

Mrs. Clarabelle Hughes

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(Evelyn speaks)

2002, and I'm-

<tape breaks until 0:0:10>

(Evelyn continues)

To interview Mrs. Clarabelle Hughes, and with us; as you may be able to see is uh- Bernie-Bernie (non-transcribed family name) of Betty Lou Rawley. And we will be getting all the background information that we can from Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes is ninety-one years old.

<tape breaks>

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Nineteen-ten

(Evelyn speaks)

Nineteen ten, alright! Two-two ah- decades here. Ah-Mrs. Hughes, I would like you to go back as far as you can, our purpose is to try to recapture as much of the history in the African-American community that we can. So when you're no longer here, nobody else will be able to tell this story, that you can tell, so you see how precious and how valuable you are to us. So what I'm going to want you to do, is to go back and tell us about your grandparents if you remember them, even if your grand-if you go back to your great grandparents tell us about them, and what you remember

(Mrs. Hughes)

Well I don't remember anything about my great grandparents, but my grandparents on my mother's side, came from Brown Mountain, and my-my grandparents on my father's side came from Mitchell River

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm. and your mother's name was maiden name was-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Moore-

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes continues)

Nora Moore

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And her father was named Joe Moore, and her mother's name was Elizabeth Moore

(Evelyn speaks)

So your great grandmother was Elizabeth Moore?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My grandmother

(Evelyn speaks)

Your grandmother was Elizabeth Moore

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-huh

(Evelyn speaks)

And that-and then there was Joseph?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Moore-

(Evelyn speaks)

And on your father's side the names were-?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Caroline Thompson

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

<Speaking very faintly> and I don't know about his father

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, and Caroline Thompson was your daddy's mother?

(Mrs. Hughes)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright! <very faint spoken non-transcribed statement> you we-we said earlier that you were related to uh-the other Mitchells in ah-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The other Thompsons

(Evelyn speaks)

Other Thompsons in-in ah-Elkin who came off the Mitchell River. You remember any of them do you know any of the people there, and how your related?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No-no just distant cousins is all I ever known about them

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Cause I wasn't raised up right with them you know, I was grown, when I-when I finally got in touch with them

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, do you remember the work that your ah-grandparents did? And-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Farmed, they were farmers

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, and did they own their own farm?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My grandparents on my mother's side owned they own farm uh-over there on down there on Ararat next to the graveyard (non-transcribed statement). They owned land over there

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then that's where they stayed, lived there until they died

(Evelyn speaks)

Well how-who lived at Brown Mountain?

(Mrs. Hughes)

They moved from Brown Mountain to Mount Airy

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, were they married in Brown Mountain?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They was already married, all the children, they had all the children except one when they came from Brown Mountain

(Evelyn speaks)

So what did they do in Brown Mountain?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Farmed, they farmed

(Evelyn speaks)

Did they own their own farm there?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I really don't know

(Evelyn speaks)

You don't know, did-do you remember what they farmed?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I don't remember that either

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok, so when ah- they came here, did they buy their own farm?

(Mrs. Hughes)

I don't know I really don't know

(Evelyn speaks)

What did they raise here, do you remember what they put on their farm?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No cause I wasn't-I wasn't born ah-I mean I don't remember my grandmother

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And my grandfather was already dead

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I-I don't remember my grandmother from my mother's side

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I just remember my grandmother from my father's side, where they-she lived right next door to us

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, so when your grandparents came here, that's when your ah-father-,let me see who-who was born here?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

In my family?

(Evelyn speaks)

Your mother and father-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They-they was-neither one of them was born in Mount Airy

(Evelyn speaks)

They were born in Brown Mountain and-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Near Mitchell River

(Evelyn speaks)

Mitchell River?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I-I really don't know where my grand-where my father was born

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But my mother was born in Brown Mountain

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, alright. And then she moved here, tell us about your mother and your parents

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well, my father worked at the quarry near all his life, and after the depression came on and he had to get a job working for cleaning people's yards

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Out there, around people's houses

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And my mother she used to work for people at day work, you know when we was growing up. And after we got grown and we went to work, she didn't have to work no more, and she stayed at home until she passed you know

(Evelyn speaks)

And that was here? In Mount Airy-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Here in Mount Airy

(Evelyn speaks)

You remember some of the family's she worked for?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She used to work for some (non-transcribed family name), Mr and Mrs. (non-transcribed family name) and she worked for-

(Niece speaks faintly in the background)

John Metcalf

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

John Metcalf

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Was it John Metcalf, you sure?

(Niece speaks faintly in the background)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I thought it was the other Metcalf, John's brother, I forget his name

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Who-who was that woman she worked for that ah-?

(Niece speaks faintly in the background)

The Brannocks

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Brannocks

(Niece speaks faintly in the background)

The Brannocks

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She worked for some Brannocks, Mr. and Mrs. Brannocks and lo- lots of people, because she would wash and iron-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes continues)

And she would do day work

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And lots of people that I don't- I don't even remember their names, to tell you the truth about it

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, yeah uh- how many brothers and sisters do you have? How many children did they have?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

10

(Evelyn speaks)

Whoa!

<Parties share slight chuckle>

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-Do you remember their names?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yes!

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, tell us their names

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Our, my oldest-oldest one was Lily, Curtis, Clarabelle, Rosie, Elizabeth, Jon D, Arnette, Kathleen, Robert, and Alfondis

(Evelyn speaks)

In that order?

(Niece speaks)

Rob-rob-

(Niece speaks)

Alfondis came before Robert

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The rest of them, I think is in order

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, yeah

(Niece speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, ok yeah, Robert is the one that-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, the baby

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, so, your-your family raised ten children near the rock quarry in a-in a house

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) did they <clears throat> well they, did they own their own land and house?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, when my mother and father got married they already had the house built, a two room house

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

There, right down the street there where Lib Pilson

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes continues)

Lived, and Lib Pilson is still is in the house, my father had built before he got married, two rooms

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then they added on to it afterwards

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And that house is still there

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, and they added on to it

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they added-renewed it, it looks nice in there and everything, and then; we was all grown except one child we had this house built right there on the corner

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, this-this white house right here on the corner

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-and the children were grown

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, the children were growing. And the last-the baby child was born about a week wasn't it

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yeah after we moved up there

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Huh?

(Sister speaks)

After we moved

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It was about a week after we moved up there in the house I guess

<All parties speak at once and non-transcribed>

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks, but is non-transcribed)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And the owned the land all the way over to, where that; you know those little houses that goes down there, I don't know where you go

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, oh yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Starts on GreenHill Road

(Evelyn speaks overlapping Mrs. Hughes)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And all- all that land, all the land that them houses is built on, except for that up there on the-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Where, when you go this road, around that way, coming to us

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Straight up through up the hill

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

All that land from there from-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Coming up through right there behind from where I live

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We owned that

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, uh-alright, from ah-Greenhill Road

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Not all the way-not all the way near Greenhill Road, you see this road right here where you came in on right?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yes, right here

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, and if you take straight up the hill

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And that's where we owned from, that road right this way. From this road right there

(Evelyn chuckles)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Right-right back down under the hill here

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Where I live, the houses go-the houses goes, starts right on-starts on GreenLine <*surely meaning Greenhill*> I think but-

(Evelyn speaks)

I see

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We didn't own all that out there you see

(Evelyn speaks)

I see

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We owned this-this back this way, and we stopped, up this way right behind this house

(Evelyn speaks)

I see, alright

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But we, but that-that including, that include the house where I live and Cliff lives in

(Evelyn speaks)

It did include-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, it did include that because it belonged up to- that's on the main road

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But see a bunch of that was sold to (non-transcribed noun), on this; right down behind this house

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ah-how did they get that much land, do you know, what they did for it?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My dad-my dad-my-my father bought, bought it before he got married

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

All hisself, bought hisself this lot, right out there at them houses back there

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, well he must have saved his money

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And when he bought the land, he built a two room house before he got married you see?

