

Oral History in Wheeling, WV

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(session 2)

A collaborative history project with the Ohio County Public Library, YWCA Wheeling, and Wheeling Heritage. **Speakers include:**

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Linda J. Scott

Ron Scott

Sean Duffy

Summary: This oral history session captures a memory-rich conversation from members of Wheeling's Black community. They are using historic photographs to reflect and reconstruct stories of everyday life across generations. As participants identify people, streets, and landmarks, they weave together stories of neighborhoods like Morrow Street, Chapline Street, and Center Wheeling, recalling institutions such as Lincoln School, Clay School, local churches, along with community hubs like the Pythian Building with its barbershop, drugstore, and restaurant. The dialogue blends humor, nostalgia, nicknames, and childhood mischief, that sit alongside memories of urban renewal, demolished buildings, illness, and even the loss of some neighbors. Collectively, the discussion reveals how tightly knit the community was and how deeply place, relationships, and shared experiences shaped identity, underscoring the project's goal of preserving the voices and history of Wheeling's Black community.

00:00:19:12 - 00:00:48:02

Thomas Miller

So let's see here. Okay. Right here. So you remember Wade Hamlin? Okay, now, this is his family's business right here. Doctor Lewis was on this side over here. Doctor Wade, even though her name was Wade Hamlin, she just went by Dr. Wade, you know. So the women, they had their they had their...

00:00:48:04 - 00:00:48:08

Thomas Miller

I'm sorry?

00:00:48:08 - 00:00:49:23

Ron Scott

Algo?

00:00:50:01 - 00:00:52:00

Sean Duffy

A-L-G-A

00:00:52:02 - 00:01:10:20

Thomas Miller

Yes. You know. So anyway, now I got this photo from Wade, you know. And my Aunt Eileen, the school teacher and her mom, they live right there, you know. So my brother and me, now we were just little kids, you know, so we would stand there at the fence and look over and watch Doctor Lewis pulling teeth.

00:01:10:22 - 00:01:13:23

Thomas Miller

00:01:14:01 - 00:01:17:06

Ron Scott

That is so wild that Wade's parents was a doctor and a dentist.

00:01:17:09 - 00:01:18:21

Thomas Miller

Yes, yes. You know.

00:01:19:00 - 00:01:19:10

Brenda J. Sparksman

I didn't know that either.

00:01:19:16 - 00:01:20:10

Darlene Stradwick

Mhmm.

00:01:20:12 - 00:01:27:18

Ron Scott

That's crazy. Hey, this is right, that's where the "Y" is then?

00:01:27:20 - 00:01:30:18

Thomas Miller

Yes. You know, and let's see...

00:01:30:20 - 00:01:34:21

Ron Scott

Man, so that was all houses at one point.

00:01:34:23 - 00:01:44:08

Thomas Miller

This right here. No. This is, this is Doctor Wade's office right here, you know. So this apartment right there.

00:01:44:10 - 00:01:48:08

Thomas Miller

Sharon Lewis lived there.

00:01:48:10 - 00:01:54:17

Thomas Miller

If you remember her? And she wound up marrying the gangster.

00:01:54:19 - 00:01:58:07

Thomas Miller

Who was Sharon Lewis married to? Ronnie Asher?

00:01:58:07 - 00:01:59:08

Brenda J. Sparksman

No.

00:01:59:10 - 00:02:01:03

Thomas Miller

Yeah, she was.

00:02:01:05 - 00:02:02:23

Darlene Stradwick

She was never married to Ronnie, was she?

00:02:02:23 - 00:02:03:06

Brenda J. Sparksman

No.

00:02:03:07 - 00:02:05:12

Thomas Miller

Yes, she was.

00:02:05:14 - 00:02:10:13

Linda J. Scott

Ronnie Asher was... I'm trying to think who was married to her at one point. What was it? Rosetta? Was that Ronnie Asher?

00:02:10:15 - 00:02:14:14

Thomas Miller

She was married to Ronnie Asher, and they moved to Minnesota.

00:02:14:14 - 00:02:16:10

Linda J. Scott

Sharon Lewis?

00:02:16:12 - 00:02:19:00

Linda J. Scott

Which... Which Sharon Lewis?

00:02:19:02 - 00:02:22:07

Brenda J. Sparksman

Oh, I'm talking about probably another Sharon Lewis.

00:02:22:09 - 00:02:27:14

Thomas Miller

He got sent to the pen. And his widow, she still lives up in Minnesota.

00:02:27:20 - 00:02:30:13
Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah. Lewis. Sharon Turner.

00:02:30:14 - 00:02:32:05
Linda J. Scott
We're thinking Turner. That's what we were...

00:02:32:05 - 00:02:33:07
Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah.

00:02:33:09 - 00:02:34:14
Thomas Miller
She was a Lewis.

00:02:34:16 - 00:02:36:21
Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah.

00:02:36:23 - 00:02:41:04
Thomas Miller
And Sharon's father was a sheriff's deputy.

00:02:41:06 - 00:02:43:16
Brenda J. Sparksman
Oh, gee.

00:02:43:18 - 00:02:50:01
Thomas Miller
You know, so that really kind of put him on the spot, you know, because the son in law was a hit man.

00:02:50:03 - 00:02:55:05
Brenda J. Sparksman
Oh, gee.

00:02:55:07 - 00:02:57:04
Darlene Stradwick
Now, where was Burgess at?

00:02:57:06 - 00:02:58:07
Thomas Miller
Let's see here.

00:02:58:09 - 00:03:01:16
Brenda J. Sparksman
Burgess was in back, in the in the alley behind us.

00:03:01:19 - 00:03:33:13

Thomas Miller

Okay. Now, these buildings here, these were, primarily residences. So let's see now, Post 89 is right here with the awnings over it. And then, all these people in these apartment buildings here, I deliver newspapers to 'em, you know. And nobody ever locked your doors, you know, back then, you know, I mean, it just wasn't necessary.

00:03:33:15 - 00:03:35:08

Thomas Miller

This is Doc's drugstore right here.

00:03:35:08 - 00:03:39:00

Darlene Stradwick

I can't see.

00:03:39:02 - 00:03:42:14

Ron Scott

Oh. Do you want to? Well here what we can do....

00:03:42:16 - 00:03:46:11

Thomas Miller

If you want to take these things out of here. Like if there's too much glare on it?

00:03:46:11 - 00:03:49:12

Ron Scott

Like he said, Sean, can scan and we can talk.

00:03:49:14 - 00:03:50:07

Thomas Miller

Whatever you want to do.

00:03:50:07 - 00:03:50:19

Ron Scott

How's that?

00:03:50:22 - 00:03:57:07

Ron Scott

We'll just go through them. We'll hold one up, I guess, and then give it to them to see if they, if it'll prompt the conversation.

00:03:57:07 - 00:03:59:00

Thomas Miller

Well, that works for me.

00:03:59:02 - 00:04:02:08

Ron Scott

Where should we start?

00:04:02:10 - 00:04:05:04
Thomas Miller
Anywhere you want to start.

00:04:05:06 - 00:04:07:10
Ron Scott
That's a nice looking car, I know that.

00:04:07:12 - 00:04:08:02
Darlene Stradwick
So where's that?

00:04:08:02 - 00:04:14:15
Thomas Miller
That's on Chapline Street. So you, do you remember where the boardwalk was?

00:04:14:17 - 00:04:15:05
Ron Scott
There's a boardwalk?

00:04:15:06 - 00:04:16:04
Darlene Stradwick
On Chapline Street?

00:04:16:06 - 00:04:16:20
Thomas Miller
Yes.

00:04:16:20 - 00:04:20:13
Darlene Stradwick
No.

00:04:20:15 - 00:04:24:07
Thomas Miller
It was just, it was just a set of steps, you know, that would go...

00:04:24:07 - 00:04:30:17
Linda J. Scott
That wasn't our neighborhood. We need people from, from Chapline Street. We lived in Center Wheeling.

00:04:30:19 - 00:04:34:15
Thomas Miller
So, Ronnie, now, since you've done Laun Burrow Spriggs before.

00:04:34:17 - 00:04:36:08
Ron Scott
I did!

00:04:36:10 - 00:04:48:21

Thomas Miller

Ronnie. Ronnie. This is their house, you know. So, Miss Shirley, Shirley King, who did hair. She started out right here.

00:04:49:01 - 00:04:51:11

Thomas Miller

Miss Chicken was her partner at the time.

00:04:51:16 - 00:04:53:17

Ron Scott

Miss Chicken?

00:04:53:19 - 00:04:54:13

Thomas Miller

You know.

00:04:54:15 - 00:04:55:09

Darlene Stradwick

See I didn't know her when she was doing hair.

00:04:55:13 - 00:04:59:17

Thomas Miller

But this is where Mr. Spriggs set up there,

00:04:59:17 - 00:05:00:00

Sean Duffy

I remember that name.

00:05:00:00 - 00:05:01:01

Thomas Miller

on his porch. All day long.

00:05:01:04 - 00:05:01:23

Ron Scott

Laun Burrow Spriggs.

00:05:02:00 - 00:05:07:15

Thomas Miller

Laun Burrow Spriggs. Smoking his pipe, you know.

00:05:07:17 - 00:05:09:05

Ron Scott

He was in that picture.

00:05:09:07 - 00:05:09:14

Sean Duffy

Yeah.

00:05:09:20 - 00:05:10:17

Thomas Miller

Yes.

00:05:10:18 - 00:05:18:00

Ron Scott

That is something, you imagine being a young, eight year old, Laun Burrows, my name. Laun Burrow.

00:05:18:02 - 00:05:28:10

Darlene Stradwick

And didn't when, when somebody died recently, I thought that Laun Burrow was their brother. Mrs. Strothers? Did Mrs. Strothers,

00:05:28:12 - 00:05:33:13

Thomas Miller

His name was Laun. Laun.

00:05:33:15 - 00:05:35:05

Darlene Stradwick

Yeah. Okay Strothers.

00:05:35:05 - 00:05:36:04

Thomas Miller

Strothers. Right.

00:05:36:04 - 00:05:36:22

Darlene Stradwick

So that's.

00:05:37:00 - 00:05:37:08

Thomas Miller

Right.

00:05:37:09 - 00:05:38:21

Darlene Stradwick

Ron Struthers and that's, father.

00:05:38:23 - 00:05:39:06

Ron Scott

Okay.

00:05:39:08 - 00:05:40:11

Thomas Miller

Yes. Yeah.

00:05:40:12 - 00:05:44:18

Darlene Stradwick

And I saw that name in there because that's the only time I've heard that name, was when

you talked about it.

00:05:44:22 - 00:06:12:02

Thomas Miller

Okay Ron, now this photograph right here. This is this is across the street. Okay. You know, so this Pythian Building still standing, and you can still drive down that alley. You know, because now, while they were doing the construction, up on Chapline Street, now so that you couldn't come around the bend, you know, like, and then you had to go down that alley.

00:06:12:04 - 00:06:33:23

Thomas Miller

That's the alley that they had to go down, you know, and this is the Pythian building right here and in there now, you had the Pythian barbershop. You had, Doc, Doc White's drugstore, you know, and this lady right here, this was a black restaurant, you

00:06:34:01 - 00:06:57:18

Thomas Miller

So she had rooms upstairs on the first floor. Now, she had, like, a little dining room, you know, and then, and then in the back, that's where her kitchen was, you know? So when I went in there, I was wondering why she was always on the telephone, you know. Well, she was also a numbers runner. You know?

00:06:57:20 - 00:07:22:17

Thomas Miller

You know, so really, you know, people would call in just to place their bet, you know, and the way that the numbers was set up, every day based on, the stock market, the last three numbers, that's what that's what the number for the day was.

00:07:22:19 - 00:07:25:19

Ron Scott

I always wondered how the numbers worked.

00:07:25:21 - 00:07:28:22

Thomas Miller

Why now, you know. Now you know.

00:07:29:00 - 00:07:51:06

Thomas Miller

Okay, let's see here. So this right here, this was Macedonia Baptist Church that was on Chapline Street, before they tore that down, during urban renewal. And then they built it up on 12th Street. So where it where it is now, you know, so this is Macedonia, you know.

00:07:51:06 - 00:07:52:14

Ron Scott

Was it a black church then?

00:07:52:16 - 00:07:55:00

Thomas Miller

It was a black church then, you know,

00:07:55:02 - 00:08:21:17

Thomas Miller

the church that's up there now, that's actually the third location. This is the second location. Now the first location, that was actually on Lower Charles Street behind where the building is now. You know, that's where the first location was. And that burned down a long time ago.

00:08:21:19 - 00:08:49:17

Thomas Miller

So my sisters, Girl Scout troop, used to meet, downstairs in the basement, you know, of that building. So during their cookie drive, now they were going around selling cookies and everything, you know, and then, when it was time to, to, like, take the cookies to the people, they found out that some rats had gotten into the cookies, like, and all the boxes had been chewed on.

00:08:49:19 - 00:08:53:09

Darlene Stradwick

They're probably ten cents back then. They're five dollars, now six dollars, maybe ten dollars.

00:08:53:09 - 00:08:59:00

Thomas Miller

Oh my goodness. If they were that high.

00:08:59:02 - 00:09:02:20

Thomas Miller

So let's see here. Okay, now this is Lincoln School.

00:09:02:22 - 00:09:04:10

Ron Scott

Now this is when it's Lincoln?

00:09:04:10 - 00:09:06:12

Thomas Miller

Lincoln School. Yes.

00:09:06:14 - 00:09:14:09

Ron Scott

Now, was there a period when it got built into that? Because if I remember right...

00:09:14:13 - 00:09:14:23

Thomas Miller

Ron Scott.

00:09:14:23 - 00:09:23:05

Ron Scott

In the 20th Man Speech, didn't he talk about how bad Lincoln School was, especially how small. So if it was this big, I was about to say, this building is quite big.

00:09:23:05 - 00:09:51:02

Thomas Miller

Ron Scott. Ron Scott. That was the old building, you know, because look here, Ronnie, you can you can see this right there, that tower, right there, that's on the old building, you know. So they didn't tear down the old building until they finished building this building, you know, and this one here, this started out just just two stories, you know, like, and then later on, they built the third floor onto it.

00:09:51:03 - 00:09:56:11

Ron Scott

Okay. So but the building, the original Lincoln School is gone. It is torn down?

00:09:56:13 - 00:10:41:12

Thomas Miller

Torn down. Yes, yes. You know, and when they were, tearing it down, let's see now, my brother and me, now we get this wagon for Christmas. You know, you know, so my dad said that we needed some new bricks for our sidewalk, you know, so me and my brother at the school now, we had to take that wagon, you know, like and then, take it up Morrow Street, you know, Morrow Street is still technically there, you know, because Ronnie, now you know, the back of the, what's that building called? You know, Ron now right across the street from the "Y."

