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(Tape 1, Side A)

Melissa Massey: Can you state your name for me?

Anna Hayes: Anna C. Hayes

M.M: And when and where were you born?

A.H: I was born in Adairsville, GA November 4, 1949.

M.M: And did you have any brothers or sisters?

A.H: I had one sister who is older and I had two brothers one is deceased as of 12/23/03 and my brother Walter is still living.

M.M: And who else did your household consist of?

A.H: My mother and father.

M.M: And what did your family do for a living?

A.H: My mother was a stay at home mom up until my youngest brother left high school. My daddy worked at Lockheed in Marietta,GA he retired from there. But there was a time when there was layoffs you know so he worked the Georgia Department of Transportation and then they called him back to Lockheed so he stayed there until he retired, about oh I don't it's been a while I can't remember exactly when he retired but he's been retired a while-

M.M: He's 80

A.H: -and he retired when he was 65, so he's been retired about 15 years.

M.M: Now what do think of when you think of Summerhill?

A.H: Thinking of Summerhill I think of my classes, students that I was in class with, my teachers some of them (laughter), some of them. But I have fond memories of Summerhill.

M.M: Now you lived in Adairsville?

A.H: Yes

M.M: Can you describe that you grew up living in, imagine you're walking into it.

A.H: The first the house I remember being small was a big house and it had oh you know at the time I guess if I think back it had about four or five rooms and we had a lot of fun there and then I remember in 1959 we moved to the house where my father lives now and it had 1,2,3,4..5, let's see it had 1,2... it had the kitchen, the den, our bedroom, the living room, the hall that leads into the bathroom and um we were small when we moved there so we all had to share the same room and as we got older my father built on, he built on to the back of the house so the boys can have their own room and um the girls would have theirs, so we had a pretty good time there.

M.M: And what was the yard like outside?

A.H: The yard was, the yard was, pretty big 'cause the kids in the neighborhood used to come over and we'd play football.

M.M: Wow

A.H: We'd play football in yard, we'd play baseball and we just had a good time. It kind of sits up on a rise and they always said we was the house on the hill, it's what they called it, the house on the hill. We had a good time.

M.M: Now what was your relationship like with your neighbors, you said the kids used to play but did they ever as a family visit regularly?

A.H: Oh yeah! We either go visit them or they'd come visit us and we would all gather up and play, my cousins, I mean you know just about everybody in the neighborhood would gather up either after school or on the weekend and play ball or football. You know, whatever.

M.M: Now what was your role in the household?

A.H: The role in the household that I hated more than anything else in the whole wide world was washing dishes. (Laughter) I did not like that chore. But I did it. I didn't like it, but I did it. But we rotated my sister and I rotated washing dishes it seemed like every time it was my turn to wash dishes there would be more to wash. So that's why I didn't like washing the dishes.

M.M: Now did you share dinner or supper with your whole family in Green Heights?

A.H: We shared dinner everybody but my daddy and the reason for that was because he worked what they called the graveyard shift which is considered third shift now. But I remember getting home from school, getting off the school bus our dinner was already ready for us when we got in so all we had to do was wash our hands and eat and then get homework and then after homework you could go play or do whatever, you know if you had chores to do and at the time we had a wooden stove and so you had to get in kindling and wood and coal before you could go play, so once all that was taken care of then you could basically do whatever.

M.M: Now was Sunday dinner a special time?

A.H: Oh yes! Sunday dinners were very special.

M.M: Did you have any special foods?

A.H: Let's see, I remember Sunday dinner: fried chicken, green beans, fried okra, boiled okra, corn, fried corn, tomatoes, my mother would cut up tomato slices and cut up onions. Because my daddy liked onions with his green beans, and corn bread. And sometimes she would make roasts, I mean homemade roasts she made them by hand you know, and you know Sunday breakfast was a treat too because we would get up and she would always be up before everybody else fixing breakfast so all we had do was get up eat breakfast, take a bath and everything, put your clothes on, and go to Sunday school and then at Sunday school you're right in to church and then when you come home you could eat. I mean you know, that was the thing and then after you eat then you go visit, we would either go down to my grandparents or we'd go over to my aunt, they would come over to visit us. Some of the guys that rode to work with Daddy 'cause they had a carpool and we all was related they would bring the family over and we'd spend Sunday afternoon together they'd be sitting on the porch talking and we'd be out in the yard playing ball. So we had a good time.

