

Valeria Medina Zuniga interviewing Wilma Tucker Jones clip 1

Topic: New London Road

Interviewer: Could you tell me more about the street that you grew up on, you know your neighborhood and your friends?

Wilma Tucker Jones: Okay, I grew right up here on mostly, except for when I was on New London, West Cleveland Avenue. There, I lived in like a row house so there were several houses, I think it was like maybe five or six houses that were joined together, and they were mostly you know children in every last one of them, except for thing for the one on the end closest to Rose Street, there was they were just two old sisters well, older sisters that lived there but everyone, we all got along. In the old days, Cleveland Avenue wasn't like it is now, it was a two-way street but we used to be able to park on the street, you could park in front of your house. And it got to be, it wasn't traveled as much as it is now like it's a main thoroughfare now, we would be able to be able to close our end of the street which would be West Cleveland Avenue to the bottom of the hill which is called North College Avenue and have block parties or skating or just they close the street no cars could come through, and we would be able to do that. And across the street from here they had the Elks Home, Pride of Delaware Lodge, they used to do things for the children like Easter egg hunts or Christmas parties or different things, and we also had a old school, like a old Community Center that was near the Elks Club that we did everything we learned how to do modern dance, they put on shows, you would watch movies on a sheet, old black and white movies like westerns and Spanky Our Gang Kids and everything. And they would serve you know, down in the basement, they would have hot dogs and different things like that. But we learned a lot in the community, the Elks Club used to have parades, they would parade up and down just this end of the street. Everybody got along, and in the old days you didn't have to lock your doors, you know people wouldn't touch your stuff.