00:10:41:14 - 00:10:42:06

Darlene Stradwick

The Fourth Street Methodist Church.

00:10:42:06 - 00:10:45:18

Thomas Miller

The Fourth Street Methodist Church. Okay, Ronnie. So...

00:10:45:19 - 00:10:48:15

Ron Scott

Where Booker T Washington and all that is? The apartments?

00:10:48:17 - 00:10:48:23

Thomas Miller

Yes.

00:10:48:23 - 00:10:53:18

Darlene Stradwick

There's a building right on the corner, that's Fourth Street Methodist Church, and then Booker T. is next to it.

00:10:53:20 - 00:11:18:14

Thomas Miller

Okay, Ronnie, now the road, you know, that takes you, up there behind the Methodist building. Now, that little short road and parking lot behind there that used to go all the way up Morrow Street to Lincoln School, you know, and I'm pretty sure that I have a photograph here showing you that. Okay. It's all right.

00:11:18:18 - 00:11:20:18

Ron Scott

Wait, let's scan that one, though, for sure.

00:11:20:22 - 00:11:21:08

Thomas Miller

All right.

00:11:21:12 - 00:11:24:07

Ron Scott

Especially if you can see the old Lincoln and the new.

00:11:24:09 - 00:11:32:02

Thomas Miller

Oh Ronnie, Ronnie. I have, I have some wonderful pictures. You know that show that way much better.

00:11:32:04 - 00:11:34:08

Ron Scott

Oh, okay.

00:11:34:10 - 00:11:39:12

Thomas Miller

Okay, let's see.

00:11:39:14 - 00:11:43:20

Ron Scott

Is that the picture, or is that the thing in front of it still? Oh, okay.

00:11:43:22 - 00:11:49:10

Thomas Miller

Okay. So. So, so they probably don't want to copy this one.

00:11:49:12 - 00:11:52:01

Thomas Miller

That little porch, you know, that's up there,

00:11:52:02 - 00:12:09:05

Thomas Miller

on the Chapline Street side of of, Lincoln School. This is where these girls are standing, and, and this girl right here is Cool Shake's wife. I don't know who the rest of these people are.

00:12:09:07 - 00:12:15:21

Thomas Miller

This girl here, she just died, like, about a month ago. Bernadine Lewis?

00:12:15:23 - 00:12:17:02

Ron Scott

Yeah.

00:12:17:04 - 00:12:21:04

Thomas Miller

Okay, then that's her in this picture.

00:12:21:06 - 00:12:27:09

Ron Scott

I wonder if that would be. You think that that's a good enough one to scan, do you think? It's a little cloudy. Let's try it.

00:12:27:11 - 00:12:28:20

Thomas Miller

I, I can...

00:12:28:20 - 00:13:10:02

Ron Scott

Maybe people will identify somebody on it, and be like, that's my aunt or something. Now, for some reason, and if it sparks any memory, this picture makes me think of the ever elusive urban legend picture of all the black women that either cleaned house or did stuff for the white families. They said they would all be dressed a certain way at a bus stop, and they're like, we're sure someone has a picture of that somewhere. But no one that I know of seems to know where this picture exists at, or could have ever ended up.

00:13:10:03 - 00:13:38:16

Thomas Miller

Okay, let's see here, this picture here. Okay, Ron. So this is the boardwalk, you know, now, just like I was, showing you before, there was a boardwalk, you know, that started on Chapline Street, and then it ran all the way up to Morrow Street. Now, this section here runs all the way from Morrow Street all the way up to Eoff Street.

00:13:38:18 - 00:13:55:16

Thomas Miller

You know, and this is the boardwalk, you know, but that but that area is technically Lane Seven. You know, so that's where that's where my Aunt Eileen and her family lived forever. Up on Lane Seven.

00:13:55:18 - 00:13:56:18

Ron Scott

You know who those people are?

00:13:57:00 - 00:13:58:19

Thomas Miller

Oh, yes. Yes.

00:13:58:20 - 00:14:04:20

Thomas Miller

Marvin Savage, do you remember Marvin Savage? Donald Savage?

00:14:04:22 - 00:14:06:01

Ron Scott
No.

00:14:06:03 - 00:14:07:17
Thomas Miller
They called him Pickles.

00:14:07:19 - 00:14:12:02
Ron Scott
I know Puff Savage and Darius Savage. I'm assuming they got to be related.

00:14:12:02 - 00:14:12:18
Darlene Stradwick
They're relatives.

00:14:12:20 - 00:14:15:02
Thomas Miller
Yes, they are. Okay.

00:14:15:04 - 00:14:16:12
Darlene Stradwick
What was his mom's name, Dorothy?

00:14:16:14 - 00:14:18:09
Thomas Miller
Uh, Dorothy Knight.

00:14:18:09 - 00:14:19:01
Darlene Stradwick
Dorothy Knight.

00:14:19:03 - 00:14:31:10
Thomas Miller
Dorothy Knight, you know. Now see, I used to think that that they were her kids, but they're actually her sister. You know, Dorothy Knight was her sister.

00:14:31:12 - 00:14:32:05
Darlene Stradwick
Okay.

00:14:32:06 - 00:14:32:16
Thomas Miller
Okay.

00:14:32:16 - 00:14:33:22
Darlene Stradwick
Was Pickles and them's sister?

00:14:33:22 - 00:14:34:17

Thomas Miller
Yes.

00:14:34:19 - 00:14:35:16
Ron Scott
Pickles?

00:14:35:18 - 00:14:36:14
Darlene Stradwick
Yeah.

00:14:36:16 - 00:14:39:21
Thomas Miller
Donald Savage.

00:14:39:23 - 00:14:41:07
Thomas Miller
Show a little respect here, Ron.

00:14:41:08 - 00:14:46:12
Ron Scott
Now, when you when you said Pickles, it also made me think of when you said Miss Chicken.

00:14:46:14 - 00:14:47:04
Thomas Miller
Miss Chicken.

00:14:47:04 - 00:14:55:04
Ron Scott
Now, is there any chance that Pickles and Miss Chicken got their name from eating pickles and chicken? Or?

00:14:55:06 - 00:14:56:01
Thomas Miller
No Ron.

00:14:56:03 - 00:14:57:11
Ron Scott
Because I wonder how much chicken...

00:14:57:15 - 00:14:58:21
Thomas Miller
No Ron. That would be a no, Ron.

00:14:58:21 - 00:15:01:16
Ron Scott
you have to eat, to become Miss Chicken.

00:15:01:18 - 00:15:04:05

Brenda J. Sparksman
Miss Chicken was the one that was best friends with Willie.

00:15:04:08 - 00:15:04:22
Linda J. Scott
Yeah.

00:15:05:00 - 00:15:05:15
Ron Scott
Oh.

00:15:05:16 - 00:15:07:21
Brenda J. Sparksman
And he, he had...

00:15:07:21 - 00:15:09:14
Linda J. Scott
Maybe he looked like a pickle, I don't know.

00:15:09:15 - 00:15:11:20
Brenda J. Sparksman
Stop it. He didn't look like a pickle.

00:15:11:20 - 00:15:14:00
Ron Scott
He was green and lumpy.

00:15:14:02 - 00:15:15:05
Darlene Stradwick
He died young.

00:15:15:07 - 00:15:16:05
Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah.

00:15:16:07 - 00:15:17:05
Linda J. Scott
He had Sarcoidosis.

00:15:17:05 - 00:15:19:10
Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah. He had sarcoidosis.

00:15:19:12 - 00:15:20:09
Ron Scott
Pickles, Dill.

00:15:20:11 - 00:15:20:15
Thomas Miller

Ron Scott.

00:15:20:15 - 00:15:24:14

Brenda J. Sparksman

And I'll never forget the day he died. What happened was, it was the Christmas parade...

00:15:24:14 - 00:15:26:17

Ron Scott

The nicknames are, to me, are just as fascinating.

00:15:26:17 - 00:15:31:21

Brenda J. Sparksman

And he, they was trying to get him to the hospital, and we had closed off the streets and stuff.

00:15:31:21 - 00:15:33:10

Thomas Miller

So this was up on Morrow Street.

00:15:33:11 - 00:15:34:17

Brenda J. Sparksman

And all I could do, was they called me and told me that he was going in... and that he was dying, and they were blocking them.

00:15:34:17 - 00:15:38:10

Thomas Miller

Let me show you a better picture of Morrow Street here.

00:15:38:12 - 00:15:41:07

Linda J. Scott

How you get this history, Tommy?

00:15:41:09 - 00:16:02:20

Thomas Miller

That house right there is this house right here, you know, and this is on Morrow Street and this and this guy here, his name is Mr. Brown. And this, this is his mother right here. And let me tell you the story. There's this lady named Miss,

00:16:02:20 - 00:17:08:13

Thomas Miller

Miss Eva Peters and her sons were both in the service, and they were in the Korean War, you know? You know, so, while they were over there, they knew that her son, not this one, you know, but this guy's older brother, they knew that her son had been killed over there in Korea, you know, and then and then, even though they would be calling their mom back home here, she said that she was feeling very, very uncomfortable, you know, because because she knew that soon they were going to notify her that her son had been killed over there, you know, but since they were stationed over there, now, they already knew it. You know, but this was up on Morrow Street, and I can tell you, you know, I knew this area like the back of my hand, you know, because I deliver newspapers up here for almost till I graduated from high school. They wouldn't let me quit.

00:17:08:15 - 00:17:16:22

Ron Scott

I want to scan that one, for sure. I thought this was the, Blue Triangle Building for some reason, the way that porch looked.

00:17:16:22 - 00:17:17:07

Thomas Miller

Oh, no.

00:17:17:07 - 00:17:19:08

Ron Scott

But this is a totally different area.

00:17:19:10 - 00:17:20:15

Thomas Miller

No, you know.

00:17:20:17 - 00:17:31:22

Darlene Stradwick

Yeah, cause we were talking more about it the last time we were here because I was trying to get them to remember? Because uncle, Uncle Van and, Aunt Val lived on that street, and the Mann's lived on that street.

00:17:31:22 - 00:17:32:15

Brenda J. Sparksman

Yeah, we stayed up there a lot.

00:17:32:17 - 00:17:36:01

Darlene Stradwick

There was a lot of people that lived on that street.

00:17:36:02 - 00:17:37:19

Brenda J. Sparksman

I'm trying to figure out where it's at.

00:17:37:20 - 00:17:38:18

Ron Scott

Yeah, now where is that...

00:17:38:18 - 00:17:39:11

Brenda J. Sparksman

Because...

00:17:39:13 - 00:17:41:00

Ron Scott

Now? Like?

00:17:41:02 - 00:17:45:01

Brenda J. Sparksman
Behind the church there, there's a street that goes up

00:17:45:03 - 00:17:46:05
Darlene Stradwick
Isn't that where it is Tommy?

00:17:46:06 - 00:17:47:04
Thomas Miller
What's that?

00:17:47:06 - 00:17:49:21
Darlene Stradwick
Morrow Alley? Well, it still exists, correct?

00:17:49:21 - 00:17:51:23
Ron Scott
But it's not where the Nelson Jordan Center is though?

00:17:52:00 - 00:17:52:23
Darlene Stradwick
No, no, no.

00:17:53:03 - 00:18:03:18
Thomas Miller
It doesn't exist in its entirety. Because if there was still a road behind the, behind the Booker T Washington apartments

00:18:03:20 - 00:18:04:18
Ron Scott
That's where it would be.

00:18:04:18 - 00:18:08:13
Thomas Miller
Then that's where it would be. It would be, yes.

00:18:08:15 - 00:18:11:06
Brenda J. Sparksman
Because we used to go there and pick up Pumpkin all the time.

00:18:11:08 - 00:18:12:19
Thomas Miller
Yes, yes, yes.

00:18:12:21 - 00:18:14:06
Ron Scott
That's Mr. Brown?

00:18:14:06 - 00:18:16:14

Brenda J. Sparksman
I have these, Tommy?

00:18:16:16 - 00:18:24:23

Ron Scott

You said who that was on camera, didn't you? Who was in that picture? You said that was Mr. Brown and his wife, his mother? And I don't know who the other lady?

00:18:25:01 - 00:18:31:01

Thomas Miller

And his mother. And I don't know who that other lady is either, you know. But she's got on a nice looking coat.

00:18:31:02 - 00:18:32:01

Ron Scott

Yeah.

00:18:32:03 - 00:18:33:08

Thomas Miller

You know.

00:18:33:10 - 00:18:36:19

Ron Scott

The fur.

00:18:36:21 - 00:18:41:23

Ron Scott

Oh, somebody won something? Is this a prize?. I hope you know who that is.

00:18:42:01 - 00:18:43:04

Thomas Miller

Oh, yes I do.

00:18:43:06 - 00:18:43:10

Ron Scott

There's a picture of her, whoever it is.

00:18:43:10 - 00:18:44:20

Thomas Miller

I do. Okay.

00:18:45:00 - 00:18:50:21

Thomas Miller

guys, you can help me a little bit. Eddie Minor's sister? You remember Eddie Minor?

00:18:51:03 - 00:18:53:09

Darlene Stradwick

Yeah. His sister?

00:18:53:11 - 00:18:55:01

Thomas Miller
Yes, you know.

00:18:55:02 - 00:18:55:17

Darlene Stradwick
Sandy?

00:18:55:19 - 00:18:56:22

Thomas Miller
Sandy.

00:18:57:00 - 00:18:58:00

Darlene Stradwick
Is that Sandy?

00:18:58:02 - 00:18:59:03

Ron Scott
Oh, I know Miss Sandy.

00:18:59:03 - 00:19:01:19

Thomas Miller
This is Sandy in this photo.

00:19:01:21 - 00:19:03:00

Ron Scott
Hey, we know Miss Sandy.

00:19:03:02 - 00:19:10:03

Thomas Miller
And she's holding an Easter basket right here, you know, but Morrow Street also used to have parking, you know.

00:19:10:03 - 00:19:11:07

Ron Scott
This is all Morrow Street?

00:19:11:12 - 00:19:32:03

Thomas Miller
This is Morrow Street, you know. And you could drive all the way up there and you could drive passed the school and where the Wolf Playground was, you know, like, that's where the parking is back there, you know, and you could actually, you know, turn around, on the playground slash parking lot, you know. Basketball court.

00:19:32:04 - 00:19:37:20

Ron Scott
They didn't give us nothing back then. Playground slash parking lot. Slash...

00:19:37:22 - 00:19:39:10

Darlene Stradwick
The Wolf Playground?

00:19:39:12 - 00:19:43:13

Ron Scott

There's also a railroad track. We used to broke pieces of glass on it.

00:19:43:14 - 00:19:47:08

Thomas Miller

It was called a multi-function. You know.

00:19:47:10 - 00:19:48:18

Darlene Stradwick

You know Sandy when she's young because.