M.M: Lot's of family time.

A.H: Yes.

U Now what holidays were celebrated in your house?

A.H: The most ones I can remember celebrating would be Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. And as we got older, and became older children we would celebrate Mother's Day, you know and Father's Day. But Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

M.M: What was your first job, besides washing dishes?

A.H: (Laughter) My first job was, there was a little restaurant, up the street and it was called (unintelligible) 'cause it was a motel and restaurant together and I buffed dishes there during my eleventh, I was in the eleventh grade and I had passed to the twelfth and during that summer I buffed dishes there and I made money for all my graduation stuff. I paid for all that myself.

M.M: That's great. You appreciated it to because you made it.

A.H: Yes! And my parents were so proud of me.

M.M: I bet they were. Now where did most people work?

A.H: Now let's see, my daddy worked at Lockheed and there were several of them that worked at Lockheed and then some worked at the plant in Shannon which was at the time it was called Brighton, Brighton plant it's closed now. It's closed the doors last week, it was in operation for 78 years. I worked there too on occasion. But either that or like I said the Department of transportation and then as I was, when I was growing up, as a child there was a lot of farmers, so they worked the farms.

M.M: Now will you describe the Summerhill neighborhood for me, like what were the boundaries?

A.H: The boundaries start , at the time as I was born to high school the boundaries for Summerhill started from the time you got off of Forty-One turning onto the road going up to the school and going down the hill to the end of that road, ok and then it went all the way down to where my aunt, well a little bit past where my aunt lives. I can't remember the name of the street but I can see it in my mind.

M.M: Who was your aunt?

A.H: Um, Catherine Weasley.

M.M: Ok.

A.H: They lived there, my cousins you know.

M.M: Ok so she's related to Nancy Weasley? She's related to her husband.

A.H: Yeah.

M.M: Ok. Now growing up were you known by any nicknames?

A.H: Well yes, I had several. Well I had two. My grandfather started calling my Red. 'Cause when I was small and growing up I had sandy red hair. So he would call me red and my brother Walter gave me a nickname of frog he said 'cause I was jumping all over the place you know so I had Red and Frog.

M.M: Now as a child what did you do for fun? I know you said you played football and baseball in your yard. Did you do anything else?

A.H: If I tell you, mother is gone now so it probably wouldn't traumatize her (unintelligible), but my cousins and I we would get together and we'd all be over at my grandfathers and my grandfather at the time, they lived over where 75 is right now over in that area. It was all built up and it was trees and they lived, you turn off of 140 and you go down this road and you go down (unintelligible) for the longest and when you get up to the opening it opens out into this big 'ole huge yard, trees on both sides and the house sit right in the middle. We should to climb the trees over on the left side of the house and climb them and pull them over. So one person would hold it down you know and we would tell them turn loose and they'd turn loose and the tree would go from flat on the floor to just like that. (Laughter) We had a lot of fun, if my parents knew we were doing that they'd kill us. Doing it at the time it was a lot of fun, looking back now that was really dangerous (laughter) you know I kind of shuddered and uh another thing we used to do that I'm glad my mother's not here, my Daddy had in the back yard you'd go up to the driveway and on the side over there he had the garage we used to climb up on the garage and jump down. You know, you flying and stuff like that. That was pretty bad and out at my grandfathers on the other side he had the woods tapered and then there was a hill a slope and we used to take cardboard boxes and sit in there and slide down the hill you know. But it was fun, that wasn't too dangerous but we had a good time.

M.M: Now as an adult what did you do for fun?

A.H: As an adult I like to read, that's a lot of fun for me. Reading, watching filming and history, I like that. That's a lot of fun for me.

M.M: Now when you all got older, did you ever go into Cartersville, downtown Cartersville for fun, like to go see a movie or go shopping?

A.H: Well we would go to Cartersville to shop, but I remember in elementary school they took us to as a field trip to the theater there and they were showing King of Kings. So we went there to watch that.

M.M: And you went to Bartow?

A.H: Yeah Bartow Elementary.

M.M: Now what were the favorite hangouts in the neighborhood?

A.H: Well if you wasn't hanging out at um, when I was growing up, if you wasn't hanging out at your house or your cousins house, you were hanging out at church. You know so that was a hangout.