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-Tell us then about when you was-when you were a child in your family, ah-(non-transcribed statement) you had-there were ten children, what was the relationship like? What is the expectation of the children? What did you all do for entertainment as children?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

<Chuckles> uh-I don't know, we just use to play like other children, and we use to-the community use to have entertainment stands every Saturday night, and we'd go to them for entertainment. And we always went to church and Sunday school, so we was what you say born and raised in the church, and went to Sunday school every Sunday, and and ah-went to different ones of our neighbors house to play on Sundays and things like that. And-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We got along with our neighbors just fine. Just like-a lot of us sisters and brothers. We use to have two-two young men, two boys that was older than we was; and they lived right across the street from us. And they was cousins. And when my mother wanted to go to town for something during the week like that, she'd have these two lil, two boys to come and babysit us

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they were just like our big brothers

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And we all got along just fine, until you know (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed first names) Davis

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, I remember

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they-they was ah- just like our big brothers up until they passed

(Evelyn speaks)

Neighborhoods were a little different then weren't they?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, most of them was

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah (non-transcribed statement), when you said neighborhood, ah-uh-a community entertainment, what kind of affairs, or gatherings did the community have?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well I'll tell you what happened, we had a church over where the graveyard was at

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And it got burned down-

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, and that's on what we call Old Ararat

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Old Ararat, yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, and what's that road that goes through there?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mountain View Road

(Evelyn speaks)

On Mountain View Road

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

That's right

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And it got burned down, so they started having entertainments, and they started having church in the school house. And it was right where-where the Jones school is at now

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But it was on, it was on a separate road, instead back off the road, and there-there was a white man, his last name I think was Rosenwald, and he ah- died, and left, he had a lot of money. And put it in charge of somebody before he died, to have schools built for the people they didn't have, for the communities that didn't have no decent schools

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they was for black and white

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And so, but you had to have raise a thousand dollars, the separate community did. And then he was (non-transcribed statement)everything else to it for the- for the school, so we had entertainers to raise money for the school, entertainers to raise money for the church

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Raise-raising money for the school, and the church at the same time

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And ah-that's the reason that Ararat that church built over here,

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then, they had it was a four room school house built by that (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, mmm-hmm, what was the name of that school, do you know?

(Sister speaks)

Just Ararat School, Ararat-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Just Ararat, Ararat-

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed questions)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, that's as far as I know, that's all it was

(Evelyn speaks)

And what-what grades did it go up to?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

7th

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, oh the 7th grade?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you remember the year or either how old you were when you went to that school, or the church- I guess the church?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well they had the church built and the school the same year

(Evelyn speaks)

Where did they go to school before?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They went to school in the church, I mean they went to church in the school house, the school house was right there on-on the road

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, you-you went to church here-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Its a whole church building; we had the church service right there in the school house

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, but you were already going to school there?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yes, mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, and what-year-what was-and what year was that?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well-

<All parties speak non-transcribed statements together in unison>

(Evelyn speaks)

You went there in 1st grade right?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Oh yes

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, that's where I started out at

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok *<very faint>*

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And, but the school teacher's name was Mr. and Mrs. Two teachers, Mr. and Mrs. (non-transcribed family name), he was a Methodist preacher, he came from downtown

(Evelyn speaks)

Now you talk about the program, but you still haven't described to me what was, some of the activities and things held, do you remember that?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) you had to raise a thousand dollars for the school-

(Evelyn speaks)

But what did you do specifically?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We had the entertainers, the community

(Evelyn speaks)

Who would, who were the entertainers?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We had good-we had stands and sold stuff, not-not-not entertaining people

(Evelyn speaks)

O, ok, alright you sold things

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Sold food, like cake, watermelons-

(Evelyn speaks)

Aah

(Mrs. Hughes continues)

Ice cream-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Lemonade, anything that on-on Saturday nights you take-take it over at the school house, and they were sell it to people

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh!

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed adjective) people would come from miles around

(Non-transcribes statement from unknown party)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And entertain, and they called them entertainers

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's what they called them

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, good! That's where I'm getting at

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, yes

<All parties speak non-transcribed statements in unison>

(Evelyn speaks)

And they called them entertainers for entertainment

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We called them entertainers

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh. Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And people would come from miles around; to you know just to be going somewhere

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, mm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) did you tell her that?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I got to tell you about that, that one time-there was one time, danced one time I done that. I hope they don't put that in there.

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, yeah, no

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I'll tell you about that in a minute or two (non-transcribed statement) was her name Ida? It was somebody I used to work with, and I remember that (non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

How was, how was his sister? He had a sister named Ida

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, somebody-

(Evelyn speaks)

Now Ida, but his sister Ida married ah- Alonzo here

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) She was their sister, but I forget her name. That must have been her name, she was his sister Ida may have uh-(non-transcribed statement)

(Unknown voice)

Is it on now? Its on-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But anyway-

(Evelyn speaks)

I wanted the entertainment, the entertainers; could you go back and tell us (non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

<Chuckling> and they had-they had entertainers to raise money to- for the school and the-the church, we had a lot of entertainers one time there was a-a guest, (non-transcribed statement) people his name was Austin Thompson. We also had a man that could play a guitar; he had a guitar there that night. And he start-

(Evelyn speaks)

And who-who was he?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Walter Whitlock, and ah-he started playing his guitar, so Austin brung (non-transcribed noun) girls around and started to teach them how to dance, and so they danced and had a good time that night. And then uh-the church people they'd come, the deacon-churched these two girls, two of the girls. My sister Lilly, and her friend Pauline they (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They did (non-transcribed adjective) dancing, and I thought it was kind of dirty cause I sat there, and looked at them dancing, and then (non-transcribed statement) church (non-transcribed statement) dancing.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, now what-what does "churching" them mean?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well they took-the deacon took them out they had to leave the party, you know

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And told them they was sorry,

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And that they wouldn't do it no more, and ask the church to forgive them

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, so they know they-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And that's all you know, they said no more dancing

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok *<chuckling from all parties>* alright, ah-so there were no dancing, ah- obviously for entertainment but yet

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, (non-transcribed statement)I mean just in the church

(Evelyn speaks)

Well (non-transcribed word) in the school, but-but ah- the community activities-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) I guess they could if they want to, but ah-the things, they belonged to the church, and they-the deacon said it was a sin to dance

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

So there was a (non-transcribed word) it wasn't just because it was-it, well the church was having something, because they belonged to the church, the members of the church.

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They thought it was a sin to dance, that's why they churched them there.

(Evelyn speaks)

Well, let me ask; go back to the school, to get something clear on the building of the school, uh- from the -uh Rosenwald farm. Was that a new school, or different school, than the school that was there, when you-when the church burned?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It was, it's the nicest school we didn't have but two minutes (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And so this was a nice four room, four classrooms-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then a cloak rooms, and a place to teach learn-to teach the girls how to cook

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Domestics they called it?

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-Home Ec

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Home ec, uh-huh

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-do you remember how old you were when ah-in grades, when the Rosenwald school went up? You remember how old you were when you went in the four room school?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No I don't-

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you know what grade?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Because the reason, the reason I don't remember is because I got- there's another thing, I want, I'd look to bring out, that I didn't think was right

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I stayed in 4th grade, four years. My class, 4th grade class stayed in the 4th grade four years. The teachers, they didn't even give us promotion cards then

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They just had books they wrote your-you know like you know just like they do in Dobson, all that you know a roll book

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they didn't-they didn't have sense enough, I'ma put it like that now, cause of the way felt-feel about it

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

To put in there, who-who would you know go to another grade, who would stay behind or whatever

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They didn't have none of that in there, and so since that wasn't in there, the teach-the new teachers just left you in that grade, and I vow that in 4th grade I know, maybe about every book by heart. I know every poem in the-in there that I had ever learned, I could still (non-transcribed very fast spoken statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Right now, I can still say most of them poems; I knew that 4th grade almost familiar

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And it was the whole class

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

A class of children

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And the parents I don't know why in the world the parents let that happen

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It's a wonder how they did understand (non-transcribed statement). Now if I had a child, and they kept them-them same type of-I'd go to the school, I'd go to them, and find out something

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But they didn't have transportation then either

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh (non-transcribed mutter)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That was one of the things, that they didn't have

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And so that, and then, I guess you wouldn't know who you went to, to tell you the truth about it

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

At least they didn't, the 4th grade, the 4th grade did a whole bunch (non-transcribed statement) school sessions

(Evelyn speaks)

So-so the school went through the 7th grade, and you went through the 7th grade?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, and then I graduated the 7th grade, I was about sixteen instead of being twelve

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Now you see what I'm talking about

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah!

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah!

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

When I got out and stayed straight in twelve years old!

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

When I got out I was sixteen

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Nineteen and twenty, 6 or 7 one

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I think it was twenty-six, or twenty-seven

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yeah, I'm glad you pointed that out because when when we try to go back, like I said, you say first grade at 6 years old I would have never figured out

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

That you know, the year (non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Exactly

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

No

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Almost (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Well that didn't even occur to me you should've graduate in four years

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) we Thompsons' was what people called bright in school made A's and B's in my family

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, and you could have taught the 4th grade <all parties chuckle>

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I know, I know

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes continues)

I could have taught grade school <all parties chuckle>

(Evelyn speaks)

That's right, so ah-lets see where we left off with the children, ah- before we get back to the school again. Ah- we talk about leisure time, what were some of the games that were played in the community? During leisure time, because you play games, during the entertainment

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Oh, no we didn't, I guess we never really thought about it

(Evelyn speaks)

I guess they really didn't play games

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We didn't

(Evelyn speaks)

They didn't have any games for the children to play back in the-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well because (non-transcribed statement) school

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But we didn't play any games, we just sit and talk; there wasn't any games

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok. But what were some of the topics that you were talking about at school(*very faint non-transcribed statement*)?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Baseball more than anything else

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, (very faint non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Then the teachers (non-transcribed statement) a volleyball net, and get a volley ball team

(Evelyn speaks)

Hmmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's the only thing (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Just play baseball (non-transcribed statement)

<*tape breaks briefly*>

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, alright, then lets, tell-tell me about ah-the church, ah-you <tape calibrates> started about the church burned down, and ah-all of you went to church, and the family went to the church-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) my father didn't go that much, but my mother, he didn't take us to church, he went (non-transcribed statement) church when we got (non-transcribed statement) Sunday morning and took us to church over there on Ararat

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) and ah-my mother belonged to the church all the time, she was the one took us to church and ah-taught-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, Sunday School?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I taught Sunday school

(Sister speaks but it is non-transcribed)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

For about fifteen years over there

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My mother taught until she passed

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Did the church have any special gatherings? Ah-I guess this was a church school (non-transcribed adjective) with entertainment (non-transcribed statement) church

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They would have it at different times

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Different times

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) church (non-transcribed statement).