00:19:48:21 - 00:19:49:04

Ron Scott

Yeah.

00:19:49:05 - 00:19:52:05

Darlene Stradwick

Cause she's the same age as me. We graduated from high school together.

00:19:52:08 - 00:19:54:14

Thomas Miller

Hey Ron Scott.

00:19:54:16 - 00:19:56:21

Thomas Miller

Ronnie. Go ahead.

00:19:57:01 - 00:19:58:17

Brenda J. Sparksman

Tommy, I got a question to ask.

00:19:58:21 - 00:19:59:17

Thomas Miller

Sure.

00:19:59:19 - 00:20:02:08

Brenda J. Sparksman

I have reoccurring dreams about Morrow Alley.

00:20:02:10 - 00:20:03:13

Thomas Miller

Okay.

00:20:03:15 - 00:20:04:15

Ron Scott

That's Miss Sandy.

00:20:04:17 - 00:20:08:14

Brenda J. Sparksman

When I go up there and Pumpkin's house is there a little ways up...

00:20:08:15 - 00:20:09:04

Darlene Stradwick

Oh, gosh...

00:20:09:04 - 00:20:09:20

Brenda J. Sparksman

were there some buildings...

00:20:09:20 - 00:20:13:03

Darlene Stradwick

That is definitely her.

00:20:13:05 - 00:20:13:12

Brenda J. Sparksman

that you walked down to?

00:20:13:13 - 00:20:16:03

Darlene Stradwick

Oh my gosh. Yep, that's her.

00:20:16:05 - 00:20:19:14

Thomas Miller

The young black guy ... (inaudible) Courtney Gummer?

00:20:19:20 - 00:20:21:16

Brenda J. Sparksman

Right.

00:20:21:19 - 00:20:25:04

Thomas Miller

The location you're talking about, that's where he was raised.

00:20:25:06 - 00:20:26:05

Brenda J. Sparksman

Okay.

00:20:26:07 - 00:20:27:14

Thomas Miller

That's where he was raised.

00:20:27:16 - 00:20:28:15

Brenda J. Sparksman

Because I kept thinking...

00:20:28:19 - 00:20:36:23

Thomas Miller

You know, because because, to get to his house, you had to walk passed Pumpkin's house, you know. That's right. Yep.

00:20:37:01 - 00:20:37:12

Brenda J. Sparksman

Now did the

00:20:37:14 - 00:20:38:09

Thomas Miller

Okay, then.

00:20:38:11 - 00:20:40:08

Brenda J. Sparksman

Goodwin's or anybody live up in that area?

00:20:40:10 - 00:20:40:23

Darlene Stradwick

I don't remember.

00:20:40:23 - 00:20:41:13

Thomas Miller

What's that?

00:20:41:15 - 00:20:42:20

Brenda J. Sparksman

The Goodwins.

00:20:42:22 - 00:20:43:21

Linda J. Scott

The Goodwins, where they lived?

00:20:44:00 - 00:20:46:21

Thomas Miller

The Goodwin's lived up on Grandview Street.

00:20:46:23 - 00:20:48:07

Brenda J. Sparksman

Okay, okay.

00:20:48:09 - 00:20:51:10

Ron Scott

It's weird when you said that, that's who I thought that this was.

00:20:51:12 - 00:20:52:15

Thomas Miller

Okay. Now...

00:20:52:15 - 00:20:55:13

Ron Scott

Like Aunt Starbree and them's mom? I thought she was one of these women.

00:20:55:15 - 00:20:56:01

Thomas Miller

Okay.

00:20:56:01 - 00:20:57:07

Ron Scott

That's not them?

00:20:57:09 - 00:20:57:19

Thomas Miller

Well,

00:20:57:19 - 00:20:58:07

Ron Scott

I don't know what her last name is.

00:20:58:09 - 00:20:59:15

Thomas Miller

I don't know their family's.

00:20:59:21 - 00:21:00:02

Darlene Stradwick

Goodwin.

00:21:00:02 - 00:21:01:12

Ron Scott

Okay, Shirley May?

00:21:01:14 - 00:21:03:11

Darlene Stradwick

Shirley May Goodwin.

00:21:03:15 - 00:21:04:21

Darlene Stradwick

Can I see the picture? I don't know who it is.

00:21:05:03 - 00:21:05:12

Thomas Miller

This picture right here?

00:21:05:13 - 00:21:08:09

Ron Scott

For some reason, it looks like, they look like her to me.

00:21:08:10 - 00:21:50:02

Thomas Miller

Well, well, let's see, Eddie Minor. Let's see, Eddie Minor, and his sister, Sandy. They were, they were actually raised by this lady's right here. Her name is Miss Nappers. And let's see, and this is Marietta Minor's, this is Eddie and his sister's mom right here. And she either had a drinking problem or maybe a psychological problem where she had a breakdown. You know. And they were probably in their teens before she got out and came back home, you know, but they were all raised by their grandmother. This is Miss Nappers right here.

00:21:50:02 - 00:21:52:09

Ron Scott

Oh, so they, they might not be related to the Goodwins at all then?

00:21:52:12 - 00:21:52:23

Darlene Stradwick

No.

00:21:53:02 - 00:21:55:09

Thomas Miller

No, you know..

00:21:55:11 - 00:22:23:02

Thomas Miller

And this young fella right here, I think his mom is a Foy, and she lived in that house right there, and and, years ago now, when the when the church and when the Church of God and Saints of Christ, when they were up on Morrow Street, this this is the back of their building right there. That's the back of the church building right here.

00:22:23:03 - 00:22:24:09

Ron Scott

The Blue Church?

00:22:24:11 - 00:23:00:20

Thomas Miller

The Blue Church, right. Right Ron, you know, and just like you see, where the cars were parked, going up the hill, and you could just drive up there and just follow that pass, path, and that would take you passed the back of Lincoln School. You know, and just like now, you can still access, the back parking lot of the, of the Lincoln Detention Center. This is where this road here leads to.

00:23:00:22 - 00:23:03:12

Ron Scott

Well let's get these people too, maybe they know them.

00:23:03:14 - 00:23:04:12

Thomas Miller

Okay.

00:23:04:14 - 00:23:13:10

Ron Scott

We're looking for stuff to scan, are you looking for people, or? Okay.

00:23:13:12 - 00:23:14:12

Ron Scott

Whatever you wanna...

00:23:14:14 - 00:23:19:16

Thomas Miller

Okay, Ron Scott, now this is this is another picture of Morrow Street, you know, but this...

00:23:19:16 - 00:23:21:13

Ron Scott

This is like the Morrow Street album.

00:23:21:15 - 00:23:30:17

Thomas Miller

But this was taken from from the top of the hill. Looking, looking down the street. You know.

00:23:30:19 - 00:23:33:04

Ron Scott

Yeah, they should scan this one too then.

00:23:33:06 - 00:23:34:01

Thomas Miller

Okay.

00:23:34:03 - 00:23:39:22

Ron Scott

Might as well. You'll have a fully documented history of Morrow Street, if anything.

00:23:40:00 - 00:23:41:00

Thomas Miller

Well, Ronnie...

00:23:41:00 - 00:23:45:06

Ron Scott

The cars of Murrow Street. But look at that! That's a nice ride.

00:23:45:08 - 00:23:57:02

Thomas Miller

Okay. Okay. Now, Courtney Gummer right there. This is his his uncle's car right there. Mr. Gummer's car.

00:23:57:04 - 00:24:01:02

Ron Scott

How do you remember this?

00:24:01:04 - 00:24:15:01

Thomas Miller

Ronnie. Ronnie. I lived up here forever. You know, I lived up there, well, until the schools were integrated, you know, and that's when we moved off of Eoff street, you know?

00:24:15:02 - 00:24:17:01

Ron Scott

But these homes are gone?

00:24:17:03 - 00:24:19:04

Thomas Miller

Oh, gone.

00:24:19:04 - 00:24:19:14

Ron Scott

Okay.

00:24:19:15 - 00:24:21:14

Thomas Miller

Been gone.

00:24:21:16 - 00:24:25:12

Ron Scott

It's a nice ride. The Gummer ride.

00:24:25:14 - 00:24:51:16

Thomas Miller

Okay, Ronnie. Now, this is another, Eoff Street picture here. Okay. You know, and this is taken in front of our house over here. And these fancy cars here, you know, the only white people we saw in the neighborhood work downtown, and they would park up on Eoff Street. You know,

00:24:51:18 - 00:24:57:18

Thomas Miller

sometimes me and my brother, now we didn't realized what kind of damage we were doing to people's cars here or anything, you know?

00:24:57:21 - 00:25:03:16

Thomas Miller

But anyway, now maybe we would have, like, a little butter knife, you know, like.

00:25:03:18 - 00:25:04:09

Darlene Stradwick

Vandalizing.

00:25:04:10 - 00:25:05:08

Ron Scott

Now, this is says...

00:25:05:08 - 00:25:08:06

Thomas Miller
Vandalizing, you know. But we were young and naive.

00:25:08:08 - 00:25:10:16
Ron Scott
This says it's from Gloria J. Webb?

00:25:10:16 - 00:25:10:19
Thomas Miller
Tacky.

00:25:10:19 - 00:25:13:01
Ron Scott
Is she in the picture?

00:25:13:03 - 00:25:13:19
Thomas Miller
No.

00:25:13:21 - 00:25:17:23
Ron Scott
I was about to say an old picture of Miss Tacky, that'd be amazing.

00:25:18:01 - 00:25:19:08
Thomas Miller
I have a picture of her.

00:25:19:10 - 00:25:20:10
Ron Scott
Young?

00:25:20:12 - 00:25:20:22
Thomas Miller
Yes.

00:25:21:03 - 00:25:21:18
Ron Scott
That's amazing.

00:25:22:00 - 00:25:24:04
Thomas Miller
Yes. You know,

00:25:24:05 - 00:25:30:08
Ron Scott
I'm sure she was young, but I just never. There's no proof.

00:25:30:10 - 00:25:31:21
Thomas Miller

This is another...

00:25:31:23 - 00:25:38:19

Ron Scott

The cleanest brother I've ever seen, right there. Who is that? Even the dude behind him is clean.

00:25:38:20 - 00:25:56:11

Thomas Miller

His name is Mr. Gene Agee. A-G-E-E. And then he lived in this building right here. And we lived, like, across the street over there, you know. And this is looking up Eoff Street.

00:25:56:13 - 00:25:58:01

Darlene Stradwick

All these memories.

00:25:58:03 - 00:26:02:17

Ron Scott

You remember this guy? All you saw was the man in the jacket, and you're like, that's, Gene Agee.

00:26:02:21 - 00:26:09:08

Thomas Miller

This right here. This is Donna Carter's grandmother. You remember Donna Carter?

00:26:09:08 - 00:26:10:05

Ron Scott

Yeah.

00:26:10:07 - 00:26:10:22

Thomas Miller

You know.

00:26:11:00 - 00:26:15:12

Darlene Stradwick

Is that Carinda? Used to be the secretary of Webster?

00:26:15:14 - 00:26:16:09

Thomas Miller

this is

00:26:16:11 - 00:26:18:04

Thomas Miller

Carinda's mom.

00:26:18:08 - 00:26:20:14

Darlene Stradwick

Okay.

00:26:20:15 - 00:26:35:17

Thomas Miller

You know, and and, associated in this building somehow, there was a guy named, Mr. Clayton, you know, and that was the first pimp that I, that I ever knew, you know.

00:26:35:19 - 00:26:39:21

Ron Scott

Definitely want that chronicled in there. Wheeling's first pimp.

00:26:39:23 - 00:27:09:03

Thomas Miller

He had a, he had a beautiful white Cadillac convertible. Well, you know, but he died young, you know, because out in Elm Grove, apparently one one of the women, that he was fooling around with, her husband came along. And just thought that he would wound him by shooting him in the leg, but he hit the femoral artery, and he died. Yes.

00:27:09:05 - 00:27:09:06

Linda J. Scott

That'll do it.

00:27:09:11 - 00:27:18:06

Ron Scott

Thought the story was going a different way. Right. He was a pimp, and he had a beautiful white.... woman that made so much money for him.

00:27:18:08 - 00:27:27:07

Thomas Miller

Okay, Ron Scott. This is me and my brother Bubba.

00:27:27:09 - 00:27:28:07

Darlene Stradwick

Oh, my goodness.

00:27:28:09 - 00:27:30:14

Ron Scott

Which one is you? Right here?

00:27:30:16 - 00:27:45:00

Thomas Miller

I'm the one, Ron, now with the crease in his pants. See the crease, you know, like in, see how see how tightly ironed those, those suspenders were.

00:27:45:02 - 00:27:47:08

Ron Scott

Yes. And the cuffs. Those are great.

00:27:47:08 - 00:27:48:15

Thomas Miller

Oh my goodness, Ron, you know.

00:27:48:18 - 00:27:51:00

Ron Scott

Yeah. We definitely want that archived.

00:27:51:02 - 00:28:01:03

Thomas Miller

So, Ron Scott, this guy right here, his son still lives in Wheeling. Brother Miller.

00:28:01:05 - 00:28:03:06

Darlene Stradwick

That's Debbie Miller's brother.

00:28:03:08 - 00:28:03:18

Ron Scott

Oh.

00:28:03:20 - 00:28:04:14

Darlene Stradwick

Those Millers.

00:28:04:15 - 00:28:05:23

Ron Scott

Those Millers.

00:28:06:01 - 00:28:07:03

Thomas Miller

This is his dad.

00:28:07:04 - 00:28:08:14

Ron Scott

I didn't recognize him without... Okay.

00:28:08:14 - 00:28:42:23

Thomas Miller

This is his dad, you know, and he was related to the Millers. Well, our last name was Miller. His family, the right next door to us, up on Eoff Street, and Debbie and Sandy and them, and brother, so then people thought that we had so many kids in our family, you know, that we had to live in two houses side by side. You know, but that was a separate family. You know. Yeah.

00:28:43:01 - 00:28:45:12

Darlene Stradwick

Did the other Miller's live there too? I thought they,

00:28:45:14 - 00:28:45:22

Thomas Miller

What's that?

00:28:46:01 - 00:28:50:12

Darlene Stradwick

Harold Miller's family. I thought they lived on there, there as well?

00:28:50:13 - 00:28:51:06

Thomas Miller

Well,

00:28:51:08 - 00:28:52:13

Brenda J. Sparksman

That's brother?

00:28:52:13 - 00:28:53:01

Darlene Stradwick

No.

00:28:53:03 - 00:28:53:23

Thomas Miller

This is actually.

00:28:54:04 - 00:28:55:08

Darlene Stradwick

Are you talking about brother, Henry Miller?

00:28:55:13 - 00:29:00:03

Thomas Miller

This is actually Harold Miller's dad, right here.

