

Video recording opens with a group of ladies talking among themselves, with a Caroline Leach's voice-over, the audio starting mid-sentence.

CAROLINE LEACH: Monday, [month inaudible] 29, 1999.

Joyce Cousteau's face appears onscreen.

JOYCE COUSTEAU: My name is Joyce, Joyce Cousteau. I was born in 1963, and I'm from Cleveland, Ohio, and that's where I grew up.

CL: OK, lady in red.

Nita Jones's face appears onscreen.

NITA JONES: I'm Nita Jones, I was born 1935—November 4, 1935, born at [inaudible].

CL: Where is that?

NJ: Valdosta, Georgia

CL: Valdosta, OK. Katie?

Katie Henderson's face appears onscreen.

KATIE HENDERSON: My name is Katie Henderson, and I was born in [inaudible—sounds like "Threadland"?] County in 1932. I moved to Decatur in 1970.

CL: OK

[Name inaudible—possibly "Louise Wilkes"?] appears on screen.

LOUISE WILKES?: Louise Wilkes. I was born in Newton County [Inaudible phrases] 1927.

CL: '27, OK

Carrie Anderson's face appears on screen.

CARRIE ANDERSON: I'm Carrie Anderson, and I was born in Newton County Hospital, and I was born in 1929 [*laughs*].

CL: Birthday year

Jessie Shanks's face appears on screen.

JESSIE SHANKS: I'm Jessie Shanks, and I was born in [inaudible] County in January. I have my own date [*laughs*].

CL: Have my own date [*laughs*].

JS: And year

CL: And year. How long have you been in DeKalb County, Decatur?

JS: I come to Decatur in 1942, December. In December, 1942.

CL: And when you came to Decatur, where did you live?

JS: I lived on Elizabeth Street in Decatur.

CL: Tell me where Elizabeth Street is. What's it near?

JS: Off of Second Avenue, Elizabeth Street. The Holiness Church.

CA: It's where Garvin Street is now.

JS: No, no, no, no. It was near the projects.

CL: OK

JS: I'm trying to think of the Holiness Church [rest of sentence inaudible]. I believe that's where it was, Holiness Church.

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