M.M: Now how has the Summerhill area changed, over the years... economically or...?

A.H: Economically it's built up but as far as the um, you can still go through there, I could ride through there today and look over and all kinds of memories come back. You know, so that part of it hasn't changed but you know it's grown up a lot, a lot of things changes you know houses and people, some have moved away some died you know its just you have a lot of changes that is not related to economics of anything but it's more related to a persons well being their ability to adjust, flexibility and stuff like that (Unintelligible)

M.M: What is your fondest memory of Summerhill?

A.H: My fondest memory of Summerhill was probably being in the drama class and we did, I was in the drama, and we had a little dance troop that we had formed from elementary school and we took it all the way to high school. I enjoyed being in the band. I enjoyed that, I enjoyed all my classes except math. (laughter) I had a very very good teacher Mr. Lowe I really loved him because he, you know math was fine but it was algebra that I just couldn't deal with so when I had to take it I told him I said look I just don't think I can handle this so what he did was for us to understand algebra he made it a game and so I picked up on it after he made it into a game. So I was able to understand it.

M.M: He made it fun.

A.H: Yeah, so he was a good teacher.

M.M: Now you mentioned that the church was a big place where people came to gather, was there any other place where the community came together, church, lodges, was there a restaurant.

A.H: Oh, at the time I was growing up there wasn't a restaurant you know, but we had my daddy was a mason um and I'm an Eastern star so we would have meeting you know so that was good.

M.M: Now tell me about Eastern star?

A.H: It's an organization of ladies of the church and they would get together, I was little and my grandmother on my fathers side got us involved in that. So basically they would have meeting and then we just go out and I don't think I've been to a meeting in, ew I can't remember when. But down in a (unintelligible) next to where my cousin lives it's the little house the little building that they used to have the meetings in and the one that the masons had their meetings in was behind my Aunt Ada Rena but it's down now my daddy was secretary treasurer.

M.M: Do you remember what types of things the masons did, any activities, or...?

A.H: They would hold, you know they would have fundraisings and that type thing. I remember they would have it where all of them would get together in one particular district or something and then you would march one church to a certain area around.

M.M: Now I know that you were little when you entered the Eastern Star because of your grandmother, but did you have to go through any initiation process?

A.H: I vaguely remember something but I have no idea what it was. I vaguely remember.

M.M: Ok. All right. Now do you recall any areas that were considered whites only or blacks only or do you remember any signs that specifically stated that?

A.H: (Long Pause) Because see when I was growing up and coming along it was (pause) you wasn't allowed in the restaurants if you were you were going to the back you know and you couldn't stay in any of the hotels or anything like that because I remember there was truckers that came through and they was, one was white and one was black and they let the white guy stay at the motel but the black guy they found him a room with my aunt, they lived out not too far from where the hotel was so you know he spent the night and you know that was very interesting at the time . I often wonder how come, you know my daddy and we never went on vacation (unintelligible) because she couldn't stay at any hotels or anything like that during that time, but that was okay too.

M.M: Now who were the prominent or recognized members of the community?

A.H: Probably be, the deacons of the church and the mothers of the church they was prominent and more recognized. I think my grandmother on my mothers side, both my grandmothers really was recognized in the community by a great deal of people you know it was, their way of living their personal life by helping out and doing whatever they could or helping this person or that person it didn't matter.

M.M: Let's talk about the church.

A.H: Okay.

M.M: Tell me about the role of the church in the community.

A.H: The role of the church in the community when I was growing up, when I was growing up my father belonged to, he still does, Friendship Baptist Church up the road here my mother belonged to Gray's Chapel but when I was growing up we went to Friendship, Gray's Chapel, and the little church on Reverend street down there Caleb's Chapel. We went to all three churches and we participated in all the activities that the church had you know like Sunday school or services and the choir and we did that so

much. Now see my sister and I are Baptist my two brothers Methodist you know but we went to Friendship the fourth Sunday, Gray's Chapel second and third Sunday and Caleb's Chapel first Sunday and you know we down there so much and so often that everybody thought we belonged to you know whatever church we was in because we was able to participate in all three churches you know with no problem at all. My father would come to church with my mother on second and third Sunday at Gray's Chapel, my mother would go to church fourth Sunday Friendship and we would all go to Caleb's Chapel first Sunday. You know Easter, we did Easter programs all three churches you know it was busy, it was fun you know I wouldn't trade it for anything it was an experience I'll never forget.