00:29:00:05 - 00:29:06:10

Darlene Stradwick

See, cause I thought they called, Henry Miller, I thought they called him brother, but that's Harold Miller, that they called brother.

00:29:06:13 - 00:29:13:18

Thomas Miller

Henry Miller's related to them also, you know. Henry Miller's...

00:29:13:19 - 00:29:14:15

Darlene Stradwick

Debbie's brother.

00:29:14:18 - 00:29:16:22

Thomas Miller

dad's name is Peach.

00:29:16:22 - 00:29:18:00

Darlene Stradwick

Peach. Yep.

00:29:18:02 - 00:29:19:22

Thomas Miller

And his mom's name is Violet.

00:29:19:22 - 00:29:22:06

Darlene Stradwick

Yeah. Peach and Violet.

00:29:22:06 - 00:29:26:21

Ron Scott

We have to keep track of these nicknames as they go. We get pickles, chicken, peach.

00:29:26:22 - 00:29:43:04

Thomas Miller

And let's see now, Warrick Moseby, his family lived in this house right here. You know, now, this porch right here, guys you have to cover your ears now, you know? Okay. Now. Okay now, Ernie Johnson, now you remember big Ernie?

00:29:43:06 - 00:29:44:13

Ron Scott

Feel like I've heard the name, Ernie.

00:29:44:18 - 00:29:54:21

Thomas Miller

You know. Well, he is, he is, Kenny Johnson and Ronnie Johnson's, older brother.

00:29:54:21 - 00:30:00:01

Darlene Stradwick

He worked at Central's gym forever. He was the door person at Central's gym.

00:30:00:03 - 00:30:03:13

Thomas Miller

That was Big Beef. That was Big Beef.

00:30:03:15 - 00:30:04:00

Ron Scott

Big Beef?

00:30:04:01 - 00:30:05:12

Thomas Miller

That was Big Beef, you know.

00:30:05:17 - 00:30:06:15

Darlene Stradwick

I thought it was Ernie.

00:30:06:15 - 00:30:12:06

Ron Scott

And put another name in the book, Big Beef, Chicken, Pickles.

00:30:12:08 - 00:30:15:12

Thomas Miller

Big Beef was actually related to Marlene Sinclair.

00:30:15:13 - 00:30:16:01

Darlene Stradwick

Okay.

00:30:16:04 - 00:30:17:03

Thomas Miller

Yeah.

00:30:17:05 - 00:30:19:04

Darlene Stradwick

All right, I remember Beef, but I...

00:30:19:06 - 00:30:20:08

Thomas Miller

Big Beef, you know.

00:30:20:08 - 00:30:21:06

Darlene Stradwick

and I was thinking for some reason, I thought he was...

00:30:21:07 - 00:30:45:10

Thomas Miller

He was on the door, you know, and wouldn't let anybody pass him on the door, you know?

Okay. These guys right here, now they would be your older sisters, age. This is Donnie and Danny Cooper and this, and this is their sister right there. You know, and

00:30:45:12 - 00:30:47:20

Thomas Miller

That wall,

00:30:47:22 - 00:30:58:02

Sean Duffy

Can I interrupt for a second? Is anyone driving a Chevy? Impala?

00:30:58:04 - 00:31:20:05

Thomas Miller

Okay, okay. Now, this wall here used to run all the way up, Well, let's see, it started right down there at Simpson Church and would run all the way up to the, steps. Now, this white house right here, this is where the the Samaritan house sits now.

00:31:20:06 - 00:31:23:12

Ron Scott

Is this wall not there anymore?

00:31:23:14 - 00:31:27:23

Thomas Miller

No. They kind of took it out, I'm pretty sure.

00:31:28:01 - 00:31:30:08

Darlene Stradwick

Where was it located?

00:31:30:10 - 00:31:33:03

Thomas Miller

Eoff Street.

00:31:33:05 - 00:31:33:21

Darlene Stradwick

By?

00:31:33:22 - 00:31:41:18

Ron Scott

Wait, is that where those rock looking things are now? Like the "Y," like, if you're at the back part of the Y-W

00:31:41:20 - 00:31:43:11

Thomas Miller

I have another picture of that here, let's see.

00:31:43:11 - 00:31:46:09

Ron Scott

I feel like that was a big wall at one point, I don't know for sure though.

00:31:46:15 - 00:32:12:17

Thomas Miller

Let's see here, okay. Let's see. This is Simpson Church right here. These these are the Kinney sisters. So you probably knew their brother Wilks, right? Okay, well, let's see. No.

00:32:12:19 - 00:32:13:14

Darlene Stradwick

The older ones.

00:32:13:16 - 00:32:14:12

Thomas Miller

Yes. Yes.

00:32:14:12 - 00:32:19:11

Darlene Stradwick

They're still alive cause Pat just put a picture of them, all three of them on Facebook.

00:32:19:11 - 00:32:20:16

Thomas Miller

Yes, yes.

00:32:20:16 - 00:32:22:12

Ron Scott

You got to scan this one then, for sure.

00:32:22:12 - 00:32:22:21

Thomas Miller

You know.

00:32:23:01 - 00:32:24:22

Ron Scott

Kinney's up in there.

00:32:25:00 - 00:32:29:00

Thomas Miller

And then, who said that they had Ms. Green for their teacher?

00:32:29:05 - 00:32:29:21

Brenda J. Sparksman

I did.

00:32:29:23 - 00:32:31:07

Thomas Miller

Right here?

00:32:31:09 - 00:32:33:09

Darlene Stradwick

I didn't have her for a teacher, she was just at Webster.

00:32:33:09 - 00:32:38:16

Thomas Miller

This is where Ms. Green used to live, right up here. You know.

00:32:38:18 - 00:32:39:17

Ron Scott

The infamous, Ms. Green.

00:32:39:19 - 00:32:40:19

Thomas Miller

Oh boy.

00:32:40:21 - 00:32:41:06

Ron Scott

We gonna scan this one.

00:32:41:10 - 00:32:46:10

Thomas Miller

Okay. Yes, yes.

00:32:46:12 - 00:32:53:04

Ron Scott

That's how he remembers that's where Ms. Green lived, cause he threw eggs at the house whenever he could.

00:32:53:06 - 00:33:39:04

Thomas Miller

She mugged me Ron. She mugged me. Okay, okay. You know, you know. So, old Lincoln School now, they had some fire damage, you know. You know, or maybe during this period, maybe they were tearing down the, the the old school, and the new school wasn't quite completed. You know, so they had, their, their elementary classes down at Simpson Church and while they were at Simpson Church now, they still had to have crossing guards here, you know. So these were some kids from the high school that they'd come down to Simpson Church to help the kids cross the street right there.

00:33:39:06 - 00:33:40:16

Ron Scott

Yeah, we'll scan that one for sure.

00:33:40:16 - 00:33:43:13

Thomas Miller

Okay. Yes.

00:33:43:15 - 00:33:48:04

Ron Scott

The Simpson crossing guards. Oh, there was two in there.

00:33:48:06 - 00:33:49:06

Thomas Miller

Okay.

00:33:49:08 - 00:33:50:15

Ron Scott

Oh, it's another shot of them.

00:33:50:15 - 00:33:57:10

Thomas Miller

Yes. Yes. I kind of like that one right there.

00:33:57:12 - 00:33:58:03

Ron Scott

Now, they're not...

00:33:58:03 - 00:34:00:13

Darlene Stradwick

Sacred Heart? You didn't go to Sacred Heart?

00:34:00:15 - 00:34:01:16

Ron Scott

I thought maybe they were...

00:34:01:18 - 00:34:03:02

Thomas Miller
This lady here....

00:34:03:08 - 00:34:05:02

Darlene Stradwick
So we were all Webster.

00:34:05:02 - 00:34:22:15

Thomas Miller
So this lady here, her name was Ms. Cecil Miller. And and then after they closed Lincoln School, she wound up out at Jefferson School for a while. Now do you remember where Jefferson was?

00:34:22:17 - 00:34:23:16

Brenda J. Sparksman
On Main Street...

00:34:23:16 - 00:34:24:17

Darlene Stradwick
Jefferson?

00:34:24:19 - 00:34:25:19

Thomas Miller
Jefferson School.

00:34:25:19 - 00:34:34:09

Darlene Stradwick
The name is familiar.... Where was it located?

00:34:34:11 - 00:34:37:17

Ron Scott
Are these two biracial students here?

00:34:37:18 - 00:34:59:22

Thomas Miller
Well, these guys are brothers. Robert, and his brother, Peters, and then, they were in the service when I was telling you about Ms. Brown's son being killed over there.

00:35:00:03 - 00:35:00:16

Ron Scott
Okay.

00:35:00:18 - 00:35:03:21

Thomas Miller
You know.

00:35:03:23 - 00:35:07:14

Ron Scott

They just got some, interesting textured hair there.

00:35:07:16 - 00:35:08:16

Thomas Miller

Yep.

00:35:08:18 - 00:35:14:18

Ron Scott

Somebody was dipping in the chocolate.

00:35:14:20 - 00:35:18:23

Thomas Miller

You can always find the sick side of things.

00:35:19:01 - 00:35:19:15

Ron Scott

I just was wondering.

00:35:19:15 - 00:35:26:16

Thomas Miller

Okay Ronnie, now, this is my sister, up on 12th Street. You know, sitting on our porch.

00:35:26:18 - 00:35:32:22

Brenda J. Sparksman

Hey, Tommy. Explain that one.

00:35:33:00 - 00:35:46:09

Thomas Miller

His name is Tommy Johnson. And you know, sister Moseby, Okay. Now, this girl right here, she is actually related to your family.

00:35:46:13 - 00:35:50:20

Brenda J. Sparksman

Is that, Sandra?

00:35:50:22 - 00:35:51:10

Thomas Miller

Wesley?

00:35:51:10 - 00:35:53:06

Brenda J. Sparksman

Wesley. Wesley, all right.

00:35:53:07 - 00:35:54:00

Thomas Miller

Well,

00:35:54:02 - 00:35:55:09

Brenda J. Sparksman

Oh, okay.

00:35:55:11 - 00:35:56:01

Linda J. Scott

She was talking about the boy,

00:35:56:01 - 00:35:56:23

Thomas Miller

I'm not sure...

00:35:56:23 - 00:35:57:16

Linda J. Scott

the little white boy.

00:35:57:18 - 00:36:02:21

Thomas Miller

if that's, if that's the actual sister you know, but I know that she's related to the family. You know.

00:36:02:21 - 00:36:04:00

Darlene Stradwick

Ask him about the white child.

00:36:04:00 - 00:36:05:15

Brenda J. Sparksman

We were talking about the white child.

00:36:05:17 - 00:36:06:18

Thomas Miller

Well,

00:36:06:19 - 00:36:08:14

Ron Scott

There's one random white child in there?

00:36:08:16 - 00:36:09:06

Darlene Stradwick

Right there in the front.

00:36:09:08 - 00:36:10:06

Linda J. Scott

Somebody's like, got a place for him.

00:36:10:08 - 00:36:15:09

Thomas Miller

Well, then. Well, then he is Tommy Johnson.

00:36:15:11 - 00:36:17:19

Darlene Stradwick

Oh, so you know him? His name is Tommy Johnson?

00:36:18:00 - 00:36:18:11

Thomas Miller

Yes.

00:36:18:11 - 00:36:20:05

Darlene Stradwick

Why is he on there?

00:36:20:07 - 00:36:21:05

Linda J. Scott

Who does he belong to?

00:36:21:05 - 00:36:26:21

Ron Scott

That is the photographer's son.

00:36:26:23 - 00:36:30:11

Thomas Miller

Well, his family is inter-racial.

00:36:30:13 - 00:36:31:00

Brenda J. Sparksman

Okay.

00:36:31:00 - 00:36:33:19

Ron Scott

He had to get a white balance for the...

00:36:33:21 - 00:36:47:11

Thomas Miller

And let's see here. Let's see, And this lady right here. She was my second grade teacher.

And if you remember, Ms. Chappelle.

00:36:47:13 - 00:36:49:21

Darlene Stradwick

I know Ms. Chappelle.

00:36:49:23 - 00:37:03:02

Thomas Miller

You know. Let's see here. Do you remember the one teacher, Ms. Gertrude Dixon? Nope?

Okay.

00:37:03:04 - 00:37:04:10

Darlene Stradwick

No, we didn't go, we didn't go to Lincoln.

00:37:04:11 - 00:37:04:15

Linda J. Scott

Yeah, we didn't go.

00:37:04:15 - 00:37:05:23

Brenda J. Sparksman

Yeah.

00:37:06:01 - 00:37:07:18

Linda J. Scott

We went south, we went to Center.

00:37:07:20 - 00:37:13:09

Thomas Miller

This guy at the time, he was Simpson Church's preacher.

00:37:13:11 - 00:37:13:15

Ron Scott

We gotta scan that.

00:37:13:15 - 00:37:16:19

Thomas Miller

And let's see here.

00:37:16:20 - 00:37:23:16

Linda J. Scott

I don't think they had a place big enough for, like, 16 kids back then. That's why we, we had to move to find a house.

00:37:23:18 - 00:37:35:18

Thomas Miller

What's your girl's name? Now, she used to go with Donald Savage. She's from, St. Clairsville. Butch Harris's sister?

00:37:35:18 - 00:37:37:01

Darlene Stradwick

BeeBee?

00:37:37:03 - 00:37:38:14

Thomas Miller

Jennifer Sneed.

00:37:38:16 - 00:37:40:02

Darlene Stradwick

Oh, Jennifer Sneed.

00:37:40:05 - 00:38:18:05

Thomas Miller

Okay, let's see here in this photograph. Here is. Let's see. Here is, Butch Harris and Phoebe Harris's dad, and this is their mom. Who who at the time, her married name was Harris. And then her parents split up. And her mom remarried, and they had a daughter, Jennifer Sneed, you know. So this is Jennifer's mom right there.

00:38:18:07 - 00:38:19:09

Linda J. Scott

I remember Jennifer Sneed.

00:38:19:11 - 00:38:20:10

Thomas Miller

Yes.

00:38:20:12 - 00:38:21:03

Ron Scott

Sneeds?

00:38:21:09 - 00:38:24:23

Darlene Stradwick

Yeah. They talking about, you remember Arthur? Justin's friend, Arthur?

00:38:24:23 - 00:38:25:20

Ron Scott

Oh, yeah.

00:38:25:22 - 00:38:28:08

Darlene Stradwick

That's his mom. Jennifer Sneed is his mom.

00:38:28:10 - 00:38:29:19

Ron Scott

I moved through...

00:38:29:21 - 00:38:31:04

Thomas Miller

Okay, Ron. Now this...

00:38:31:04 - 00:38:34:12

Ron Scott

I took that one, and slid it over there because it had those firemen.