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

And what did the church that burned look like? What-what kind of building was it?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Just a one-one room building

(Evelyn speaks)

Did it look like a house?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It was long like a church you know?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You know like a church

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, yeah. Did it have a steeple?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I don't know, I really don't know, I just I wasn't looking-

(Evelyn speaks)

I'm just curious

(Mrs. Hughes interrupts)

I just-I just don't know, I really (non-transcribed statement), I don't know about it

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you remember the history of that church, and where it-where it came from? Who-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, I don't

(Evelyn speaks)

The (non-transcribed statement) the (non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I don't know where that maybe it belonged to some of them, probably belonged to some of the McLeods.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Cause the (non-transcribed statement) the lot rent man lived down in there, and that's where they used to live at

(Evelyn speaks)

That's right

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It belonged to the Mcleods

(Evelyn speaks)

Who-ah-who was the p-ah-pastor of the church, do you remember when you were?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No (non-transcribed statement) all about it, tell her see if she can find it? (Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, (non-transcribed statement) because we need to get the history of that church

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Because I've heard of that (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok ah-did your family do any gardening?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Any huh?

(Evelyn speaks)

Any gardening?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Oh yeah, yeah.

(Evelyn speaks)

When you were at school?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My parents would garden all the time, we done all that down in the summer time

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Beans, (non-transcribed noun/vegetable). She used to can anything she could get her hands on. She (non-transcribed statement) she canned anything that we grew, and things that the (non-transcribed statement) grew.

(Evelyn laughs)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She, did, she would make a soup-a soup mixture

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And-

(Sister speaks but it is not transcribed)

She canned beans, and she canned meat and she canned vegetables. And she canned pickles, and (non-transcribed statement). Pickled corn, pickled beets, and (non-transcribed vegetable/noun) all kinds of preserves. Apples and peaches.

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) and a cow to kill every fall

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We didn't kill no cow every fall.

(Evelyn speaks)

(Sister speaks)

Papa did

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, not every-you know, you don't kill cows the way you kill calves

(Sister speaks)

You do

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) kill cows

(Sister speaks but it is non-transcribed)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Sometimes we did, anyway-

(Evelyn speaks)

If you didn't have the milk, you got it from the cow?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, nyway, Ima put it like this. We didn't ever go hungry.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's the one thing-one thing I can say. We never went hungry?

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah- there were two (non-transcribed statement). What were some of the home remedies? (Non-transcribed statement) out of ten children-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Castor oil, and Vicks

(Evelyn laughs along with the sister)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

When we were young my mama use to make a tea, out-out of ah (non-transcribed statement) different herbs (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) everlasting and what-whatever you call that (non-transcribed statement)?

(Sister speaks but it is not transcribed)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks but it is non-transcribed)

(Evelyn speaks)

She made a tea out of that?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, she made a tea, you could make a cough syrup and a tea out of it. You made a tea if you wanted too, and you could take that same tea, put a lot of sugar to it, and make a cough syrup

(Evelyn speaks)

So what were the-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And she made the cough syrup and the tea with it

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok for what?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Colds

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-ok for the-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Colds

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, for colds. I didn't know about no cough syrup back then when I was a child

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I didn't know what cough syrup was, except what kind she made

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, what uh-what other illnesses, childhood illnesses did you have that-?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well we got measles and mumps

(Evelyn speaks)

Did you-did you have any remedies for that?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, I don't think so

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, just you went to the doctor?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The doctor come to us

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You know, when we were ill

(Evelyn speaks)

Who was the doctor then?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Dr. Mayfield, he was- you know, him and my father worked at the quarry-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The quarry had their own doctor. So it was Dr. Mayfield at the time

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmmm-hmm, mmm-hmm (non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And all he have to do is when my father went to work he'd tell him (non-transcribed) Dr. Mayfield up there

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yeah, did anybody ever go to the hospital?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Not back then

(Evelyn speaks)

Nobody ever went to the hospital. Did you have a hospital?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They always had a hospital as far as I can remember

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But uh-we didn't never have to go to it, when we got sick we didn't have to go to the hospital

(Evelyn speaks)

Where did your mother have her children?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Home

(Evelyn speaks)

And who delivered?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Dr.-they had Dr.-Dr. Mayfield part of the time, and then Dr. (non-transcribed family name)

(Evelyn speaks)

And then-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I don't know how you spell that but-

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, Dr. (non-transcribed family name) and Dr.-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Dr. Mayfield

(Evelyn speaks)

Mayfield, do you remember to treat, they didn't-she didn't have any drugs?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-uh, uh-uh

(Evelyn speaks)

<Very faintly spoken> With her babies, no, not back in those days. Mmm-hmm, ok. Um, alright we talked about school, ah- and I think you walked to school because it was close

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Right there, had to be less than two minutes almost *<slight chuckle>*

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, yeah, very good, ah-and I think you mentioned your teachers. Uh-(non-transcribed statement). Do you remember ah-your teachers? First grade, second grade-?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My first grade teacher was Mrs. Jenkins

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And ah-she might have been my second grade teacher too, she probably was, I imagine she was I'm not sure how-how many years she taught when I was a child. When I went over there, cause he would-there was a Methodist preacher from downtown. (Non-transcribed statement) Then Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins

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(Evelyn speaks)

Who taught you those four years in fourth grade?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) it was a different teacher every year!

(Evelyn speaks)

Is that right?!

<Background noise/video calibration lasts from 29:53 through 30:46 disabling transcription>

(Evelyn speaks)

Did you start school at 5 or 6?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

6

(Evelyn speaks)

6 years old

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, and we knew our alphabets before I started school. Our mother always taught our alphabets at home

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

So when we started school, we already knew them

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, and ah-(non-transcribed statement) at fourth?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, ah-anything else? What was school lunch like? Did you-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We eat when we come home (non-transcribed statement) she only (non-transcribed statement)

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(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statements) we went back to school about 8 o'clock

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, uh-you told us that-about (non-transcribed statement).

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Non-transcribed statement

(Evelyn speaks)

Could you tell us about the general relationship in the community? (Non-transcribed statement) and what was it like?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It was-it was good I always thought (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Sister speaks but it is non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And Mr. and Mrs. (non-transcribed names) Dyson (non-transcribed statement) that's when Mr. McLeod moved in

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks but it is non-transcribed)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh- and I believe Bob and Josie Dyson back then lived next door to us, and Mrs. (non-transcribed family names) and they lived next door and-

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-where did they live? Josie and uh-Bob Dyson? Where (non-transcribed statement) down there?

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm,

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The house is still there

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, there's- it's back up (non-transcribed statement)-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Right there just between Lib Pilson

(Evelyn speaks)

On this side or the other side

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

On this side

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, the house right in the curb

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

On this side of the curb

(Sister speaks)

On the-on the other side, the house is still there!

(Evelyn speaks)

You say on the other side, but there's some trees there?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, exactly

(Sister speaks)

That's the same house!

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You know the road you take to get to Country Club?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah!

(Sister continues)

That's the same house

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok!

(Sister speaks)

That's the same house

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's where-

(Evelyn speaks)

Bobby?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, Bobby!

<From 32:17-32:20 all parties speak in unison disabling proper transcription>

(Mrs. Hughes continues to speaks)

What was it great grandfather?

(Evelyn speaks)

Great grandfather yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then their grandmother lived there

(Sister speaks)

That house is still there

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And them two were some of our best neighbors

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well not best ones, no but-

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah!

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) but yeah!

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) Mrs. Johnson

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) named Johnson, and a (non-transcribed statement) name (non-transcribed family name)

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah (laugh)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mrs. (non-transcribed first name) Johnson and Mrs. Pauline

(Sister speaks)

And Mrs. Galloway

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Let's see who, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Mittman, Mrs. Smith an Mrs. Galloway, everybody in this community was just-just brought up in this same church to for one thing to. People was just like sisters and brothers

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The children would just always, the children always got along good together, you know and-?

