

Taylor Curley interviewing Florine Henderson clip 1

Topic: Racial climate in Newark

[Florine Henderson talking about her neighborhood and the lack of welcome she and her family received when they moved in.]

Florine Henderson: ...not all of them. Some of them were very, open, with their prejudice, and others, were very closed, and it's still that way. But I can remember the man down the street just a couple doors down on the other side of the street. He, that house now is being worked on and he has since died, but, he told my oldest daughter, who had to walk past his house to catch the school bus, because the school bus came on the corner down there, don't you walk on my sidewalk... nigger.

Interviewer: To your daughter?

Florine Henderson: [Nods] And our kid, my kid, and I didn't know he called her that name, because she didn't tell me until she grew up, she's now fifty years old, but I told her "You will walk on his sidewalk every day that the Lord sends, and I will watch you from this house. Don't you walk on the other side of the street. You specifically, rain or shine, walk on his sidewalk, because that sidewalk, is not his."