00:38:34:14 - 00:38:35:06

Thomas Miller

Oh, really?

00:38:35:10 - 00:38:38:16

Ron Scott

And the other side was your, was your family.

00:38:38:18 - 00:38:41:23

Thomas Miller

Yes. Okay, Ron. Let's see here.

00:38:42:01 - 00:38:47:12

Ron Scott

That smooth brother Avery? Agry? Aggie?

00:38:47:14 - 00:38:51:17

Thomas Miller

Mr. Gene Agee. Agee.

00:38:51:19 - 00:39:23:20

Thomas Miller

Okay. And let's see here. So. Saw that and you saw that, and this and my sister and, Okay. And this is us up on, 12th Street in front of our house. Now this is this is the Wise Building, and this is me. Here's my brother Bubba. Here's my mom, and this is her mom, Maggie Gray.

00:39:23:22 - 00:39:32:04

Thomas Miller

So we had just come back from New York, so that, so that I could be in Mr. Connolly's wedding.

00:39:32:05 - 00:39:33:13

Ron Scott

Wait. The principal?

00:39:33:15 - 00:39:35:02

Thomas Miller

Yes.

00:39:35:04 - 00:39:35:20

Ron Scott

Oh,

00:39:35:22 - 00:39:36:11

Darlene Stradwick

Mr. Connolly?

00:39:36:13 - 00:39:37:04

Ron Scott

Yes.

00:39:37:06 - 00:39:39:10

Thomas Miller

Yes, you know,

00:39:39:12 - 00:39:56:06

Thomas Miller

So that's just up on 12th Street. Okay. And this is me, my sister Carolyn. My sister Fuzzy. My brother Bubba, and my sister, Sis. The end.

00:39:56:08 - 00:39:57:11

Ron Scott

What else you got over there, Unc?

00:39:57:11 - 00:40:02:15

Darlene Stradwick

Your parents, this is your parents marriage certificate.

00:40:02:17 - 00:40:04:15

Darlene Stradwick

It says Thomas L. and Sarah Jane?

00:40:04:15 - 00:40:05:11

Thomas Miller

Yes.

00:40:05:13 - 00:40:17:01

Darlene Stradwick

And then this one looks like your grandparents. John Gray or is that your uncle? John Gray and Margaret. Trace? Trice?

00:40:17:03 - 00:40:18:05

Thomas Miller

John Gray.

00:40:18:07 - 00:40:21:09

Darlene Stradwick

Oh yeah, 1906. That would be your grandparents.

00:40:21:11 - 00:40:24:23

Thomas Miller

So my grandmother's maiden name was Margaret Trice.

00:40:24:23 - 00:40:27:00

Darlene Stradwick

Okay, so that's your Grandma Gray.

00:40:27:02 - 00:40:27:21

Thomas Miller

Yes.

00:40:27:23 - 00:40:31:18

Darlene Stradwick

Yeah, I can see where her little self. She's so short. She was just a little thing.

00:40:31:19 - 00:40:34:13

Ron Scott

So this stuff was, this was all before you guys?

00:40:34:17 - 00:40:35:10

Darlene Stradwick

Marriage license.

00:40:35:12 - 00:40:53:12

Linda J. Scott

Because we didn't live in that area. Well, you know, when we, when urban renewal came down and destroyed us on Main Street. We, cause we, you know, we had a huge family, most people either moved uptown or, yeah, in that area where Tommy and them. But we moved, we moved to Center.

00:40:53:13 - 00:40:55:02

Thomas Miller

Okay, Linda.

00:40:55:04 - 00:41:03:17

Linda J. Scott

To Center Wheeling. Where we were. So I'm not familiar with a whole lot of the history that Tommy's talking about.

00:41:03:17 - 00:41:10:02

Thomas Miller

Okay. Okay. Now do you recognize that person right there?

00:41:10:04 - 00:41:12:15

Thomas Miller

I believe that that's your dad.

00:41:12:17 - 00:41:13:08

Linda J. Scott

Who's dad?

00:41:13:10 - 00:41:15:09

Thomas Miller

And this is his mother.

00:41:15:11 - 00:41:16:02

Linda J. Scott

My dad?

00:41:16:05 - 00:41:17:04

Thomas Miller

Right there. Yeah.

00:41:17:07 - 00:41:18:10

Linda J. Scott

That doesn't look like my dad.

00:41:18:12 - 00:41:19:04

Darlene Stradwick

Let me see.

00:41:19:06 - 00:41:25:05

Linda J. Scott

But you know what, that looks like Lily? That's Lily, ain't that remind you of that picture.

00:41:25:06 - 00:41:29:01

Darlene Stradwick

And that wasn't, that wasn't grand-dad. The little picture?

00:41:29:03 - 00:41:30:12

Linda J. Scott

Yeah, someone said something. Yeah.

00:41:30:15 - 00:41:32:10

Darlene Stradwick

Somebody said who that was a long time ago.

00:41:32:10 - 00:41:33:01

Linda J. Scott

But it's not daddy.

00:41:33:02 - 00:41:34:17

Darlene Stradwick

Because this look like a Paige here.

00:41:34:21 - 00:41:35:06

Thomas Miller

Okay.

00:41:35:06 - 00:41:35:14

Brenda J. Sparksman

Right.

00:41:35:17 - 00:41:37:16

Linda J. Scott

Yeah, but, is that Grandma Lily?

00:41:37:17 - 00:41:39:08

Thomas Miller

That's Lilly. She's a Paige.

00:41:39:09 - 00:41:43:07

Darlene Stradwick

I think I remember that picture. And I think that was grandma Lily.

00:41:43:08 - 00:41:48:17

Darlene Stradwick

Yeah. Because I only remember one other picture of her.

00:41:48:19 - 00:41:50:10

Linda J. Scott

Yeah. That's the only picture I remember.

00:41:50:14 - 00:41:52:12

Darlene Stradwick

This other one.

00:41:52:14 - 00:41:56:00

Thomas Miller

Okay. So that picture there, that's my...

00:41:56:03 - 00:41:59:21

Thomas Miller

That Po Boy, my love.

00:41:59:23 - 00:42:00:21

Thomas Miller

That is Po Boy.

00:42:01:02 - 00:42:01:19

Linda J. Scott

I know.

00:42:02:00 - 00:42:03:15

Darlene Stradwick

That's the year I was born.

00:42:03:15 - 00:42:04:14

Linda J. Scott

He's so cute.

00:42:04:16 - 00:42:08:00

Thomas Miller

You know, so that was

00:42:08:02 - 00:42:09:21

Darlene Stradwick

Tommy and Po Boy.

00:42:09:23 - 00:42:11:05

Thomas Miller

So that is Lincoln's...

00:42:11:05 - 00:42:11:17

Darlene Stradwick
That's Gummer.

00:42:11:20 - 00:42:12:19

Thomas Miller
last year.

00:42:12:19 - 00:42:14:17

Linda J. Scott
Patty Kinney.

00:42:14:19 - 00:42:20:17

Thomas Miller
You know. So really now, Percy McGee.

00:42:20:19 - 00:42:21:16

Darlene Stradwick
And there's Ronnie.

00:42:21:18 - 00:42:22:20

Linda J. Scott
We have Ronnie Williams.

00:42:22:20 - 00:42:31:17

Thomas Miller
Ronnie Williams. Houston Lewis. Jonie Gray. Bobby McGee. Vicky Roper.

00:42:31:19 - 00:42:32:18

Linda J. Scott
Oh, yeah. Okay.

00:42:32:20 - 00:42:42:03

Thomas Miller
Bill Kennedy, Johnny Lattin, Patty Kinney, Percy McGee, Vera Mace-Nelson and Eugene Gummer.

00:42:42:08 - 00:42:45:07

Linda J. Scott
Okay, who's this here?

00:42:45:09 - 00:42:46:21

Thomas Miller
Nathan Mosby. Okay.

00:42:47:00 - 00:42:50:21

Linda J. Scott
I didn't know him too well. He looks familiar too, who's that?

00:42:50:23 - 00:42:59:05

Thomas Miller

I'm still having, trouble verifying who this is, you know. But before,

00:42:59:05 - 00:43:01:10

Linda J. Scott

Po Boy.

00:43:01:12 - 00:43:02:14

Ron Scott

Po Boy, Pickles, Chicken.

00:43:02:16 - 00:43:04:00

Linda J. Scott

You forget about pumpkins.

00:43:04:00 - 00:43:06:23

Darlene Stradwick

See I don't know which would be worse, his real name is Rufus.

00:43:07:00 - 00:43:15:00

Linda J. Scott

Rufus, that's what all our dogs were named, Rufus. Don't know if that's a compliment or not.

00:43:15:02 - 00:43:17:04

Darlene Stradwick

You and Tommy look so much alike in this picture.

00:43:17:04 - 00:43:17:12

Brenda J. Sparksman

Yeah.

00:43:17:12 - 00:43:21:22

Thomas Miller

And, let's see here.

00:43:22:00 - 00:43:23:05

Linda J. Scott

What's these?

00:43:23:07 - 00:43:25:21

Thomas Miller

Okay then that's the, that's the third grade picture.

00:43:26:00 - 00:43:28:00

Linda J. Scott

Here's Jackie Paige. Is that Jackie?

00:43:28:06 - 00:43:29:23

Brenda J. Sparksman
There's who they are.

00:43:30:01 - 00:43:32:16
Thomas Miller
There's all the names.

00:43:32:18 - 00:43:38:13
Linda J. Scott
Oh Pitts. I'm going to tell Gummer.

00:43:38:15 - 00:43:42:22
Darlene Stradwick
There's old Patty.

00:43:43:00 - 00:43:48:15
Linda J. Scott
He looks like, mad at me like Lorenzo. Uh-oh. Who is that?

00:43:48:17 - 00:43:52:03
Thomas Miller
That's Bill Hill. Linda Johnson.

00:43:52:03 - 00:43:55:17
Linda J. Scott
My grandson. Look at your son.

00:43:55:19 - 00:43:57:10
Thomas Miller
Yeah, he does look like Michael.

00:43:57:12 - 00:44:04:03
Darlene Stradwick
Patty Kinney's husband. Patty Hill.

00:44:04:05 - 00:44:05:23
Linda J. Scott
Okay, who's this? What happened here?

00:44:06:01 - 00:44:06:22
Thomas Miller
That's Tacky.

00:44:07:03 - 00:44:07:13
Darlene Stradwick
Oh is that?

00:44:07:13 - 00:44:08:21
Ron Scott

Tacky!

00:44:08:22 - 00:44:10:18

Darlene Stradwick

There's the young picture, there it is. There it is.

00:44:10:20 - 00:44:15:01

Ron Scott

Oh man. Another landmark occasion at the Ohio County Public Library. We got a young picture of Ms. Tacky.

00:44:15:03 - 00:44:19:04

Linda J. Scott

How is this going down the page? It's going down. Oh, it's from the...

00:44:19:06 - 00:44:20:13

Thomas Miller

And she passed away.

00:44:20:19 - 00:44:21:08

Ron Scott

Where did Tacky? Where did that come from?

00:44:21:14 - 00:44:22:12

Darlene Stradwick

That looks like...

00:44:22:13 - 00:44:23:14

Thomas Miller

I don't know.

00:44:23:16 - 00:44:24:20

Linda J. Scott

Betty?

00:44:24:20 - 00:44:47:21

Thomas Miller

But I'll tell you what. Donna Carter. Now, when her son Rodney died. You know. I was out here with her at, at the funeral home. And then when I left that day, I bumped into, Ronnie Johnson. So he told me that Tacky had just passed away over in Columbus. Yes.

00:44:47:23 - 00:44:49:11

Linda J. Scott

Who was this school, what school is this?

00:44:49:17 - 00:44:52:05

Thomas Miller

Lincoln School.

00:44:52:07 - 00:44:52:11

Linda J. Scott
Oh, Lincoln.

00:44:52:11 - 00:44:54:01

Darlene Stradwick
In the wall?

00:44:54:04 - 00:44:54:23

Linda J. Scott
Wow.

00:44:55:00 - 00:44:57:21

Darlene Stradwick
Everyone get a picture by the wall. Who was the teacher?

00:44:57:23 - 00:45:04:18

Thomas Miller
That was Ms. Dixon, you know. And you know. And after she retired.

00:45:04:21 - 00:45:07:22

Linda J. Scott
I was thinking Po Boy lived around us. How did he end up, well....

00:45:08:04 - 00:45:10:05

Thomas Miller
After she retired

00:45:10:07 - 00:45:11:04

Linda J. Scott
going to that school and we didn't.

00:45:11:04 - 00:45:12:07

Brenda J. Sparksman
I think he flunked a few times.

00:45:12:12 - 00:45:13:00

Thomas Miller
She decided that she was going to take a trip around the world.

00:45:13:00 - 00:45:15:11

Brenda J. Sparksman
He ended up graduating with me.

00:45:15:13 - 00:45:16:07

Linda J. Scott
Why would he be in here, instead of going to school with us?

00:45:16:07 - 00:45:30:10

Thomas Miller

And she wound up living in Washington DC. So every time I would go over there, just to visit my sister before we left the area in Virginia, we'd have to go visit Ms. Dixon.

00:45:30:12 - 00:45:32:14

Darlene Stradwick

What's that teacher's name?

00:45:32:16 - 00:45:37:16

Thomas Miller

Her name is Ms. Burke. Okay, so there's Donna Carter.

00:45:37:18 - 00:45:39:07

Linda J. Scott

Who is this?

00:45:39:09 - 00:45:53:17

Thomas Miller

She is related to the, Banks family. Now, you know Mr. Banks from 13th Street? His wife, she is related to her, you know, but I can't remember, you know, and, Donna, when I saw...

00:45:53:19 - 00:45:56:01

Linda J. Scott

Charles Lewis?

00:45:56:03 - 00:45:57:10

Thomas Miller

So Donna,

00:45:57:12 - 00:45:59:10

Linda J. Scott

Look at the ears...

00:45:59:12 - 00:46:01:12

Thomas Miller

That is okay.

00:46:01:16 - 00:46:03:07

Darlene Stradwick

There's Fuzzy in the middle.

00:46:03:09 - 00:46:20:05

Thomas Miller

There's my sister Fuzzy. There's Charles Lewis. Wilbur Miles. That's another Paige. And that's another McGee right there. And I forget her name. That's another Lucky, now that's another one of your relatives right there. He's a Lucky.

00:46:20:05 - 00:46:21:12

Linda J. Scott

He is. He looks like the...

00:46:21:13 - 00:46:22:02

Thomas Miller

Yes.

00:46:22:02 - 00:46:24:07

Linda J. Scott

One of them. I can't think who it would be.

00:46:24:12 - 00:46:32:21

Thomas Miller

And that's Victor Johns. And that's, Nathaniel Riley, and that's Mamie Sue Brown.