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, were there any white neighbors? Did you have any white neighbors?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Not until uh-the man by Dobson, he had a house right down the, right back next to Jones Mills, right down the street

(Evelyn speaks)

What-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That, that there was a house standing over near Dobson he rented it. He rented to white or black. That's where we-that's the first white neighbor we had over down that way

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

All the way up on-up above Satterfield's house- (non-transcribed statement). Up there on (non-transcribed family name)farm,

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

On this side of the road.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes continues)

You done been over there before? You know where the Bowman's house is?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Right across the road right there, there was a old white woman lived there until she died. Every-she just like, she was just like having a colored person-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well she was just like one of the community.

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And uh-over at, you know them don't you (non-transcribed name) you remember aunt-what was the name?

(Sister speaks)

Think it was Martin

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mrs. (non-transcribed name), Mrs. Martin

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Well the Davis' lived there too, didn't they?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, they had a farm there and *<very faint>* (non-transcribed statement).

(Evelyn speaks along with sister speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's (non-transcribed first name) Davis daddy; Mr. Tom, cause he-he married years after

(Evelyn gestures with sound non-transcribed)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But-

(Sister Speaks but it is not transcribed) <Maybe saying "Bowman, Walter and Rita Bow, or Bowman">

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah but, everybody, everybody just got along, everybody; especially the ones that was there in the church you know?

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And everybody got along just fine-

(Evelyn begins to speak)

(Mrs. Hughes interrupts)

Now the Dyson's, I think (non-transcribed first name) Dyson. She belonged to Samuel's Grove, but still, everybody, we all got-but still, it didn't make any difference, we all got along good together anyway

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Especially then, sounds good

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-so your you two didn't have any experiences or know anything about the workings of the Ku Klux Klan back in those days?

(Mrs. Hughes and sister speak)

Uh-uh

(Evelyn speaks)

Didn't have any encounters?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-uh

(Evelyn speaks)

Your two didn't have any encounters outside of the area?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

What?

(Evelyn speaks)

Did they, encounter any of the uh- Ku Klux Klan outside of the community?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No

(Evelyn speaks)

Did you all go to the movies?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah <*slight chuckle*>

(Sister laughs)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mrs. Directing of a movie, I figured you would ask about that

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mr. Charlie-and what- the Stuart- should I say, or I'll say the Stuart brothers had a café down on the corner of Virginia Street, I don't know if you remember anything like that or not

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

No! Mr. Charlie Stuart?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Charlie, and what was that other man's name? Jay-!

(Sister seems to speak)

Jay!

(Evelyn speaks)

Jay!

(Sister speaks)

The Carters were the ones-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Not the Carters! The Stuarts!

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) Stuart, aint it?

(Evelyn speaks)

Well-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mr. Carter and Jay

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Stuart yea, and (non-transcribed statement)-

(Sister speaks but it is non-transcribed)

(Sister speaks again)

Uh, I'll tell you in a minute, and then he had a son

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And what year did you put that on?

(Sister speaks)

He was about your age

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You sure?

(Sister speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Tom-

(Sister speaks)

Well Tom (non-transcribed statement) was Mr. Jay's son

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well the son this man had, he was tall, light skin heavy set, couldn't-

(Sister speaks)

He-he had a double name

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I know, I'm trying to think of it, I might think of it here in a few minutes, and he was good-good looking, look almost like a white person

(Sister speaks)

What was his mother's name?

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you both mean uh-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He-he, oh! His name was Edward Gilmore

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, Edward Gilmore, yeah,

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

His mother was a Gilmore

(Sister speaks)

Yes, I know I had his mother's name

(Evelyn speaks)

Gilmore-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And uh-

(Evelyn speaks)

Gilmore, and he was part- partner in the café?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, uh-uh

(Sister speaks)

His daddy

(Evelyn speaks)

His daddy?

(Sister speaks)

No

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, it's just the two, it's just Jay and Charlie, the Stuart brothers, it was two of them. The other man-

(Sister speaks)

Oh! The other one was Mr. Ed

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And he didn't work, he didn't have no interest, I think he just hung around there, I don't know if he still go up there, he didn't look-

(Sister speaks)

He worked at the hotel, or wherever he worked

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, he did, he was rich-

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, he worked in the hotel

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Or what we called it

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But anyway, they hadn't, they didn't have but- no place for the colored to go to the white, to the movies, they would stand on the street, you know?

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But these people would have somebody to watch the movie for and while and-they- (non-transcribed statement). I think that's the first movie we ever went to, down-I think we went that one time. They had it once a week, in this café. They would close up the café, it didn't, well it didn't close but you know-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They fix it up where we could sit and all

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They had a room where these two white folk, these two men would fix it up-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Some white men

(Evelyn speaks)

In the Stuart café?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

In the Stuart cafe-In the Stuart brothers café, about once a week. It didn't last long, I don't know, but it didn't last long. They only let us do it, one time. We could have went more than that, but we would have to get up and walk-

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You know

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, and then you would have to have transportation-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But we didn't go but one time. It was a silent movie of course

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, <slight chuckle> Tell me about the café now, ah-what did they-? Describe that café, what did they-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I don't know that much about it, about them, cause I hardly, really didn't stay-

(Evelyn speaks)

Go out that side of town

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

What where-now you say-where was it on the corner of Virginia Street?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

On the corner of Virginia and South Street

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And across from that there was another café', that was Dave Smith's café, and it was on the other corner right across from it.

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Two café's on the same street

(Evelyn speaks)

And-and, uh-whose was- Dave?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Dave, what did I say?

(Sister speaks)

Dave Smith-you said-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Dave Smith

(Sister speaks)

You said, Dave Stuart I believe

(Evelyn speaks)

Café', and so that was at the same time?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

About how old were you when you were (non-transcribed statement)-?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Watched the movie?

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok. Do you recall any other businesses when you were a child?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mr.-Mr. uh- the cleaning man wouldn't have been there when I was child was it?

(Sister speaks)

Mr. Carter you talking about?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Clarence-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement), he was on Virginia street

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)He was on Virginia Street?

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-no, no he wasn't-He was on uh-it couldn't have been Virginia Street. Not the, cause Virginia street down there wasn't it?

(Sister speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, cause he was the first-the second, not the second building on Main Street. He was behind it

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

In-behind it

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

In the base under one of them buildings

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, so-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But it was still on Virginia street

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, yeah ok

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But as you go down the steps on Main Street

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You know you gone down some steps

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It was one of them doors down them steps

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, but there was also a shoe store, was there a shoe store?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, and what's that man's name?

(Sister speaks)

Sam Williams

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It was his father's, it was his father's then

(Sister speaks)

Well, yes Sam and his father

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well, I just say Sam Williams then. Say William's shoe shop

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, and um-Sam, I need to get as many as I can

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That was his daddy, wasn't it his daddy? Owned the shoe shop, right next to that – I forgot what it was next to-

(Sister speaks)

The cleaners

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

It was right next to the cleaners?

(Sister speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-huh, yeah, yeah write that down. (Non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He still got the cleaners?

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, uh-huh. No, he still got that too

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He still got that too? Oh! I forgot, I forgot about that but the other man (non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

Is that-your cousin had a, your uncle had a shoe store down town too

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It wasn't Tucker then

(Evelyn speaks)

Who?

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) (non-transcribed first name)'s uncle

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Will Tucker

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Sister speaks)

That's, that's (Non-transcribed first and last name)'s brother

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, oh! What was the name Willy Tucker?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You remember, uh-huh

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah I remember, uh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's where it was

(Sister speaks)

It is right there close to where Brannock and Hiatt's in that section

(Evelyn speaks)

Is that right?

(Sister speaks)

Yup, mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

That's the main street

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Main Street, mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

Yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

Where-

(Sister speaks)

That's where it is on main street

(Evelyn speaks)

Was it a shoe store, or shoe shop?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Shoe shop

(Sister speaks)

Shoe shop

(Mrs. Hughes continues)

Fix-fixing shoes, mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Shoe-Oh! Oh, my goodness uh-Brannock and Hiatt ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I reckon it turned off hasn't it

(Sister speaks)

The lights on, it's not off if the lights on

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) the reason I ask is I didn't know if you remember all-

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you remember some of these businesses that the younger folks don't remember?

(Sister speaks)

That's right, mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

I forgot to ask were there any of these beauty shops, barber shops?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Barber shops, I (non-transcribed faint statement) don't remember

(Evelyn speaks)

None, back then?

(Sister speaks)

There was a taxi cab driver, what was his name? Branch Reynolds?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mr. Branch

(Sister speaks)

Branch Reynolds ran a taxi cab service

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He ran a taxi cab service, that one cab, but it was still a business

(Evelyn speaks)

That's right

(Sister speaks)

Branch Reynolds

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well at that time

(Evelyn speaks)

Where was located, was he on uh-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Virginia Street, I mean South Street. His house was behind it, wait a minute; was that Main Street or Main-South Street?

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, on South Street

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

On South Street,

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I was trying to think of the two other black women who fixed hair, I guess. What you call them beauticians?