M.M: Now in all three churches did you ever see the church take a political stance?

A.H: I really can't remember that because you know they was, if you a child and then they was talking or anything like that children were dismissed you know. But then as you get older then form your own political views you know so.

M.M: You think they advocate vote, like just get out there and vote more than anything. Now let's talk about the school, can you describe the Summerhill school for me what grades did it serve, was it a large building?

A.H: It was a large building because at the time in Cartersville it was the only school from, (unintelligible) it made up first to twelfth grade, but because of the county and you know we was considered county at that time we went from first to eighth grade at Bartow elementary but then after the eighth grade we went to Summerhill, well the last four years ninth through twelfth grade, so it was a pretty good sized school. The High School basically up on the front end, and the elementary side was kind of in the back, on the back end of the school and very seldom did you run into elementary kids unless you was going to the class to help them out you know or something like that.

M.M: Ok, now you mentioned that you were county students of course, so you rode the bus in.

A.H: Yes.

M.M: Now did you ever see that there were preconceptions like city students verses county students?

A.H: Not really. No.

M.M: Ok.

A.H: Because most of the city kids would have to walk to school and I had my typing teacher Mrs. June Hill, she lived in Cartersville and she lived at the time on Moon Street and so that was way across 41 and there was kids that lived over there that would have to walk to school over to Summerhill and you know that's a pretty good distance if you know they didn't have anybody to bring them to school you know but basically most of them walked to school.

M.M: Ok. Now I know you mentioned you weren't much for math.

A.H: (Laughter) No.

M.M: But what were your favorite subjects?

A.H: My favorite subject, I like English, Literature, Biology, Chemistry, History, Government, Economics that was taught by Mr. Cotton and P.E. was taught by Coach Hill we had P.E. you know It was alright but I liked the History part, the Government part and the economics, but I liked English too because you get to read you know and everything.

M.M: Now who were your favorite teachers?

A.H: Oh, let's see, I don't know if I had a favorite teacher I liked them all. I really did, I liked them all.

M.M: Do you remember any favorite projects or anything that you did that really just stands out in your mind?

A.H: In Home Ec that was taught by Mrs. Lay she was from Winder, Georgia, (unintelligible) anyway we did this project, making this outfit out of wool and then having to line it you know for our Home Ec so we would have to take the item to Winder and model it you know and I remember that it was fun. We got to go to Winder with Mrs. Lay we got to meet her sister and her sisters husband and we got to meet her family and we got to spend the night there and you know it was fun it was real fun.

M.M: Now you mentioned you belonged to the drama club, the dance troop, the band. Did you belong to any other organizations or clubs?

A.H: I think that was about it, I think that was it.

M.M: That's probably all you had time for. Now the drama club, who was the adult in charge or the teacher in charge?

A.H: I cannot remember.

M.M: Do you remember what you did or any special activities?

A.H: We had put on a play and my character was called bubbles and it was about, I vaguely remember it was about taking a picture and I don't know if they was stealing the picture or you know if they had stole the picture or something, but I can't remember but I remember my character was bubbles. I can't remember who headed that out. It was probably the English teacher.

M.M: Now tell me about the Dance troop, you said you started it at Bartow elementary and you brought to Summerhill.

A.H: Yes, we started it at Bartow Elementary with our P.E. coach at the time Mrs. Moore and it was creative dance group where you took a certain piece of music and you made your own dance steps from that music. I remember in elementary school we did the Lord's prayer then we did Christmas one year we put on a Christmas show where we did dances to sleigh bells ringing, jingle bells, silent night, joy to the world, it was neat so we...

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A.H: ...Summerhill we carried it own and but we had guys in there then and we were doing more like a ballet but it wasn't really a ballet but we did that. We preformed like in the auditorium when we had to go to class assembly you know stuff like that.

M.M: Now you mentioned that it was lead my Mrs. Moore, was that Celester Moore.

A.H: Yes

M.M: Okay Alright. Now the band (laughter)

A.H: Mr. Williams, yea, Mr. Williams my band director. He would, because I lived, we lived, my sister was a majorette and I played the coronet and because we lived outside of Cartersville , Summerhill, he would, we would stay for practice and we'd have to practice after school because they would practice after school and he would bring us home but it was fun it was real fun.

