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Topic: New London Road

[Wilma Tucker Jones continues discussing her childhood in the New London Road community and how she came to live in her current house.]

Wilma Tucker Jones: The house I'm in now, her name is, was, Cecilia James Lewis her husband was a pastor. They weren't able to have children, and she asked if I could come and stay with her, I was never adopted but and my mother still had the final word if I did something wrong. So, I moved here with her 'cause her husband had passed, well he was still here and then he died, so I was just her and I. And so she raised me and she worked outside, she worked for the Wrights, a couple of the richest families in Newark, I think one used to be the some special house over on the UD campus, on Kent Way. So she was like one of the maids there, so she worked for them but she did everything for me, she you know if I needed something she was the one who did it. So then when she got older and got sick, then I took care of her even though I worked, I worked at Avon, but I had when she got to the point where I didn't want her to go into a nursing home, so she stayed right here in the dining room, had a bed and everything set up and the nurses came and took care of her while I was at work. So, so she left the house to me, actually she left to me and my children, but the one little clause in there it was actually left to the kids, but then the children just sold it to me for a dollar, you know just and then I, it needed work on the outside it still needs work, but on the outside I was able to get a loan and get the house stripped to the bare wall on the outside and they just redid the whole outside of the house, and I've been here ever since.