935 3½ yrs. old.



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In Florida in 1937



June 1937 (Kindergarten Band)



April 10, 1937 (5th birthday)

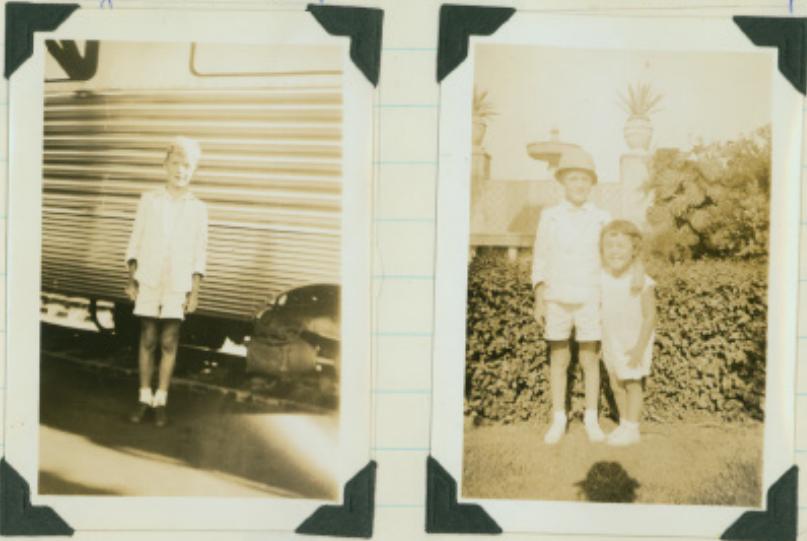
On the Gram June 1938

for his long hair
and strange cloth-
ing. Was my mother
embarrassed! I
enjoyed Florida
very much.

In 1938 I had
a "strep" throat and went with my mother

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Going to Florida Apr. 1939 In Florida with my cousin



to a farm in Connecticut for recuperation.

I again went to Florida at the age of seven. I traveled all over the state. We went to a couple of Islands Gulf of Mexico (a shell collector's paradise). I have many shells, trophies, etc. from my trips to Florida.

I have had several close scrapes in my life. Once at an early age I fell from my grandfather's garage roof (his garage

Christmas Day 1939



is under the house and I was on a small roof over the inclined entrance) while watching him work on it. My head was within an inch of cement on all sides! I was shaken up a bit, cut and bruised but not hurt very badly. I bear a small scar under my nose yet. Another time I fell from my grandfather's car. If he'd stopped my head was rubbing against the wheel! I was hardly hurt from these accidents but

In 2nd grade play June 1939 As Sandman



I broke my arm by falling from a chair!

I went to Camp Chenango on Lake Otsego in Central New York in the summers of 1941 and 42. I enjoyed it very much.

January 1943 found me with whooping cough and I had it for three months. I missed mid-year examinations. I was on a basket-ball team but I missed all the games.

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Signed

In baseball since 1939



I now have a dog named "Lupa". About 3 years ago my father's boss gave her to us. He had to get rid of her because she chased and caught a deer. The game warden said he would shoot her on sight. She is a full-blooded German Shepherd.

I had several cats but I do not have any now.

I am eleven and go to Marion Street School. I was on our class basket-ball team this year. We won eight out of nine games and won the pennant.

Jan 1943 In my back yard a puddle was frozen over while I had whooping cough.

I was allowed to skate on it when I got a little better.



My life is composed of many interesting activities other than my big trips. I bowl, ride, go to the movies and go to the city. I take cornet lessons. Since I was nine I have been a cub scout. My mother is a den mother.

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My present dog, "Lupa"



Within the next century I hope to make an addition to this poor piece of literature but my efforts are spent now.