M.M: Wow. So he brought you all home.

A.H: Yes

M.M: Wow. That was nice, now the band , were you in the marching band and the concert band?

A.H: Yes, I was in both.

M.M: And what did you play in both?

A.H: Coronet, like a trumpet, I was in the brass section.

M.M: Okay. Now did you ever march around the town?

A.H: Oh yeah, we marched to Adairsville.

M.M: Did you?!

A.H: Yes one year, we sure did. Can't remember what the occasion was for but Summerhill marching band marched to Adairsville.

M.M: Now what did you do after school?

A.H: When I got home after school?

M.M: Yes

A.H: I had to come home and get my homework, had to wash dishes and that was basically it. I practiced my instrument you know, but that was it.

M.M: Did you have a lot of homework?

A.H: Sometimes, sometimes we had a lot, and sometimes you know you'd have hardly any at all but it was, we had like six classes and you might not have homework from every class but on the occasion that you did have homework from every class then you basically did your homework, washed dishes, go back to homework and then go to bed and get it all taken care of.

M.M: Now what kind of sports did kids participate in at Summerhill?

A.H: Basketball and Football, main thing they did basketball and football.

M.M: And did those coaches take their kids home also if practices are after school?

A.H: Yes, because some of the guys that play football lived here and we was you know, football season and band season watching band was at the same time so we would have to practice after school and the guys would have to practice football after school so we all would come home they would all bring us all home together.

M.M: Okay. Now what year did you graduate?

A.H: I graduated in 1967.

M.M: '67 ok, and what did you do after graduation?

A.H: Well let's see, I went to work, I got married, I had two kids and then I got unmarried I still had two kids though (laughter) but I worked, I worked at (unintelligible) the Brighton plant and it changed names, let's see I was there 28 years and it changed names it went from Brighton plant to Clarkemond, to Burlington and then Galen Lloyd.

M.M: Okay.

A.H: So it changed names a few times and remember it closed as Galen Lloyd. So that's about it.

M.M: Wow. Now do you feel that you received an equal education to that of white students and were you aware of any differences at the time?

A.H: I couldn't say because I didn't know what they was being taught but I think that now that I look back on it some of the history might have been a little off you know because of all the things you find out later on that they did not want you to know more what I think it was because you know our books consisted of books that told of inventions of a lot of white inventors but we didn't have at the time the information that told us like the first stoplight was invented by a black man, the actual first open heart surgery that was ever preformed was preformed by a black man you know things like that.

M.M: So you felt like you weren't aware of it at the time but hindsight shows you that they didn't include the African American history into the books that you were using?

A.H: Yes

M.M: Do you feel like in anyway the teachers tried to provide some sort of supplement to include that history, because it's such a right history?

A.H: Yeah you know we had teachers that we'd learn about booker t. Washington, George Washington Carver, and you know all of those Frederick Douglass you know all those but there was till others that we could have probably benefited from if we knew more about what was really, what they really did. You know we have a really very rich heritage being African Americans or black or whatever you want to call ourselves, it's a very good heritage and it's benefits everybody not just African Americans but the whole American country by things that you know was brought to our attention or you know invented by certain races, its not even only the African American race but the native Indians the other immigrants that came over you know the Irish you know the Chinese, everybody you know it's just, it would do a whole lot for the American people if the classrooms consisted of information about all the cultures.

M.M: Multicultural, yeah.

A.H: Yeah, instead of just maybe one culture here and one culture there you know but then everybody get an example or a sample of all the cultures that makes up the United States.

M.M: Well on that note, do you think there's a place where all blacks go since (unintelligible) society?

A.H: I would think so, yes, I would think so. Because if you don't, because they're so integrated now that neither culture knows about the black culture but if there was a say African American school or black school where you can go in and basically understand why you do this or why you do that or why you're taught this, or why you're taught that you know trace the history back from where you actually came.

M.M: Right

A.H: You know so, you could get a better understanding and then too so the blacks will not forget where they came from.

M.M: Sense of identity.

A.H: You know you add African American ancestors came over from Africa one way or the other you was in bondage, slavery whatever for a certain number of years you know don't ever forget that you know that is part of your history that is part of who you are, so you know if you could deal with that I mean you know I'm proud my ancestors was who they are because they made me who I am you know so they came of South Carolina so you know.