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

I guess so, Mrs. Arlene/Irene Reynolds

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Was that wh-where, she was a real beautician Mrs. Irene/Arlene, I mean not Arlene/Irene-

(Sister speaks)

Yea, she started back then-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I'm talking about Leoni, who you (non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

Well Mrs. Arlene/Irene-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I forgot all about Mrs. Leoni, I don't think we didn't call her one, she just fixed-she just straightened your hair but that was all

(Evelyn speaks)

But yeah, but that was still a business

(Sister speaks)

That's still the same thing, she went to college

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She aint got no license for it

(Sister speaks)

Well (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn laughs while speaking)

We (non-transcribed statement) if we didn't have license

(Sister speaks)

Well we- (non-transcribed statement) that's alright, she was still a beautician

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But they say she-but there was three women there

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement), Mrs. Irene/Arlene Williams

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Irene/Arlene was a real one though wasn't she?

(Sister speaks)

She didn't have license

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She didn't

(Sister speaks)

Uh-uh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That was that-ah, Mr. Franklin's wife-

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, she had the license

(Sister speaks)

Yeah (non-transcribed statement), she had license

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And ah-

(Evelyn speaks)

Who was Albright?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement), that was her name?

(Sister speaks)

Her name was (non-transcribed a name) <may have stated "Davis">

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

May have been, I know (non-transcribed noun)

(Sister speaks)

I don't know about that (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

She fixed hair in the home?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, she fixed hair in the home (non-transcribed statement), I don't remember (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, somebody else might know about remember about that

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, they might

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Evelyn speaks)

Ah-so your saying the first (non-transcribed noun) beauty parlor belonged to-?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Ben Franklin

(Evelyn speaks)

Benjamin Franklin

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

As far as I know

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, and the first licensed beauty parlor-I mean body shop was-?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Her husband, what was his first name?

(Evelyn speaks)

Buster wasn't it?

(Sister speaks)

Buster-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, it wasn't Buster, it was-

(Evelyn speaks)

No-now that I remember-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks very faintly)

(Sister speaks very faintly)

(Sister speaks)

Was it the one who use to fix hair on Rockford Street?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She aint got no license

(Evelyn speaks)

Who was that?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She was ah-I forgot her last name

(Sister speaks)

And Mrs. Parker use to fix to

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

So she might have married I don't know, but I never knew her so I don't know nothing about that

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you remember her first name?

(Sister speaks)

Non-transcribed sound

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She ended up marrying Rev- (non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

Reverend Parker

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Reverend what?

(Sister speaks)

Parker, use to be the pastor over at Mallielu or St. Paul She was ah-the John's (non-transcribed name) baby sister, (non-transcribed first name) John's sister

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh that's right!

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

What was the name? What was (non-transcribed first name) John's baby sister name? Thelma? Was that her name?

(Sister speaks)

It wasn't Thelma

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I always thought it was her (non-transcribed statement) Reverend (non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

It wasn't Thelma

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She was (non-transcribed statement) what was his name?

(Evelyn speaks)

Who was his sister? We're going to have to find out about that

(Sister speaks)

Reverend Hodges

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Hodges

(Sister speaks)

Think it was Hodge, Reverend Hodge

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

H-O-, I think it was H-O-D-G-E-S something D

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm, (non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

She's the one who had the beauty parlor, when I say Mrs. Palmer, she was a Palmer before she had the marriage

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh! She was a Palmer, ok-

(Sister speaks)

Reverend Hodge's wife

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, not Reverend Palmer, no

(Sister speaks)

No, Reverend Hodges, mmm-hmm, he was a pastor over at St. Paul Methodist Church

(Mrs. Hughes peaks)

I'm trying to figure out, I can't remember if her name was Thelma or-

(Sister speaks)

No, it wasn't Thelma

(Mrs. Hughes speak)

I forgot his name

(Evelyn speaks)

Maggie might know

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm, I forget her name

(Evelyn speaks)

Now what about grocery stores, tell me about the-ah convenience stores, we-we had a lot of these, who had convenience stores you know back in those days?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

What is a convenience store?

(Evelyn speaks)

Where you go buy flour, and sugar, salt and

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Seems like a grocery store-grocery store

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, yeah <laughs>

(Sister speaks)

Business-like business store would have been

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We-we-we had one, we had two down there, one was, what? Mr. Sam Inman, and Mr. Fred Freeman-

(Evelyn speaks)

But-but he had-did he have any ah-(non-transcribed adjective) stores?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-uh

(Sister speaks)

Well, Mr. Tom Baileys

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Tom Baileys

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, alright

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, uh-huh, and where was it located?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

On top of the hill right up there

(Evelyn speaks)

I know you remember that

(Evelyn speaks)

That's right, I remember the store, (non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes mutters)

(Evelyn speaks)

I don't (non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Except our way

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

There was it there across the street from us the (non-transcribed adjective/noun)

(Sister speaks)

Mr. Willard Bowman

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, but that's what I was talking about (non-transcribed statement) it was a real store wasn't it

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, but it-yeah, but it could have been a convenience store too

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's who I'm talking about

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed first name) Bowman, and (non-transcribed first name) where was it?

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm, right across the road

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Right across the street, right by that outter house right there in the corner

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I think they knocked that down

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Because Mr. Parker run it for about a year or two

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And-

(Sister speaks)

And then Aaron run after Parker didn't he?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then Aaron run it for a long time

(Evelyn speaks)

And-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then Bowman

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm. Ah- he came after your folks

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My-

(Evelyn speaks)

So it was your grandfather, your daddy, what was your-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My daddy came in between them

(Evelyn speaks)

Your, daddy-Joe-What was your daddy's name?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Charlie

(Evelyn speaks)

Charlie

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Charlie Thompson

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, and ah-

(Sister speaks)

And then after Aaron run it Rick Penn run it. (Non-transcribed name) Strickland ran it for a bit-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, it wasn't none of my folks

(Sister speaks)

None of them

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed first name) Dodd

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And his wife

(Evelyn speaks)

And then ah-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Rick Penn, (non-transcribed mutter)

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, alright; this is (non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn continues)

-And the schools. Now that we got that, Maggie was telling me about ah-whomever had got this place, I don't remember; but she was telling me about this place down near in the area, down on this side of the house where you live. That there was some type of café or-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Right down there

(Sister speaks)

Uncle Joyce-

(Evelyn speaks)

No, down, she said it was on, off Main Street, down-down below ah-where the other café was on?

(Sister speaks)

Yeah that was there where-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, that was uncle Joyce, uncle Joyce

(Sister speaks)

Cafe

(Evelyn speaks)

So that's where he first opened?

(Sister speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Before he opened up over here, over there

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, ok, see I didn't remember that all

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

So ah-

(Sister speaks)

He would have a million cookers in the-in the house for awhile

(Evelyn speaks)

It was in the old house?

(Sister speaks)

It was here in the house, uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He loved to raise things <laughter>

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then he bought that land over there, I can't think of that name

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

And then ah-Mr. Joyce bought it, it was still a two room-a house?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, it was five rooms then

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They probably had some added on to it before we-

(Sister speaks)

Five rooms

(Evelyn speaks)

And so, then Mr. Arthur made it. Did he live there, or did he-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, he just rented it into a café, store or something like that. I don't know what you call it

(Sister speaks)

He didn't do nothing to it, he just moved in it. He didn't have to, you know remodel it or nothing like that

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I didn't say he did

(Sister speaks)

No, I was just telling her

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Oh, excuse me

(Sister speaks)

He let it remain as a house, you know?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, and he just left the rooms an everything

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, exactly what it was

(Evelyn speaks)

Was it entertainment there?

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, cause-yeah it was

(Unknown voice)

Dance on Saturday nights and Sunday nights

(Sister speaks)

Have a Picaloo

(Unknown voice)

And dance

(Evelyn speaks)

Did you eat?

(Sister speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We didn't have to go take a shower or nothing, just dance in the rubbing oils

(Sister speaks)

Yeah cause Mrs. Thelma, Mrs. Thelma she started cooking in there, her and Mr. Arthur-

(Evelyn speaks)

Thelma?

(Sister speaks)

Mr. Arthur's wife, Mrs. Thelma Joyce, she was cooking then

(Evelyn speaks)

Cooked the food

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm, they started it-

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, yeah

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm, But they still left the rooms, just how they was, they-

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, uh-huh

(Sister speaks)

Didn't remodel it or nothing like that

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you remember, I don't know how many dates is one this, do you remember ah-when Arthur Joyce worked in that, about?

(Sister speaks)

I was about twelve and thirteen years old, because that was after we moved down in that house now (non-transcribed name) house

(Unknown voice)

What year would that be?

(Sister speaks)

I was born in thirty-four, so that would have been about forty-six or forty-seven

(Evelyn speaks faintly)

Forty-six or forty-seven, ok.