00:46:33:03 - 00:46:33:23

Darlene Stradwick

Oh, Mamie Sue!

00:46:34:01 - 00:46:36:02

Thomas Miller

Mamie Sue.

00:46:36:04 - 00:46:36:19

Linda J. Scott

I can see it in there. I can see it

00:46:37:00 - 00:46:39:16

Thomas Miller

And that is also Ernie Copeland, yep.

00:46:39:18 - 00:46:43:11

Brenda J. Sparksman

Okay, I thought that.

00:46:43:13 - 00:46:46:14

Darlene Stradwick

Mamie. And she still, as an adult, still goes by Mamie Sue.

00:46:46:16 - 00:46:48:17

Thomas Miller

Okay. You know. So

00:46:48:19 - 00:47:12:16

Darlene Stradwick

you know, so that was my last year. And Lincoln and the following year, this is my first year at Clay school. Oh, this is Clay. What is winning? Well, immoral. My brother was just asking me about her. Yes. Yesterday.

00:47:12:18 - 00:47:14:18

Linda J. Scott
She just had a picture on Facebook not too long ago.

00:47:14:20 - 00:47:17:07
Thomas Miller
I just had my shirt pressed, you know. You could tell.

00:47:17:09 - 00:47:18:07
Darlene Stradwick
You had the pressed shirts.

00:47:18:11 - 00:47:20:06
Linda J. Scott
You look like Justin there.

00:47:20:10 - 00:47:27:11
Darlene Stradwick
Yeah.

00:47:27:13 - 00:47:28:03
Linda J. Scott
Amazing.

00:47:28:04 - 00:47:30:03
Darlene Stradwick
Is that your first white teacher?

00:47:30:04 - 00:47:32:23
Thomas Miller
Well, yes. Well, yes.

00:47:33:01 - 00:47:33:08
Linda J. Scott
It looks...

00:47:33:09 - 00:47:33:20
Thomas Miller
Yes, she was.

00:47:33:22 - 00:47:36:06
Linda J. Scott
integrated here. Yeah. Is the first?

00:47:36:06 - 00:47:39:21
Darlene Stradwick
Clay was integrated. And that's when they closed down Lincoln, when they integrated.

00:47:39:23 - 00:47:41:13
Linda J. Scott

So what is this? This integrated too?

00:47:41:14 - 00:47:42:02

Darlene Stradwick
That's Clay.

00:47:42:07 - 00:47:45:08

Linda J. Scott
All these are Clay.

00:47:45:10 - 00:47:46:01

Darlene Stradwick
But this,

00:47:46:03 - 00:47:47:16

Linda J. Scott
Yeah, okay. That's the last one.

00:47:47:16 - 00:47:51:03

Darlene Stradwick
That's the last class at Lincoln. Then...

00:47:51:05 - 00:47:56:18

Thomas Miller
And we even have my brother's, Lincoln School picture, you know.

00:47:56:20 - 00:47:59:00

Brenda J. Sparksman
I was in Clay for ninth grade.

00:47:59:01 - 00:48:00:06

Thomas Miller
It's in a different book.

00:48:00:06 - 00:48:03:21

Darlene Stradwick
And then I went to Wheeling High.

00:48:03:23 - 00:48:22:01

Ron Scott
When you talked about that before, I remember you saying you could tell there were staff, like teachers that didn't necessarily welcome integration too. Can you think of anything specific about any of that?

00:48:22:03 - 00:48:45:02

Thomas Miller
Some teachers were kind of subtle you know, like and some teachers really didn't hide the way they felt, you know. Now then, now then, in particular, I never had him, you know, but I had heard various things and my brother had Mr. Connors and they said, you know, that he

really didn't try to hide the way he felt.

00:48:45:04 - 00:48:46:17

Ron Scott

That's something. As a teacher.

00:48:46:21 - 00:48:48:12

Brenda J. Sparksman

He beat Cynthia purple.

00:48:48:14 - 00:48:49:18

Darlene Stradwick

Now when you went through school,

00:48:49:18 - 00:48:50:22

Brenda J. Sparksman

He beat her with a stick.

00:48:51:00 - 00:48:59:14

Darlene Stradwick

after you left Lincoln, did you have any more black teachers? The rest of the time? (phone ringing) Somebody's ringing.

00:48:59:15 - 00:49:05:04

Thomas Miller

No, no, I did not. Oh, excuse me. Oh, my goodness.

00:49:05:06 - 00:49:06:19

Linda J. Scott

Who did we have at?

00:49:06:21 - 00:49:09:05

Darlene Stradwick

I tell them they'll know Ms. Green?

00:49:09:07 - 00:49:09:22

Linda J. Scott

Had big boobs and slept on 'em.

00:49:10:00 - 00:49:10:10

Darlene Stradwick

Ms. Green.

00:49:10:10 - 00:49:11:10

Brenda J. Sparksman

Ms. Green.

00:49:11:12 - 00:49:12:02

Darlene Stradwick

Not Ms. Green.

00:49:12:02 - 00:49:12:18

Linda J. Scott
Was it Rollins?

00:49:12:18 - 00:49:19:23

Darlene Stradwick
Rollins. You were talking about her always falling asleep. I never had her. I never knew her.
Now, where was she at, Webster? Was she at?

00:49:20:04 - 00:49:21:00

Linda J. Scott
She was at Clay.

00:49:21:00 - 00:49:21:18

Darlene Stradwick
She was at Clay.

00:49:21:18 - 00:49:23:13

Linda J. Scott
I only went to Clay one year.

00:49:23:17 - 00:49:24:18

Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah, ninth grade.

00:49:24:20 - 00:49:25:12

Linda J. Scott
Yeah.

00:49:25:14 - 00:49:35:07

Darlene Stradwick
And I only went to Ritchie the one year because we were on the border line and all my friends went to Ritchie. So I went to Ritchie with with the rest of my friends from Webster.

00:49:35:09 - 00:49:58:07

Thomas Miller
That right there. Now, let's see, this is my mom, and this is her mom. This is my sister, Sarah Jane. Now when she left here, she had brown hair. When she came back, she was a blonde. You know? And this girl here, her name was Saffronia Makori.

00:49:58:09 - 00:50:02:21

Linda J. Scott
Saffronia? I don't know where that come from?

00:50:02:23 - 00:50:15:06

Thomas Miller
So let's see now, this is my mom's sister. This is her sister-in-law. And that's Miss... Her

daughter was married to George.

00:50:15:08 - 00:50:17:02

Linda J. Scott

Who's this lady? She looks very familiar.

00:50:17:04 - 00:50:18:10

Thomas Miller

That's who it is, you know?

00:50:18:13 - 00:50:22:07

Linda J. Scott

Oh, okay.

00:50:22:07 - 00:50:25:07

Thomas Miller

Her her daughter was married to George Lee, you know.

00:50:25:09 - 00:50:26:03

Linda J. Scott

Oh, okay.

00:50:26:04 - 00:50:30:10

Darlene Stradwick

Ron, how many black teachers did you ever have?

00:50:30:12 - 00:50:31:14

Ron Scott

One.

00:50:31:16 - 00:50:32:09

Thomas Miller

Who was that Ron?

00:50:32:13 - 00:50:33:14

Ron Scott

It was Mr. Gordon.

00:50:33:15 - 00:50:34:20

Darlene Stradwick

Mr. Gordon at Park.

00:50:34:22 - 00:50:37:16

Ron Scott

Yeah, that was it. Yeah.

00:50:37:18 - 00:50:49:05

Darlene Stradwick

And then Ritchie, I was the only black student in the whole school, the year I went. And the

only other black person that was there was Ms. Ann Thomas, who was the school nurse.

00:50:49:07 - 00:50:54:20

Ron Scott

Now, Mr. Connolly was the principal while I was at Park, but I just never had any interaction with him.

00:50:54:20 - 00:51:17:09

Thomas Miller

Mr. Connolly is from Bluefield, West Virginia. You know. So so, I was I was asking him, if his school integrated the same year as Lincoln, and, and then he says, well, it's still not integrated. You know. So hey, that's what he said.

00:51:17:11 - 00:51:40:07

Darlene Stradwick

Yeah, you go south, like, meeting a lot of folks, like, even McDowell County. I mean, they have like two high schools, and they're both "something" view. It's River View and something else view. And one is all black and the other one's kind of mixed in together.

00:51:40:09 - 00:51:42:15

Linda J. Scott

Yeah, I only had one black teacher.

00:51:42:17 - 00:51:46:03

Thomas Miller

Okay guys, now this drawer right here. Let's see here.

00:51:46:05 - 00:51:50:02

Darlene Stradwick

But Ms. Carter, Ms. Carter was the secretary of Webster.

00:51:50:02 - 00:51:55:23

Thomas Miller

Now here we gave a picture of my grandma Gray. Okay. Now this is my dad's picture in the service

00:51:56:01 - 00:52:07:01

Darlene Stradwick

right there. Let's see here. This right here. This picture was on the wall next to my grandma. Oh, no. Let me tell you about this guy here.

00:52:07:03 - 00:52:45:10

Darlene Stradwick

His name was John C Trice. And he came from a plantation in Virginia. And he's the child of the of the plantation owner. And what he left here. I'm sorry. And when he left the plantation, some of them, some of his sons walked by twice. And some of the sons who were a little darker, went by Brown, you know, and and if you can recall, during Bill Clinton's, what was the time that.

00:52:45:12 - 00:53:16:08

Darlene Stradwick

Well, there was a guy that was working for Bill Clinton, Bill Clinton, and his name was, I believe, Ron Brown. And his plane was shot down over the, over the Ukraine. You know, but anyway, though, if this was my, this was my grandma was dead. I don't have a picture. Who's your grandmother?

00:53:16:10 - 00:53:24:02

Darlene Stradwick

Well, yes, yes I did. Wow. And he's linked to somebody that's linked to Bill Clinton.

00:53:24:04 - 00:53:26:19

Thomas Miller

Well,

00:53:26:21 - 00:53:27:08

Ron Scott

That's wild.

00:53:27:10 - 00:53:29:00

Thomas Miller

This guy here.

00:53:29:02 - 00:53:31:15

Ron Scott

Now I see the picture, I get the mustache thing.

00:53:31:17 - 00:53:32:09

Darlene Stradwick

That's where it came.

00:53:32:10 - 00:53:33:00

Ron Scott

I can tell.

00:53:33:02 - 00:53:59:17

Thomas Miller

That guy there, Ron, now, when they left the plantation, Ron, you know, like some some of his kids looked black and some looked white, you know. Now, Ron Brown, he took the Brown name, you know, and then my grandmother Gray's dad, now, that was him. And he took the plantation owner's name, which was Trice.

00:53:59:19 - 00:54:00:06

Brenda J. Sparksman

Trice.

00:54:00:11 - 00:54:02:02

Thomas Miller

You know.

00:54:02:04 - 00:54:03:14

Darlene Stradwick

And that was your grandmother's maiden name was Trice?

00:54:03:14 - 00:54:26:08

Thomas Miller

And they wound up having, having four, four kids. And they lived in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for a while. And when his wife, and when his wife, who looked black, when she got sick in 1895,

00:54:26:10 - 00:54:28:16

Brenda J. Sparksman

Okay.

00:54:28:16 - 00:54:49:12

Thomas Miller

I don't know, I don't know if he brought her back to Wheeling, now, just to drop her off, but their relatives, you know. You know, but he, but he stuck around for a while. When she died in 1895, he moved back to Harrisburg, and had seven more kids.

00:54:49:12 - 00:54:50:15

Brenda J. Sparksman

Oh gee.

00:54:50:15 - 00:54:52:01

Linda J. Scott

Good Lord. He was a busy man.

00:54:52:03 - 00:54:54:11

Thomas Miller

John C. Trice.

00:54:54:12 - 00:54:58:16

Darlene Stradwick

Busy guy.

00:54:58:18 - 00:55:00:05

Linda J. Scott

Wow.

00:55:00:07 - 00:55:09:08

Ron Scott

You know all this, looking at this stuff, makes me think of when you, remember when (door close) had all those, the thing about, for his dad.

00:55:09:08 - 00:55:10:15

Linda J. Scott

Yeah.

00:55:10:17 - 00:55:11:21

Ron Scott

Oh, that was so and so, used to come by the house.

00:55:11:21 - 00:55:13:12

Linda J. Scott

Bill Long?

00:55:13:14 - 00:55:14:11

Darlene Stradwick

Oh yeah.

00:55:14:13 - 00:55:18:21

Thomas Miller

Oh. So you recognize him?

00:55:18:23 - 00:55:22:05

Linda J. Scott

Mhmm. Bill Long.

00:55:22:07 - 00:55:24:16

Ron Scott

Oh yeah. Vacation pictures.

00:55:24:18 - 00:55:26:14

Thomas Miller

So there's...

00:55:26:16 - 00:55:39:22

Linda J. Scott

They got, Bill Bryant. Yeah. Yeah. He with chichi looking and he's like oh yeah, he's the one that, didn't he escape from prison? Kill somebody? And hid out in Wheeling forever.

00:55:40:00 - 00:55:43:15

Brenda J. Sparksman

Uncle Jimmy.

00:55:43:17 - 00:55:51:00

Darlene Stradwick

That's one of those things everybody was uncle because we didn't call people by their first names like they do now. So everybody was uncle.

00:55:51:00 - 00:55:53:13

Brenda J. Sparksman

Uncle Jimmy.

00:55:53:15 - 00:56:00:04

Thomas Miller

So usually I have, I have multiple pictures, you know, so that I could just give them to people.

00:56:00:04 - 00:56:03:05

Brenda J. Sparksman

Yeah.

00:56:03:07 - 00:56:05:19

Linda J. Scott

They look like they going back to, what do you call it now?

00:56:06:01 - 00:56:08:12

Thomas Miller

Okay, now, when the schools integrated.

00:56:08:12 - 00:56:09:21

Linda J. Scott

This is interesting here.

00:56:09:21 - 00:56:20:03

Thomas Miller

So when you school integrated, they gave you the option of finishing out the school year at Lincoln or to your new school Clay.

00:56:20:05 - 00:56:21:08

Linda J. Scott

Where was this though?

00:56:21:08 - 00:56:34:06

Thomas Miller

Clay School. So these, so these students, opted to go to Clay School. So here's Melva Lynch, Vicki Morrow, and that's, Linda Fleming.

00:56:34:06 - 00:56:35:07

Linda J. Scott

That looks like Gwenny.

00:56:35:09 - 00:56:40:03

Thomas Miller

I think so. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Now did I say that that was Gwenny Morrow.

00:56:40:05 - 00:57:06:12

Linda J. Scott

Yeah. That looks like her. Where were these?