M.M: Right. Do you feel like in a sense that with integration even though your textbooks didn't have African American history your teachers tried to influence you and show you that part of history but with integration do you feel that you lost that opportunity to learn about African American history?

A.H: No not really, because you know growing I don't remember the stories, but growing up you know you basically every family has stories that was handed down from one generation to another and I missed that opportunity to record all of this during that the time that you know it was being talked about by my grandparents you know on both sides so for me that's where I lost out because they are a wealth of information you know I don't think that I got a bad education I think I got a very good education and the teachers there was good teachers they cared about you they wanted you to learn they wanted you to understand and be able to apply it you know when you went out into the quote real world. So I think we did real good the ones that went to Summerhill did real good, I think they did real good I think the teachers did a real good job.

M.M: Ok. Now were you affected by the segregation in Cartersville or Bartow County at all?

A.H: No when I graduated from high school the next year, the following year would have been when they you know merged the two together so I wasn't involved in that experience.

M.M: Ok. What was your reaction to it though, what was your family's reaction to it?

A.H: Basically I think they said it should have come sooner that way we wouldn't of had to be bused from Adairsville to Cartersville you know for school you know so my mother and my aunt couldn't

understand why they didn't do it at all, she was the type of person that felt that everybody was good you know regardless.

M.M: Now how did you feel when they destroyed the school?

A.H: It just broke my heart, I said why, how come they kicked the school you know, I mean they could've renovated it or you know did something with it I mean you know that was us, but anyway it was heart wrenching but you know progress so that's a good thing.

M.M: Now when did your family get their first television, car, and telephone and how did it impact your life?

A.H: Let's see the first TV I think we had one in 1950, let's see 1956-57 somewhere in there I remember it was a black and white and we had it when we lived up on the hill up there up from the baseball field and Daddy I cannot remember when he got his first car because it seems like to me he's always had one but I know that's not true so I can't remember when he got his first one but I remember the first telephone we had you'd pick it up and you had to tell the operator the number of who you was calling you know and so that was a long time ago. You didn't pick up and dial you picked up and operator came on and you had to tell the operator who you was calling or the number you was calling and they would connect you.

M.M: Wow, now tell me about the years of the civil rights movement, were you ever involved?

A.H: The years of the civil rights movement we was in high school and we was always watching the news and I think because we I guess being in a small town we knew what was going on and then when you watch it you it would really affect you and it hurt a lot but I can't say that we was out marching or anything like that but we was kept aware of the situation.

M.M: Do you remember any marches or sit-ins in Cartersville?

A.H: No, not really. It might have happened, but there's lots of stuff I can't remember.

M.M: Did they keep you update on it in school, or was it an individual thing?

A.H: It was like history or government where you know you listened to the news you know you was always, well my parents my Daddy liked to listen to the news or watch the news you know Walter Cronkite and all that stuff, so you would get back in your class and you would bring the subject up you know and then you'd get in to this big class discussion you know stuff like that so that's basically how we kept abreast of what was going on and then you had your friends talking and everything and you know we were debating back and forth in our maybe history class with Mr. Cotton because he was good at that, getting you to think you know and then think about the situation because that's how he had us

doing some of our homework would be to watch the news for that night so you could come bring it back you know and discuss it the next day.

M.M: Wow. So he kind of taught you, you were living history.

A.H: Yeah

M.M: Now how did global events such as the Great Depression, WWII, Civil Rights, and Vietnam affect your life in the community?

A.H: The depression I wouldn't know, my parents talked about the depression because they was growing up during that time and they was talking about what little they had but they wasn't hungry or anything like that you know so and then WWII my father was in WWII and he served in the South Pacific so I don't ask, Vietnam my children's father served in Vietnam he was wounded during a campaign there and that's about it.

M.M: Okay, do you still live in Adairsville?

A.H: No I live in a little community called (unintelligible) in (unintelligible), Georgia.

M.M: Alright I'm going to ask you about some places and if you know anything about them you can tell and if you don't it's ok, Brotherhood Lodge?

A.H: Brotherhood Lodge, that's the (pause), is it in Cartersville?

M.M: Yes it is.

A.H: I remember that but I can't remember where it's at I remember talking about it but I can't remember.

M.M: It's ok, Slab Stadium, do you ever remember anyone talking about that?

A.H: Again?

M.M: Slab Stadium? Ok, what about the dump?