(Man's voice)

Ok, yall go ahead

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah we were talking about ah-

(Man's voice)

Oh, ok

(Evelyn speaks)

I just want you to bring us up to date on some questions about how long Mr. Joyce had the house, and why he moved, and where he moved to

(Female attendee/unknown)

He had it for about two years, and he moved because of the white people on Country Club complaining about the noise that he made on the weekends

(Sister speaks)

It was a lot of noise

(Female attendee/unknown)

So he opened up a-

(Sister speaks)

Tobacco barn-

(Female attendee/unknown)

Tobacco barn, and he kept it for about thirty years ago

(Evelyn speaks)

Did he expand in anyway

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Female attendee/unknown)

He added a room built onto the barn

(Evelyn speaks)

So that was the Saturday Night Live

(Male voice speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

Every night

(Parties in unison)

Every night

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And then it was a grocery store, and café sometimes

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Sister speaks)

Non-transcribed statement

(Female Attendee/unknown)

Mrs. Mary/Marie Johnson did the cooking

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

And they had Picaloo's where they could dance

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, um-I don't know-

(Female attendee/unknown)

They had a Picaloo where you could dance

(Sister speaks)

And get drunk

(Male voice speaks)

Yes

(Multiple parties speaks but it is non-transcribed)

(Male voice speaks)

Picaloo

(Female attendee/unknown speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) but Almarie didn't stay she just did the cooking

(Male voice speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, so did they sell liquor by the drink?

(Female attendee/unknown)

Yes, he did, uh-huh

(Multiple parties speak)

Yeah, uh-huh

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-was that-was that ah-back in those days-was that ah-legal?

(Female attended/unknown speaks)

No

(Evelyn speaks)

To-to sell it?

(Female attendee/unknown speaks)

No

(Evelyn speaks)

To sell any liquor? At night these kinds of things, that most people, if they got alcohol back in those days, that's what they had. Ok ah- (non-transcribed statement). That's a lot of history in here that I don't have here on ah- businesses. You have seen everybody that I interviewed has, it's so amazing to me; has information that's unique to them that they remember that somebody doesn't cover.

(Parties gesture)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

And that's why it's so important that I can't do it fast enough. I-I just, we need somebody else to go and help to interview so-so that we can put it all together, and they'll have the whole picture, but I don't have any of this information that you-you've given

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) sewed for half of Mount Airy

(Evelyn speaks)

Sewed what?

(Sister speaks)

Sewed clothes, made clothes-

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh yes!

(Sister speaks)

And made curtains, and-

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok you know what we haven't done. I need to go back and ask about your brothers and sisters too in terms of what they have done to make it easy (non-transcribed statement) in general, what they did in the community, what they did-

(Sister speaks)

Tell her about uh-you making sweaters for the when they had-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Red Cross, but she gone-

(Female attendee/unknown)

Going by brothers and sisters

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, but she gone go that route first

(Sister speaks)

And you too, then you too

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

My brother Curtis was a carpenter, he the one who built this house, not the way it is now

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, but the original house

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-huh, the original house he's the one who built this house for me

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He was a carpenter

(Evelyn speaks)

And what-what year, do you remember what year that was?

(Sister speaks)

He was finished in fifty-three

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah that's right you can say early fifties

(Sister speaks)

Fifty-three

(Evelyn speaks)

Alright, fifties, uh-huh sounds good

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And uh-

(Sister speaks)

Jon D was a carpenter

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Jon D was a carpenter too, he could build things too, he almost everything in here he built for us

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, Jon D-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The back porch right there, the back room back there he built it

(Sister speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Just-just say my brother Jon D was a carpenter, also a carpenter-carpenter

(Sister speaks)

All four of them was to tell you the truth

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They were-four of them were

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) Yeah, and Alfonso helped-helped (non-transcribed noun) and Curtis helped build that girl's beauty parlor over there on Virginia- on Virginia Street.

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He built Jettie Helton's house

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, built Jettie's house

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) just say my four brothers-four were carpenters

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Somewhere (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

That's good

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And my sister Lilly, she moved out of town, she worked at a nursing home for a long time

(Sister speaks)

In Charlotte-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She was also a sew seamstress

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And ah-my sister Kathleen, I know (non-transcribed statement) them people. She did domestic work, I guess that what you would call it

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I did domestic work I worked at one place for thirty something years

(Evelyn speaks)

And who was that for?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Jackson, you remember Jackson brother's store?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, oh yeah

(Sister speaks)

You worked there forty something years

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Huh?

(Sister speaks)

It was forty something years

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

What did I say?

(Sister speaks)

Thirty

(Evelyn speaks)

You said thirty

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Thirty something years, it's been about forty-three something years since I been left there

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you remember the years that you worked there?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

For that family?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, the time frame where you-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You talking about worked for the family?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah from the time you quit

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Let me see how many years <states faintly>

(Sister speaks)

Was it twentye, twenty-five-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You was about sixty years old when I-

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, ok

(Sister speaks)

Cause that would have been nineteen-forty

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, so then nineteen-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, cause I was working there when Curtis was in the Army

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Cause that would have been seventy or before, was that nineteen-forty you say? It could have been nineteen thirty

(Sister speaks)

I was born in thirty some?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, it been forty some

(Evelyn speaks)

Nineteen forty and then you left uh-in the eighties

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I guess so, cause if I was-I was-

(Sister speaks)

She hadn't been retired for about fifteen years

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

This year we had a-

(Sister speaks)

Reunion

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Reunion

(Sister speaks)

About eighteen years

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, so apparently you-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Anyway I worked for that about forty, just about- I know it was at least forty-three years

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But I don't know whether it was forty-four, just say I worked them for forty-three years

(Evelyn speaks)

Well you might as well say eighty-five then, forty until about nineteen eighty-five

(Sister speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Might have been

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ah-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I worked for the-I knitted for a while did knit work for the Red Cross (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

And what did you do?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Sweaters, sweaters

(Evelyn speaks)

You knitted sweaters for the (non-transcribed noun) <*sounds like Mayor*>

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Knitted sweaters uh-huh

(Evelyn speaks)

Did you ever get paid for that?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, that was Red Cross work

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, volunteer work

(Sister speaks)

Uh-huh

(Male voice speaks)

And my brother worked in the service

(Evelyn speaks)

We'll get to that

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I-I-uh-we still doing me right now aint we?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I got to working-working there, I come to find out I'd sew sometimes for 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning

(Sister speaks)

She was a seamstress

(Evelyn speaks)

For anybody, oh excuse me

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, yeah anybody

(Evelyn speaks)

So you (non-transcribed statement) worked for Jackson, then you were a seamstress

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, I did at night, and worked for Jackson in the daytime <laughs>

(Evelyn speaks)

And at night you sew

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But I didn't do that every night, just sometimes you know I did what I had to do

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Then sometimes I'd sit in there go back in that room right there till 3 or 4 in the morning, not 3 or 4, 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I didn't do that every now now

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I would make dresses, curtains, suits, and I crocheted made ah- afghans

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And ah-made bed (non-transcribed noun), you name it I did, almost <laughs>

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, that's terrific

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, but what I loved to do best was make drapes. I used to dress up to make-I don't know why I dressed, I just loved to make drapes

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) that's great, ah-

(Sister speaks but it is not transcribed)

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-ok, now before I come back to you and your family, I want to go back and talk about the military. You had ah-your-so you talked about your service, volunteering for Red Cross during that time, tell us about your brother starting with the oldest one, where-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He was a volunteer

(Evelyn speaks)

In the military-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He was a volunteer as soon as the war went back

(Evelyn speaks)

Which war?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The second world war

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And uh-my other-Jon-

(Evelyn speaks)

No, what did Curtis Join, which branch of service did he go in the Army?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The Army

(Evelyn speaks)

He served in the Army

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Did he serve overseas?

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

Where did he serve overseas?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I really don't know now, I forgot,

(Sister speaks)

Sure-?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

All four of my brother went overseas

(Evelyn speaks)

You don't remember where it was?

(Sister speaks)

Uh-uh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Now Jon D-Jon D was in India

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, but lets go with Curtis, I want to find out what if specifically, did he get any medals, or honors or things in the military?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Not that I know of

(Evelyn speaks)

Did he-did he serve more than two years?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He served the whole four years

(Evelyn speaks)

He served four years there?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Both of them did

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-

(Sister speaks)

He was a corporal, he was a corporal

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The next thing behind-the next thing to a Sergeant, because he took-

(Sister speaks)

Corporal be the first-

(Evelyn speaks)

First, uh-huh

(Sister speaks)

Then a corp-what is corporal?

(Evelyn speaks)

Then Corporal

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I think that's what all three of them went up to, but anyway he took the test for ah-Sargent, but uh- they said you have to had finished high school. Then edu-that was the thing, they'd have you take that test, then after you passed it they come tell you, you would have to have-

(Sister speaks)

I think it was a college-college education before you could become a Sargent

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Was it college?