00:57:06:14 - 00:57:09:17

Thomas Miller

That was either, well,

00:57:09:17 - 00:57:11:09

Linda J. Scott
One black person in the whole picture.

00:57:11:11 - 00:57:19:00
Thomas Miller
Yeah.

00:57:19:02 - 00:57:39:16
Ron Scott
Now, all right, so you look at all these pictures, the stuff I feel like it's fresher in your head now and all? If you had to say, what do you think is the most glaring difference between now and then. Just community and people wise, like, you know, I know it'd be like the internet, phones, but like how people are and how they act?

00:57:39:18 - 00:57:57:16
Thomas Miller
Well Ronnie. Glaringly, there were considerably more black people here then than now, you know? Okay. Now, this picture that you've seen that one before.

00:57:57:18 - 00:57:58:01
Linda J. Scott
Yeah.

00:57:58:01 - 00:58:06:04
Thomas Miller
That's from, that's from Blessed Martin. And, and two of your brothers are there in that picture.

00:58:06:05 - 00:58:26:12
Linda J. Scott
I guess if you think about it, think about the hospital, OV, how many black folks actually work there back in the day. I'm sure before they closed you probably could find a handful. But they're, yeah. Mostly they were like in the dietary and housekeeping, but there was a lot that employed a lot of black folk.

00:58:26:12 - 00:58:33:05
Ron Scott
If you had to put a number on it, how many do you think worked back then? Because didn't all of you guys work at the hospital?

00:58:33:07 - 00:58:33:13
Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah.

00:58:33:14 - 00:58:33:20
Linda J. Scott
Yeah.

00:58:34:00 - 00:58:35:19

Brenda J. Sparksman
When I worked there,

00:58:35:21 - 00:58:37:08

Linda J. Scott
I think our whole entire family almost worked there.

00:58:37:10 - 00:58:38:20

Brenda J. Sparksman
I think Vern was there,

00:58:38:22 - 00:58:39:20

Linda J. Scott
in housekeeping, dietary,

00:58:39:22 - 00:58:42:08

Brenda J. Sparksman
Meredith.

00:58:42:08 - 00:58:43:05

Linda J. Scott
And I was in nursing.

00:58:43:05 - 00:58:44:18

Ron Scott
Now grandma didn't though, did she?

00:58:44:20 - 00:58:45:06

Linda J. Scott
Yeah.

00:58:45:08 - 00:58:46:00

Thomas Miller
Yes she did.

00:58:46:00 - 00:58:50:11

Darlene Stradwick
She worked in housekeeping for the longest time till grandma got sick.

00:58:50:13 - 00:58:52:00

Ron Scott
That's something.

00:58:52:02 - 00:58:53:11

Linda J. Scott
Yeah, it was a large crew.

00:58:53:11 - 00:58:55:11

Brenda J. Sparksman

I didn't go to house keeping, I went to dietary.

00:58:55:11 - 00:58:58:08

Linda J. Scott

Yeah, dietary as well. Dietary and housekeeping.

00:58:58:08 - 00:59:11:09

Brenda J. Sparksman

It was better when you was going through dietary because the housekeeping was not my thing. So then I went there. I graduated from high school, and,

00:59:11:11 - 00:59:13:15

Linda J. Scott

This ain't a lot, it's pretty segregated back then.

00:59:13:17 - 00:59:16:18

Brenda J. Sparksman

got a job at the Catholic Diocese, as a switchboard operator.

00:59:16:18 - 00:59:19:08

Linda J. Scott

I mean, you couldn't come through, it's very segregated.

00:59:19:08 - 00:59:24:23

Brenda J. Sparksman

And then, they told me that, I was making \$50 an hour. I mean, a week.

00:59:24:23 - 00:59:31:04

Linda J. Scott

Cause I think in the housekeeping, folks were not allowed in the main cafeteria. They had to have their own spot where they had to eat.

00:59:31:04 - 00:59:31:17

Brenda J. Sparksman

Yeah.

00:59:31:22 - 00:59:33:16

Darlene Stradwick

There was a little off to the side.

00:59:33:16 - 00:59:33:21

Linda J. Scott

Yeah.

00:59:33:22 - 00:59:40:16

Brenda J. Sparksman

Right. There was this little room and they, they would be in there, and that's when you were allowed to smoke in hospital.

00:59:40:18 - 00:59:41:03

Linda J. Scott

Yeah.

00:59:41:03 - 00:59:57:14

Brenda J. Sparksman

So there was a little room set aside and they would go in and they'd gamble and smoke. And then they wanted us to get in there with them and I'm going like, no. And I went to the cafeteria. I was belligerent, so, hey, that's just the way it was.

00:59:57:15 - 01:00:13:18

Darlene Stradwick

We were talking about earlier how things have changed, but that it hasn't been that long ago. Cause they were still talking about the fact that they wanted black folks to come in the back of OV, you couldn't come in the front door, you had to go in the back door. And that was,

01:00:13:18 - 01:00:15:21

Brenda J. Sparksman

And I did not. I went through the front door.

01:00:15:21 - 01:00:18:12

Darlene Stradwick

That was the late 60s, early 70s.

01:00:18:14 - 01:00:21:14

Linda J. Scott

I came as a nurse, so I came through the front door.

01:00:21:16 - 01:00:26:05

Ron Scott

Now they didn't switch it, they didn't switch that policy for patients though, right?

01:00:26:07 - 01:00:30:18

Darlene Stradwick

Well, it was it was interesting because most black patients got put in wards.

01:00:30:20 - 01:00:31:23

Linda J. Scott

Yeah.

01:00:31:23 - 01:00:35:20

Darlene Stradwick

Not, it would be like, how many people? Six people in a ward?

01:00:36:00 - 01:00:37:04

Brenda J. Sparksman

Yeah.

01:00:37:06 - 01:00:39:09

Linda J. Scott
At least. Yeah. About four to six.

01:00:39:11 - 01:00:40:09
Ron Scott
I didn't know that.

01:00:40:10 - 01:00:40:20
Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah.

01:00:40:20 - 01:00:47:02
Ron Scott
I thought that area was okay, like the emergency room or whatever. Come in, whoever you are. But even there was some segregation.

01:00:47:03 - 01:00:50:20
Darlene Stradwick
Yeah. It was still, you were still segregated. Yeah.

01:00:50:22 - 01:00:54:16
Ron Scott
That's wild.

01:00:54:18 - 01:00:58:20
Brenda J. Sparksman
But it was like, it was crazy.

01:00:58:22 - 01:01:11:04
Ron Scott
And looking back, I feel like hindsight's 20/20, but did it feel tense? Because in my head, it felt like it would be so tense to know all the black folks got to be over here?

01:01:11:06 - 01:01:14:21
Darlene Stradwick
Well, it didn't feel tense because we were just together.

01:01:14:21 - 01:01:16:08
Linda J. Scott
Accepted it. The way it was.

01:01:16:08 - 01:01:54:21
Darlene Stradwick
It's just just like our family being in the house together. It was just that you were just together. And I think that's one of the things, because black folks were only allowed to live certain places or be certain places. But then when it all changed, then that's what everyone got kind of separated out. So you're not in one area like you're not in all East Wheeling. You're not in just the housing projects, you're not in, what was the, Hilldar. So everyone's kind of spread out, so it may be the same number. It just may be that we're just in different areas.

01:01:54:23 - 01:01:55:22

Ron Scott

Okay.

01:01:56:00 - 01:01:59:18

Thomas Miller

So Linda, so you have this picture right here with your son.

01:01:59:23 - 01:02:02:08

Ron Scott

You moved up. You got some colored pictures out here?

01:02:02:10 - 01:02:04:02

Linda J. Scott

Yeah. Who is that?

01:02:04:02 - 01:02:05:02

Thomas Miller

Ron.

01:02:05:04 - 01:02:06:12

Linda J. Scott

Look at Ron in this picture.

01:02:06:12 - 01:02:06:23

Ron Scott

Me?

01:02:06:23 - 01:02:08:14

Thomas Miller

Yes.

01:02:08:16 - 01:02:10:15

Ron Scott

Oh, you don't have to zoom in on that.

01:02:10:17 - 01:02:15:14

Thomas Miller

I was gonna say, Ron, now you might not want to call too much attention to it.

01:02:15:16 - 01:02:22:07

Ron Scott

Blur that out. Oh my god. No, don't focus on the socks or anything like that.

01:02:22:09 - 01:02:24:05

Thomas Miller

Go ahead, Ron, now let them scan it.

01:02:24:06 - 01:02:27:20

Ron Scott

My mother is, that is who put that outfit on me.

01:02:27:22 - 01:02:30:02

Linda J. Scott

Yeah, I did. That was the style then.

01:02:30:04 - 01:02:32:17

Ron Scott

What kind of necklace? What was I wearing?

01:02:32:19 - 01:02:34:15

Linda J. Scott

Did he get it, honestly?

01:02:34:17 - 01:02:40:00

Ron Scott

Oh I bet. All these. Yeah. This is a mesh shirt, mom.

01:02:40:00 - 01:02:41:02

Linda J. Scott

Let me see that again.

01:02:41:04 - 01:02:41:20

Linda J. Scott

I just kind of,

01:02:42:02 - 01:02:42:19

Darlene Stradwick

Let me see it.

01:02:42:19 - 01:02:43:22

Ron Scott

That is a see through shirt.

01:02:43:22 - 01:02:46:02

Linda J. Scott

You're looking all goofy.

01:02:46:04 - 01:02:48:15

Darlene Stradwick

Mesh. I thought you said net.

01:02:48:17 - 01:02:54:09

Ron Scott

I was a young person I didn't dress myself, at that point.

01:02:54:11 - 01:02:55:03

Darlene Stradwick
You might have.

01:02:55:05 - 01:02:56:00
Linda J. Scott
You might've picked out your clothes.

01:02:56:00 - 01:03:01:18
Darlene Stradwick
There's my baby. Oh, your legs were so long.

01:03:01:20 - 01:03:04:01
Ron Scott
Long time ago

01:03:04:03 - 01:03:09:13
Darlene Stradwick
But you're not talking about Tommy's yellow shorts.

01:03:09:15 - 01:03:11:00
Ron Scott
I'm telling you, I got a mesh shirt.

01:03:11:04 - 01:03:20:08
Darlene Stradwick
Hey the best looking person on there was Justin. He was cool, with the green shades on. I didn't see the necklace, now I gotta look at the necklace.

01:03:20:10 - 01:03:21:07
Linda J. Scott
Yeah.

01:03:21:09 - 01:03:26:20
Darlene Stradwick
Oh, my gosh. It looks like it was like one of those, shell kind of necklaces.

01:03:26:22 - 01:03:32:09
Linda J. Scott
They probably begged me to, at Hills, please buy that for me, I'm like, hey, I am not buying anything today.

01:03:32:11 - 01:03:33:13
Brenda J. Sparksman
Orange socks.

01:03:33:14 - 01:03:38:08
Ron Scott
Take the necklace off.

01:03:38:10 - 01:03:44:15

Linda J. Scott

Can't hardly see it? Where was this at? Where were you at?

01:03:44:19 - 01:03:46:11

Ron Scott

That's Oglebay. That's the Good Zoo.

01:03:46:12 - 01:03:47:13

Linda J. Scott

Oh, the Good Zoo.

01:03:47:13 - 01:03:52:03

Brenda J. Sparksman

Okay. Cause I was trying to figure out where the whale came from. Or, is it a whale?

01:03:52:05 - 01:03:54:20

Ron Scott

Oh, wait, this was at the Good Zoo. I don't know where that is.

01:03:54:22 - 01:03:56:01

Darlene Stradwick

I think that might be,

01:03:56:02 - 01:03:56:23

Ron Scott

At Sea World?

01:03:57:01 - 01:03:59:21

Darlene Stradwick

Sea World or something. That's what it looks like.

01:03:59:22 - 01:04:20:06

Thomas Miller

Okay, guys, now, I brought this picture, right here, you know. Because, because in this one, this was Wheeling's only black dwarf. He's a dwarf, like and then, I have some pictures of a black midget. Yeah. You know.

01:04:20:06 - 01:04:21:18

Darlene Stradwick

Little person. Little person.

01:04:21:23 - 01:04:25:07

Thomas Miller

You know. So my dad said that when he used to go,

01:04:25:07 - 01:04:34:12

Ron Scott

The words expressed by Tom Miller, do not reflect the Ohio County Public Library, or

Wheeling Heritage, or YWCA.

01:04:34:13 - 01:04:36:23

Linda J. Scott

Yeah, he is a little person. Who is this? Who is he?

01:04:37:01 - 01:05:00:03

Thomas Miller

So my dad said that when he would go into the pool room, the guys would be messing around, you know. So my dad said, that he had a Colt 45, that he used to tuck into his pants. Cause then he said, that the end of the gun, would be dragging on...

01:05:00:05 - 01:05:06:14

Linda J. Scott

Look at that, Aunt Thelma. This is, what was that, Elks? What was the little thing they were into?

01:05:06:14 - 01:05:06:21

Brenda J. Sparksman

Yeah.

01:05:07:02 - 01:05:08:19

Linda J. Scott

Not the Eastern Stars?

01:05:08:21 - 01:05:10:21

Darlene Stradwick

Are those all family pictures there?

01:05:10:23 - 01:05:13:07

Ron Scott

Yeah. Looks like it.

01:05:13:07 - 01:05:17:18

Brenda J. Sparksman

The Masons? That's probably who they were.

01:05:17:18 - 01:05:20:13

Linda J. Scott

I don't know what they were called. They had a name.

01:05:20:13 - 01:05:25:20

Brenda J. Sparksman

Something written on the back of this.

01:05:25:22 - 01:05:33:13

Linda J. Scott

That their names? You got some interesting stuff here Tom.

01:05:33:15 - 01:05:40:16
Thomas Miller
Well Ron Scott. Now, that was, that was,

01:05:40:16 - 01:05:45:03
Linda J. Scott
Who's this in the bath tub? Justin.

01:05:45:03 - 01:05:48:03
Thomas Miller
Juicy's class. I'm sorry, Juicy's team.

01:05:48:05 - 01:05:53:03
Ron Scott
Oh, yeah? Is he in it? There he is right there. That's him? That's Uncle Juicy, isn't it?

01:05:53:05 - 01:06:00:05
Thomas Miller
So your sister's could tell you

01:06:00:07 - 01:06:04:01
Ron Scott
If it's not Uncle Juicy, he's related to him. In the back row.

01:06:04:03 - 01:06:09:18
Linda J. Scott
Let me look. That's Juicy. Yeah, that's him.

01:06:09:20 - 01:06:11:10
Darlene Stradwick
Let me see. Let me see.

01:06:11:12 - 01:06:12:01
Ron Scott

01:06:12:03 - 01:06:13:06
Linda J. Scott
Yeah, let Dar see.

