

## **Memories of Chester, Herman Rademacher Series, Williamson School Video Transcript**

Herman Rademacher: Next is Williamson School, where I spent my time in “jail” there, graduated from there in 1944. There were only 7 classrooms there then (he laughs).

Deb Schiff, Chester Library’s Local History Librarian: Did you have any favorite subjects?

Herman Rademacher: No, not really. But a little bit of background about it – I was one of the few people that skipped kindergarten. I went strictly to first grade; my parents couldn’t see kindergarten. So I graduated when I just turned 17 (from high school) because I was younger than anybody else in the class. At that point in time there were 7 classrooms, and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade had a wall between them that could be taken down and moved back so you could have one huge room there. They joined together all the other classrooms. Then they did build a place for kindergarteners, which was down actually in one of the rooms they built on the back of the building. Then it changed, and then it had 8, 9 classrooms.