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Whatever it was they come tell you, you had to have done that before you could do it. They did Ernest (non-transcribed family name) the same way

(Sister speaks)

Joseph Galloway uh- he become a Sargent

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, anyway-

(Sister speaks)

Because he went to college

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Anyway, he was-he was a corporal

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok, and so the next one-?

(Sister speaks)

Jon D

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you know what years he served? Curtis? You said the years when the war broke out

(Sister speaks)

Yea, (non-transcribed statement) well see when he came out I was about twelve, so ah-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well Curtis he served World War with them and that crack boy, (non-transcribed name) he'd be high on crack and have him volunteering

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Sister speaks)

High, high on crack

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I just seen them go back, that was in Pearl Harbor wasn't it?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And that Pearl Harbor was so packed in November

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, but she said what year, I would have been eight

(Evelyn speaks)

Yea, uh-huh but I'll get that-

(Sister speaks)

I would have been eight

(Evelyn speaks)

I'll get that

(Sister speaks)

So the year before and eight, would have been-

(Evelyn speaks)

Forty-two-

(Sister speaks)

Been Forty-two-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well, but anyway-

(Evelyn speaks)

So he went in forty-two, he came out in ah-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Four years (non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Forty-forty-six, you said four years. So he came out in forty-four. Ah-and you don't know where he served that war? Did any of your other brothers serve, do you know where anybody else served?

(Sister speaks)

Uh-uh, Jon D-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I think Jon D was in India, I think

(Sister speaks)

Yeah he was

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I don't know where the other two was at now

(Sister speaks)

Robert was in the Korea, was in the Korea war

(All parties speaks at once <briefly> it is non-transcribed)

(Evelyn speaks)

And Alfonso was also

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, Korean War

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, did any of them get medals?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I done-I done forgot now, I doubt it, if they did I would have remembered it

(Evelyn speaks)

Nobody died in the military?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-uh

(Evelyn speaks)

And they served four years or-?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Each one served their time there

(Evelyn speaks)

Sometimes they served two years

(Sister speaks)

Now Alfonso didn't

(Evelyn speaks)

Alfonso-

(Sister speaks)

Alfonso got discharged; I think he served about two years

(Evelyn speaks)

Was anybody injured?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-uh, I don't think so

(Evelyn speaks)

You were fortunate, blessed, ah-alright that takes us through the military, and you were back home making sweaters

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

That's great! I had asked you before about plantation life, and you told me you didn't remember anything about that. Did any of your family own any of these businesses, or own a business?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Own what?

(Evelyn speaks)

A business?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-uh

(Evelyn speaks)

They didn't own a business. Ok, tell me about your immediate family. When you got married, you told me about the house, and family. So tell me about you and your family, your children.

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well I have a son

(Evelyn speaks)

Start from the beginning

(Evelyn speaks)

How old is he?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He's seventy something now

(Sister speaks)

He's about seventy

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I have a daughter that passed about a month ago?

(Evelyn speaks)

Who was that?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

She was Cindy, well her name was Aretha but we called her Cindy

(Evelyn speaks)

She just died a month ago?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

That's when- (non-transcribed faint statement)

(Sister speaks)

She was-she was buried a week before Aunt (non-transcribed name) was buried, it was about a week

(Evelyn speaks)

Is that right?

(Sister speaks)

Exactly a week

(Female attendee/unknown)

She was in Charlotte

(Evelyn speaks)

She was in Charlotte

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Was she- was the funeral was there?

(All three interviewees speak)

Uh-huh, yeah

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok

(Male voice speaks)

That our cousin over in Ararat, that was a cousin so you might be remembering-

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah-oh your cousin

(Sister speaks)

Aunt Polly's daughter

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, so you had three children?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah

(Parties speaks non-transcribed mutters briefly)

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, ok is your son living?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, ok anything else? Let me ask you one question about this, or maybe some things that you just one to add. If you could change or improve anything in our community in Surry County or Mount Airy for the betterment of young people, what would it be? Things you would change to help our young people

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) things that I would, they would be against it

(Evelyn speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) to better them a better life. Ah-What would you change if there is anything that you could change

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

The only thing I wish people would do is quit teaching their children favors about Santa Clause and Halloween and Easter and things like that, and start telling them the truth

(Evelyn speaks)

About-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

About all that, telling them lies. If a child tells they parents a lie, they ready to whoop them for it.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

But they can tell them about a Easter Bunny, they can tell them about a Santa Clause, and all kind of mess about Halloween

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And get mad with them, and I don't think that's fair. That child is going to live and die and is liable to be destroyed just on count of the parents didn't teach them right to begin with

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, so you're saying more honest parents?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

More honest parents

(Evelyn speaks)

More honest parents-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

More honest parents to teach them honesty, instead of telling them lies

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's what I would like to see changed

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Can't tell a child that; when they say where these Easter Eggs come from, they say from the Easter Bunny.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Just tell them I got them and dyed them and give them too you

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they tell them all that stuff about Santa Clause, don't tell them a lie about Santa Clause

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Teach them-teach them what Christmas is-what Christmas really means, and not no lies at all. And all that Halloween stuff. I often wondered how in the world did anybody get Hallows Eve turned into Halloween? It's supposed to be a holy evening, holy because they say hallows is the same thing as holy.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I can't tell you-cause that's really not true to begin with, but still some people still went by it. I'm not going to get in it, but it was supposed to be the day before Satan was let out of his pit

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh, uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And the people went to their churches to pray

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That evening before that day

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Say he-Satan was going to be let out tomorrow, so this evening the good people went to their churches to pray. That's why they call it holy evening, hallows eve

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And how in the world they get turned into Halloween?

(Evelyn speaks)

I often thought about that

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It's supposed to be a holy thing

(Evelyn speaks)

That's right

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Holy thing! It's all turned into the Devil's thing, how in the world that happen?

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yep, went to the devil

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And how-how in the world does Satan-Satan? I can hear my aunt now, when I do something wrong she say, I don't told Nick on you. St. Nichols, St. Nick

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's the Santa Clause, St. Nick is the Devil. See what I'm talking about?

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I used to (non-transcribed statement) my children. And people just keep tricking their children, bringing their children into all these lies.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Is that thing over there recording, is this being recorded?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, but it's important, very important

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well I'm telling the truth

(Evelyn speaks)

And it's right

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I, I just don't think it's right.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

They should start telling the truth, and get them to start serving God, instead of serving the Devil

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, they need to get rid of that, absolutely! Alright, but I know that's excellent. Is there anything else that you can think of-you've been so broad that I haven't asked about, that you want to tell us. Well let me ask you this, going back to the houses, and how it was. Did you grow up with running water, and sewer? What was the house like?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well we had a well, but we always but- it didn't bother us much we had the outside toilets, like what you was raised up with

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And uh-

(Sister speaks)

Fireplace, fireplace

(Evelyn speaks)

Fireplace, and a wood stove, cook stove

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah you know, we all was, yall was brought up about the like (non-transcribed adjective) in the country. But I didn't have running water till I moved out there in the brick house until they turned it, turned the town-the country into the town-the ah-city limits

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Soon we got city water

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Now we could have had it before that, but they just didn't bother to get it

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok, well I just want-is there anything else that you can think of now, ah-that we should know?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Nothing else right now

(Evelyn speaks)

Well we want to leave it open, if you don't mind, if we can come back and consultant with you on any questions that we have, or what we've said or what we've gathered today

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Alright

(Evelyn speaks)

If we can think of that, well I just want to thank you so much

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well you're welcome

(Evelyn speaks)

Thank you so much, it's been a pleasure, and Marie, and Betty

(Female voice)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Thank you, thank you so much, and Edward, thank you for your services, and videotaping

(Evelyn speaks)

At Jones, what was-did you have a parent group there?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

In what?

(Evelyn speaks)

At Jones school, see when you were a parent now, this is when you were raising your children.

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hm

(Evelyn speaks)

What was your relationship with Jones, how were you involved?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I didn't have nothing to do -I think I went to a parent teacher meeting one time, but I didn't participate in nothing

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And anything I had to do at the school, I went ahead and done it, did things like that.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And I went with Mrs.-with Mrs. What's her name?

(Sister speaks)

Mrs. Johnson

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mrs. Johnson, I went with her on a picnic one time in Winston, I went with them down there. And she had to go, she had to-had me cook. Me and Marie I think. (Non-transcribed statement) cooked a dinner for the school children one time, greens and cornbread. I might have cooked the greens and the cornbread

(Sister speaks)

You did

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I think Marie just furnished them, the greens

(Sister speaks)

Because you made cornbread, because you would call it cornbread dodgers, you make little balls and drop them in the greens

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It's called- it's like a dumpling-

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Little corn balls

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And you put it in the pot, and cook it, them children over there, them children from downtown, and smelled them. some of them was fussing about it, but after vacation, some of them said they hadn't eaten nothing like that in their life. And they enjoyed it

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I forgot what we call them things, I think they was corn dodgers

(Evelyn laughs)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I used to have (non-transcribed statement) and she found out, and asked me if I would cook the greens for her

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And Marie raised them, so she furnished them and ah-she washed them and everything, and all I had to do was cook them.

