

**Daniel Minze interviewing Richard Matthews clip 1**  
**Topic: Main Street Newark/Racial Climate in Newark**

**Interviewer:** When you were in Newark, what were some of your experiences, um, on Main Street.

**Richard Matthews:** I love to go, see we used to walk to school, which was kind of a weird situation also because, uh, we walked to school to Central and Newark High School and, uh, from where we walked, we would see buses go by, with white kids and they would wave, and of course, there's a confrontation, they may scream, holler, throw something at you that sort of thing and then you'd shout back or whatever, but we would always walk to school, and so we always had that experience of going down Main Street, uh, which was, which was a good experience, I think, uh, we got to see all the stores, one of the places that we used to stop at was the newsstand.

And it was a tiny little I don't know whether it's still there, or not, but it was a tiny little store narrow put it that way and they sold everything, papers, you know comics and candy, of course, we might stop there, if we had a couple nickels or whatever, and that was one uh I think that was one of the good things that I remember you know because we would walk on the way to school back and forth.