01:06:13:08 - 01:06:16:21
Ron Scott
Juicy, Pickles, Chicken.

01:06:16:23 - 01:06:17:19
Brenda J. Sparksman
He grew into that.

01:06:18:00 - 01:06:34:14

Darlene Stradwick

He did. Oh my, that's cool. You wanna pass that back? I would sling it, but they'd probably end up on the floor. Fulton Pike Cubs.

01:06:34:16 - 01:06:41:19

Linda J. Scott

Look at these hats, broke down. What was that kind of style?

01:06:41:19 - 01:06:47:12

Thomas Miller

I got a feeling all this material gonna wind up on the cutting floor.

01:06:47:14 - 01:06:50:15

Linda J. Scott

Ron. Look at the hats they got on right there.

01:06:50:16 - 01:06:52:20

Ron Scott

See them hats.

01:06:52:22 - 01:06:56:19

Darlene Stradwick

Is this our brother, Van? Right there?

01:06:56:21 - 01:06:59:03

Ron Scott

I feel like they just dumped some water on their head?

01:06:59:05 - 01:07:01:00

Darlene Stradwick

Right in the corner.

01:07:01:02 - 01:07:12:16

Ron Scott

Them hats are broke down, buddy. Oh, I had that picture of Aunt Peachy and Aunt Vern. Whose house is that in front of?

01:07:12:16 - 01:07:13:08

Linda J. Scott

Hand me that book,

01:07:13:10 - 01:07:13:22

Darlene Stradwick

01:07:14:00 - 01:07:14:10

Thomas Miller

That's down in Center Wheeling.

01:07:14:10 - 01:07:17:16

Linda J. Scott

I wanna see them pictures in the orange book.

01:07:17:18 - 01:07:21:17

Thomas Miller

That's, that's on Chapline Street in Center Wheeling.

01:07:21:17 - 01:07:27:22

Ron Scott

Wonder who had the camera?

01:07:28:00 - 01:07:28:21

Thomas Miller

Well, I don't know.

01:07:29:03 - 01:07:31:23

Ron Scott

They were like, hey, I'm down here taking pictures, come outside.

01:07:32:01 - 01:07:33:22

Linda J. Scott

He play basketball?

01:07:34:00 - 01:07:37:06

Ron Scott

I feel like there wasn't a lot of people with cameras back then, right?

01:07:37:08 - 01:07:40:19

Thomas Miller

So Ron, now, is that you right there in that?

01:07:40:21 - 01:07:43:15

Ron Scott

Oh no. No cause that's Aunt Dar.

01:07:43:17 - 01:07:50:17

Thomas Miller

Oh yeah. You know. But your small car, that could be you.

01:07:50:19 - 01:07:51:16

Ron Scott

Right there.

01:07:51:18 - 01:08:05:14

Darlene Stradwick

Oh no that's Anthony. That's what, I was telling you me and my long neck, out there playing in alley. That's Logan Street where we used to play and that's the neon sign place was neon sign place there. And that's their truck that always out there in our way.

01:08:05:16 - 01:08:07:09

Linda J. Scott

Tommy, what was this occasion, they were all decked out?

01:08:07:09 - 01:08:10:17

Darlene Stradwick

I was always barefoot.

01:08:10:19 - 01:08:11:13

Ron Scott

This is wild.

01:08:11:15 - 01:08:24:14

Thomas Miller

These were, Beau Brummel occasions. You know, and there's a separate photo that I have with their mates.

01:08:24:15 - 01:08:25:12

Ron Scott

Oh god.

01:08:25:14 - 01:08:25:22

Thomas Miller

Or their dates.

01:08:25:22 - 01:08:30:18

Ron Scott

Pictures that I'm in.

01:08:30:20 - 01:08:33:18

Ron Scott

You got pictures from us sled riding?

01:08:33:19 - 01:08:37:05

Thomas Miller

Oh, yeah Ron. Now, that's when we had the the sled

01:08:37:05 - 01:08:39:05

Ron Scott

Oh, those were the greatest.

01:08:39:05 - 01:08:43:05

Thomas Miller

we had seven kids like, and what, three sleds?

01:08:43:07 - 01:08:45:23

Ron Scott

This was the greatest times though.

01:08:46:01 - 01:08:48:15

Thomas Miller

Yeah. Because let's see now

01:08:48:15 - 01:08:49:01

Ron Scott

Is this at Oglebay?

01:08:49:01 - 01:08:55:04

Thomas Miller

Oglebay Park. Let's see here. Let's see,

01:08:55:07 - 01:08:58:15

Ron Scott

Now they got stuff that brings the sleds back up, and all that.

01:08:58:16 - 01:09:13:06

Thomas Miller

This is me. This is Rube. Let's see here, I think that I took some of these pictures out. There's more of them right there.

01:09:13:07 - 01:09:14:18

Ron Scott

That is wild.

01:09:14:19 - 01:09:35:12

Thomas Miller

But the one is good, Joe on the bottom. Like and then, Justin on top of him. Let's see. And, Ron, now that was that was another occasion where I had, like, seven kids in the pickup truck.

01:09:35:14 - 01:09:36:07

Darlene Stradwick

In the snow.

01:09:36:08 - 01:09:40:23

Thomas Miller

But I never let anybody ride in the back though because it was too dangerous.

01:09:41:01 - 01:09:45:06

Ron Scott

Imagine what the seatbelt policy should've been back then. That is insane.

01:09:45:11 - 01:09:48:17

Thomas Miller

It was a clear violation.

01:09:48:19 - 01:09:50:06

Linda J. Scott
A negro on trial for burglary.

01:09:50:07 - 01:09:52:02
Ron Scott
Does it say negro?

01:09:52:02 - 01:09:53:14
Linda J. Scott
Negro, yeah.

01:09:53:16 - 01:10:02:13
Ron Scott
Get a scan of that. That's how they used to call us in the paper. Negro suspect in...

01:10:02:15 - 01:10:06:12
Linda J. Scott
Man caught in act of alluding. Triadelphia Beer Garden.

01:10:06:14 - 01:10:08:06
Ron Scott
An act of lewdness?

01:10:08:08 - 01:10:09:04
Linda J. Scott
Alluding.

01:10:09:06 - 01:10:13:23
Ron Scott
Oh.

01:10:14:01 - 01:10:15:18
Ron Scott
This brother in a biker gang?

01:10:15:20 - 01:10:19:16
Darlene Stradwick
So, is there an easy way to find an old photo from the newspaper? Is that very difficult?

01:10:19:18 - 01:10:21:03
Ron Scott
Look at this brother.

01:10:21:05 - 01:10:22:08
Darlene Stradwick
We used to have two pictures.

01:10:22:08 - 01:10:23:16
Ron Scott

Steel belted vest?

01:10:23:21 - 01:10:43:07

Darlene Stradwick

My our mom had three sets of twins. And before the one of the last twins died, they had a picture of her and the three sets of twins in the newspaper. And we had that picture forever. That would be 1954. That's when the last set of twins were born, and we can't find that picture anywhere.

01:10:43:09 - 01:10:46:11

Sean Duffy

We can find it using the names for a text search.

01:10:46:16 - 01:10:59:11

Darlene Stradwick

Do you guys look at the same with the names. Yeah. He was the Moondog before we go to Herbie. Herbie, Herbie. Oh Herbie. Oh yeah.

01:10:59:13 - 01:11:03:12

Ron Scott

Uncle Tommy, who was his brother?

01:11:03:14 - 01:11:31:07

Thomas Miller

Oh, okay now. His family is very prominent out in Triadelphia. Creer. C-R-E-E-R. And he used to date my sister. And, I saw, his younger siblings at, Russell's wake.

01:11:31:09 - 01:11:32:07

Ron Scott

Creer?

01:11:32:09 - 01:11:34:18

Thomas Miller

The Creer's. Yes.

01:11:34:20 - 01:11:39:10

Brenda J. Sparksman

It said "The Wonder Colored Musical Extravaganza"

01:11:39:12 - 01:11:40:09

Ron Scott

What was it called?

01:11:40:09 - 01:11:44:20

Brenda J. Sparksman

Court. One night only. Wednesday, January the 7th.

01:11:44:22 - 01:11:47:23

Ron Scott

You said the colored extravaganza?

01:11:48:01 - 01:11:48:04

Brenda J. Sparksman
Yeah.

01:11:48:04 - 01:11:48:19

Ron Scott
Wonder what that was?

01:11:48:19 - 01:11:56:17

Brenda J. Sparksman
The Wonder Colored Musical Extravaganza.

01:11:56:19 - 01:11:57:13

Ron Scott
That's the stuff I like seeing.

01:11:57:13 - 01:11:59:08

Brenda J. Sparksman
Direct from the Colonial Theater in New York.

01:11:59:10 - 01:12:27:03

Ron Scott
Like, I didn't realize, it was in the 80's that the American Music Awards, it was called the Best Black Song and Best Black Album. I didn't know they didn't start calling it R&B and all that stuff. That was like late 80's. That's so wild, and it would, it sounds so different, you hear it now, but then I'm sure nobody blinked an eye. They're like, that is the best black album. That's some rough socks. I don't know what to call that.

01:12:27:06 - 01:13:43:19

Thomas Miller
Okay, now, now these pictures right here, this group right here, let's see. Okay. Okay now, this is my grandmother Miller, in her coffin here, and she's from Raleigh, West Virginia. And here's her sister, you know, now, back in 1929, like I said, they were living down in Raleigh, West Virginia, in the coal mine. And this wasn't Raleigh County, it was the community of Raleigh. And this was her husband and her son. And they had a boarding house for coal miners, you know. So one Sunday morning when he was at work in the coal mine and there was a confrontation, between her and the boarder, and the story is, you know, was that, was that she kept on saying to the boarder, well then kill me. And he went into another room, got a shotgun, and came back and shot her in the face and killed her, on a Sunday morning.

01:13:43:21 - 01:13:45:21

Ron Scott
Wow.

01:13:45:23 - 01:14:06:04

Thomas Miller
You know, and they used to come here to visit. And here's their son. Yep. And this is my Aunt

Eileen's dad. And we're not sure who the slave picture is.

01:14:06:08 - 01:14:07:11

Ron Scott

That's a slave picture?

01:14:07:13 - 01:14:09:18

Thomas Miller

Yes. Yes.

01:14:09:22 - 01:14:19:15

Ron Scott

Wow. Geesh. That's rough. Don't take a picture of me,

01:14:19:17 - 01:14:51:13

Thomas Miller

You know, and my Aunt Eileen probably had these pictures for, for 50 years, you know. And then for some reason she never shared them with my sister, Caroline and me, you know. And waited till she was almost, you know, senile, you know, to then try to recall these names, you know. Here's my dad's brother here, Uncle Henry, you know, now, he lost his arm in the service, you know. So I used to have his, his artificial arm. You know.

01:14:51:15 - 01:14:53:08

Ron Scott

I thought that's just how he was posed.

01:14:53:10 - 01:15:24:13

Thomas Miller

He was a character, you know, like he used to hold up over my brother's head for years. You know? Well, I have this, I have this money fund for you. You know, and he held this over my brother for about 20 or so years, you know? So when he finally died, it was \$300. And my brother was expecting some serious money.

01:15:24:15 - 01:15:26:17

Linda J. Scott

Is this guy dead?

01:15:26:17 - 01:15:27:05

Thomas Miller

\$300.

01:15:27:07 - 01:15:30:01

Linda J. Scott

Is this guy dead?

01:15:30:03 - 01:15:31:05

Ron Scott

In the picture?

01:15:31:07 - 01:15:34:07
Linda J. Scott
What was the deal with this dude?

01:15:34:09 - 01:15:36:18
Thomas Miller
This is Goon.

01:15:36:20 - 01:15:37:22
Linda J. Scott
Oh, is that old Goony?

01:15:38:00 - 01:15:38:21
Thomas Miller
That's Goony.

01:15:38:21 - 01:15:40:03
Linda J. Scott
Is that him right there?

01:15:40:03 - 01:15:41:13
Thomas Miller
That's him right there, you know.

01:15:41:13 - 01:15:41:22
Linda J. Scott
Goon, oh yeah.

01:15:42:00 - 01:15:43:05
Thomas Miller
And this is him right there.

01:15:43:05 - 01:15:46:01
Ron Scott
Old Goon?

01:15:46:03 - 01:15:46:16
Linda J. Scott
That was Farmer's father, Goon.

01:15:46:21 - 01:15:48:14
Thomas Miller
Yes, see there.

01:15:48:16 - 01:15:49:07
Brenda J. Sparksman
That was Farmer and them's dad..

01:15:49:07 - 01:15:52:00

Ron Scott
Farmers father, Goon?

01:15:52:02 - 01:15:53:03
Thomas Miller
That's the rest of the family right there, you know.

01:15:53:09 - 01:15:58:14
Linda J. Scott
I gotta say, cause I can recognize one, I think, Pudgie out of that. Must be the Lee's.

01:15:58:16 - 01:16:01:02
Ron Scott
Pudgie, Goon, Farmer, Pickles, Chicken

01:16:01:04 - 01:16:07:00
Thomas Miller
Because I say, I was telling George, you know, he couldn't of wore that diaper

01:16:07:02 - 01:16:08:03
Brenda J. Sparksman
Not any longer.

01:16:08:05 - 01:16:08:22
Thomas Miller
For another five minutes,

01:16:08:22 - 01:16:09:05
Linda J. Scott
So what was this for?

01:16:09:05 - 01:16:10:04
Thomas Miller
because it looked like it was loaded.

01:16:10:04 - 01:16:12:13
Brenda J. Sparksman
He was just probably drunk.

01:16:12:13 - 01:16:21:09
Linda J. Scott
Oh, drunk. I thought maybe there was something else.

01:16:21:10 - 01:16:22:23
Ron Scott
That's grandma in that one picture, wasn't it?

01:16:23:01 - 01:16:24:17
Brenda J. Sparksman

Yeah, I think .

01:16:24:19 - 01:16:26:07

Linda J. Scott

Yeah, mom was in some of these pictures.

01:16:26:09 - 01:16:27:04

Thomas Miller

That's him again.

01:16:27:06 - 01:16:29:08

Linda J. Scott

He kinda look like the Farmers, they look like him.

01:16:29:13 - 01:16:30:10

Thomas Miller

You know.

01:16:30:12 - 01:16:31:11

Linda J. Scott

A lot of Lee's look alike.

01:16:31:12 - 01:16:33:21

Thomas Miller

And there's husband and wife right there.

01:16:33:23 - 01:16:35:14

Linda J. Scott

Who is that? Is that Lucille?

01:16:35:16 - 01:16:38:05

Thomas Miller

Yeah.

01:16:38:07 - 01:16:39:17

Linda J. Scott

I don't remember them.

01:16:39:19 - 01:16:42:20

Thomas Miller

That was in the lower market.