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Cooked the cornbread, and the corn dodgers

(Evelyn speaks)

Well it sure sounds like you were a busy lady, and on top of all that you had to do, you could volunteer

(Sister speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, I did stuff like that, uh-huh

(Evelyn speaks)

That's wonderful. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

You welcome

(Evelyn speaks)

And just one other point that we thought of, about your dad when he worked at the quarry. You indicated that he worked then worked in the yard, and worked for some of the families in their yards. Who were some of the families he worked for?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He worked for Mr. Brown, he was one of the (non-transcribed noun) over at the quarry, or whatever you want to call-call it

(Evelyn speaks)

He was a Brintle/Brannock? Brintle/Brannock? *<maybe saying either family name>*

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No he was a Brown

(Evelyn speaks)

Brown

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He's dead now

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I think he was about the only one he worked for while he was working at the quarry-

(Evelyn speaks)

And then after he left?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He worked for them some, but he didn't work for them to long

(Evelyn speaks)

Then after that I think he worked over there at W-P-A, what did you call that? What did you call that?

(Sister speaks)

W-P-A

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

W-P-A, there for awhile

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And uh-he didn't start working in people's yards till after that, W-P-Q, and then when W-P-A closed he started working in people's yards?

(Evelyn speaks)

And who were some of the people?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Ah-

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you remember?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Ah-

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you?

(Sister speaks)

Ah-Mr. William Allred, And Mr. J.B Thompson

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah-

(Sister speaks)

And-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yup-, wasn't he over there at um-the house that's in the paper all the time, with the (non-transcribed noun) in the front yard

(Evelyn speaks)

Is that ah-downtown (non-transcribed noun)?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, the other one

(Evelyn speaks)

The Gertrude Smith House?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No, the other one

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, on the hill!

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, the hill

(Sister speaks)

Oh, Mrs. Moore!

(Evelyn speaks)

Moore!

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mrs. Moore, he worked there for Mrs. Moore;

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He worked there for years

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

He worked there for a long-, and I guess he worked there and then he quit before (non-transcribed verb)

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

And who-? You said he worked for who something else wasn't it?

(Edward speaks)

He worked for Mr. (Non-transcribed name)

(Sister speaks)

I don't know whether it was Mr. Williams, Allred aint as old as Williams

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, Williams-

(Sister speaks)

Allred-

(Edward speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement) Williams here in town?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

No he was called William Merritt, William Merrit

(Evelyn speaks)

Do you know anything about him? William Merrit-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Uh-uh, no

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Edward speaks)

Do you remember?

(Sister speaks)

Uh-uh, cause he's been dead for years

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Female attendee speaks/unknown)

Wasn't he the one who ran the hardware store?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Female attendee speaks/unknown)

(Non-transcribed noun) store

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I don't know, but she stopped right after he died, and that was-

(Sister speaks)

And that was (non-transcribed noun) who run it in the end

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, and-

(Sister speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I don't know nothing about them, I just know the people, I don't know about them

(Sister speaks)

Oh

(Evelyn speaks)

Yes. Well you don't got to remember, and sometimes you remember when somebody tells you, but I remember ah- that Mr. Merritt use to go on the street at Christmas time, and he would hand out candy to the young-to the children

(Sister speaks)

Yeah, yeah I remember that

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, he would give out candy

(Sister speaks)

He was close to the community

(Evelyn speaks)

Uh-huh

(Evelyn and Sister speak however telephone rings disables transcription)

(Sister speaks)

I don't know

(Evelyn speaks)

It was the rich person or the-

(Sister speaks)

Old Man

(Evelyn speaks)

Old Man, yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

That's what impresses me about him

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

That he was an old friendly man

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

And he gave, gave to children

(All parties speak sharing thoughts disabling individualized transcriptions)

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Or if you wanted to buy something (non-transcribed statement)mini glasses, and little (non-transcribed noun) he was always nice when you come out to buy something

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yes he was?

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah, I didn't work for them while he was living, as a matter of fact (non-transcribed name) was very old, and Elizabeth had come back home

(Sister speaks)

Yeah-

(Evelyn continues speaks)

To take care of-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's who Papa worked for but he called her Mrs. Elizabeth

(Evelyn speaks)

Mrs. Elizabeth, yeah. That's right. Ok, um-do you want to tell us something else, while were focused on the phone

<All parties laugh>

(Evelyn speaks)

Then I guess were finished then with it.

(Edward speaks)

Ok

(Evelyn speaks)

Is he keeping you?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

I guess so

(Evelyn speaks)

Has he kept you all those years?

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It had to be him

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, absolutely! With you serving him, and faith him. You were a Sunday School teacher

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, I taught the kindergarten for years, ten or twelve years something like that

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, you don't have it on?

(Edward speaks)

Yes, I got it on (non-transcribed noun)doesn't have a light on

(Evelyn speaks)

Ok, Good. That's good, we got it. This ah-we just keep getting bits of things, that we know you have, and I just don't want to leave without that information

(Sister speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

The home mission group, I didn't ask you about organizations, but the home missions group, I understand is an organization.

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Evelyn speaks)

Tell us what you know about them-the beginning of the home mission

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well at the beginning of it, I was just a child

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And uh-the men went to it, to it just when ah- the ladies home mission, it was just a-a mission

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

A home mission, that the (non-transcribed adjective) men, and the women went to.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they would go to people's houses, and back then it'd have to be-be at night time, cause most of the men was working, you know, in the daytime so they'd-they'd wait at night. In people's in the summertime, they was in peoples yard's they'd be out in the yards cause it would be so many of them, ah-you know?

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And uh-for years just the men go out, the women and the men use to could go out to it. Then later on it just turned out to be a lady's home mission. It was just women then. Then uh-

(Sister speaks)

Tell them what they did

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well-

(Sister speaks)

Discuss the Bible!

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Yeah, we'd have a lesson, discuss the Bible, we would discuss the Bible each time

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

In other words, there was a place where you order mission books from

(Evelyn speaks)

Yeah

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

We would order the mission books sometimes for Sunday School books

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And it would each they would have lessons there each Sunday you know?

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And we would discuss the lesson from that Sunday.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And we'd meet once a month

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And met a different women's houses

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And we would discuss the Bible, and whatever lesson from that Sunday, and we would study with refreshments, and just have a nice and then there was a foreign mission we would send money to once a year

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And that was for the people across the water, we would send this money too

(Evelyn speaks)

Once a year we would send money to the foreign mission organization

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And ah-we would send money to the orphanage

(Evelyn speaks)

Oh, ok

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

When it started-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Evelyn speaks)

Well what-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Well, when the mission first started I was just a child, but then it went down. And then they went and organized it all over again. That's when it was just a woman's home

(Sister speaks)

Women's home

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And that's when they still had it

(Sister speaks)

Rev-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

Ararat Missionary Baptist church still-

(Sister speaks)

He was preaching every Sunday, Dr-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they still-

(Sister speaks)

And it was still going on

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And it was-I told you to go ahead and do it in the beginning

(Sister speaks)

I know but I could have told in the beginning, and-

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

And they meet-

(Sister speaks)

What's going on-

(Evelyn speaks)

Now can we pick up (non-transcribed name) can you tell us today?

(Sister speaks)

Non-transcribed statement

(Edward speaks)

What's that?

(Sister speaks)

And then once a month, or every few months we would send money to the sister offices in Raleigh. It's the black offices, not the whites. The black office in Raleigh.

(Evelyn speaks)

Is that Oxford?

(Sister speaks)

Yes, Oxford. Oxford, NC. It's two down there

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

It's black and white. It's both whites, the black one

(Evelyn speaks)

Ah

(Sister speaks)

And then once a year, we have a mission meeting during the first April, the week of the first April. And we all meet there. We only have one (non-transcribed noun) in it now. The rest of them (non-transcribed verb)

(Evelyn speaks)

And how many members do you have now

(Sister speaks)

We don't have but ten now, at one time it was either about fifteen or twenty.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

That's when she was going

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

That's when Mrs. (non-transcribed name) and then Mrs. Lilly France had died

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

And at Christmas time, we give money to the some of the fore founders in the community

(Mrs. Hughes speaks)

(Non-transcribed statement)

(Sister speaks)

And the (non-transcribed noun)

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm, ok

(Sister speaks)

And we do missionary work from, we sends ah-like I said, money to Raleigh to the offices. And if any member in the community die, as a member of the mission we give money to the family. And if you're not a member of the mission we give them food.

(Evelyn speaks)

Mmm-hmm

(Sister speaks)

We do a lot of charity work, and it's down to about ten of us now. Some of them moved out of town, and some are disabled, but there name still on the book

(Unknown voice speaks)

(Non-transcribed as tape breaks)