

**Julia Manson interviewing Crystal Hayman-Simms clip 1**

**Topic: Racial climate in Newark/New London Road Community**

[Crystal Hayman-Simms talking about her experience growing up in Newark.]

**Crystal Hayman-Simms:** Having white friends...um...there were a couple of girls in particular who I became friendly with...and uh...uh, I guess the.... The learning curve there was.... Both of those girls on two different occasions said to me, "I want you to come to my house on such and such a date and we'll kinda" ... they didn't call it playdate then, but that's what it was. And both of them came back the next day and said, "Oh I told my parents and they said you couldn't come because..." we didn't use the term Black back then, we used the term Negro. And I guess she said, "Because you're a Negro." And one of them I wasn't too surprised, the other one I was because, she was Jewish, and you know, well I'm sure you know about discrimination, and her father was a doctor, and um, but that was the extent of that I mean, we kind of had, culturally, the biggest thing that we used to complain about was... the white teachers always wanted to know what we knew about another student. If another student didn't show up then anybody from the neighborhood was asked, "What's wrong with so and so today?"