A.H: The what?

M.M: The dump,

A.H: Oh yeah (laughter), I remember the dump I can see it but I can't tell you where it's at, I do remember it listen here about that.

M.M: What about the café the delicatessa and the barbershop?

A.H: Yeah.

M.M: You remember that? Did you ever used to go there?

A.H: I went to the barber shop my senior year and got my hair cut, I remember that, because I wanted my hair cut off, and I remember going to the barber shop to have that done and it was up on well Summerhill, but it wasn't where the school was it was off on street down through here so yeah I remember the barber shop.

M.M: Was that kind of like a hangout?

A.H: Yeah for some of the kids, yeah some of the kids up there they hung out at the barber shop.

M.M: What about, do you remember when the public housing came in?

A.H: I don't know when it came in, seems like it was always been there.

M.M: You would have been really young.

A.H: Oh. I would have, but I remember it, I know where it's at it's still there you know going to school because I had some classmates that, one classmate lived in the ones up on June Street down from Allen Chapel that section, then there's a newer section that one you, before you get to Allen Chapel the road goes down this way and there's a new section of houses up on that side but we used to go over to a friend of mines in high school over there after school sometimes.

M.M: Now are there any other old buildings in the neighborhood that you remember that we haven't discussed?

A.H: Oh, there used to be Sam Jones hospital it's not, it's I think the name changed or they, but it used to be Sam Jones hospital. (Pause) What else was there, that's about it because I remember we used to go to Cartersville to you know maybe to town or you know when we have to go through to Marchant and stuff like that you could see it.

M.M: Now the name Summerhill, do you know where it came from?

A.H: I haven't the foggiest idea, (laughter) I just you know, sounds like it might have been some kind of Indian name or something you know.

M.M: Now who was the person that has most positively influenced your life, or who are you heroes?

A.H: My parents are my heroes, especially my mother because she's always wanted what was best for us and wanted us to do, you know we could do but she knew we could do more do better you know so, we had to make sure that grades was good, we didn't play.

M.M: Well that's it, that's all the questions, let's look at your map and go over it. This is old forty one, and then coming up it you said this is the gym the pool, do you ever remember swimming in the pool?

A.H: No. (laughter)

M.M: You weren't a swimmer.

A.H: Nope.

M.M: Did they swim at all during like P.E.?

A.H: Sometimes yeah.

M.M: And these were houses,

A.H: Yeah.

M.M: And this street here, and then the football field.

A.H: Yeah

M.M: And the bleachers and the recreation center, and this is the street straight down the other side of the hill.

A.H: Yeah and this road ran, I can't remember the name of that road either but it ran behind this road right here, you know all these roads are still there.

M.M: Right

A.H: The Baptist church is still there.

M.M: Now when you graduated where did you graduate?

A.H: Summerhill.

M.M: No, no, the building?

A.H: In the gym

M.M: In the gym that's there today

A.H: Yeah, that's good.

M.M: Wow yeah. They saved it.

A.H: That's good, yeah it was in the gym.

M.M: Well is there anything that you wanted to add or anything we didn't cover that you'd like to?

A.H: Yeah, well you know really it's an experience so I wouldn't change it for nothing I like going, being at Summerhill for the four years that I was there. I remember I had a lot of friends you know we had some good times some bad times we experienced so much and in a kind of devastated times because let's see I was in the ninth grade in Home Ec when Professor Morgan announced over the intercom system that president Kennedy had been shot.

M.M: Wow, it's a moment you'll never forget.

A.H: Right and we all just went into a state of shock and was mulling around and then he came back on later and announced that he was dead and so we all started crying and stuff like that, basically the school just stopped because most of those kids was totally upset you know so.

M.M: Did you discuss it?

A.H; You know they talked to us about it you know and stuff like that about you know as with anything else, life goes on so, we got through it.

M.M: Ok, well that's it.

M.M: Ok this is about the dance troop.

A.H: Yeah we was in competition from you know you could travel from one school to the other and you know there was several school there and we was in competition and we as a group because of Mrs. Moore and her dedication and having us practice and all we had our little uniform well you know our little outfits you know my mother made mine and my sisters you know and the other parents make theirs you know and we would win those competitions you know excellent, superior and you stuff like that. Looking back on it now we were good, we was really good.

M.M: That's what I've heard.