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OSBORNE: Where did you come from?

MR. YOUNG: Oh I see, when you came. And where did you work

MR. YOUNG: I came from St. Louis.

OSBORNE: St. Louis, and your wife came with you, is that right?

MR. YOUNG: American Steel.

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MRS. YOUNG: No. I came a month later.

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work. Anything you, like in St. Louis where people was

working was shut down, and they run short. And they laid

off a whole bunch of fellows. And I was in the bunch. When

MR. YOUNG: Oh, I see, yes.

I came from St. Louis that was back in 1923. And I don't

OSBORNE: Who did, did you know anybody in Alliance?

OSBORNE: I don't know, I had a lot of accidents while I was down there.

MR. YOUNG: Yes sir. I had lot of relation here.

OSBORNE: And then you sent for your wife a month later,

MRS. YOUNG: Wait. Daniel Kirksey.

OSBORNE: Oh, you knew the Kirkseys. And she came.

MR. YOUNG: Yes. He was my brother-in-law. when you first

OSBORNE: Yes. I see.

MR. YOUNG: I familied with him, I boarded with him.

OSBORNE: Oh I see, when you came. And where did you work when you first came?

MR. YOUNG: American Steel Founderies.

MR. YOUNG: Well, after my wife came....

OSBORNE: American Steel.

MRS. YOUNG: 809.

MR. YOUNG: American Steel.

MR. YOUNG: Front Street.

OSBORNE: Have you worked there since?

MRS. YOUNG: Front Street.

MR. YOUNG: Not since I worked, not since I quit there.

MR. YOUNG: I was staying with him. After my wife come

OSBORNE: Yeah, but I mean you worked there while you were working. You worked at American Steel.

OSBORNE: Sure.

MR. YOUNG: Oh yeah, I worked there thirty-six years.

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OSBORNE: Oh, I see, yes.

MR. YOUNG: At the American Steel Foundries. And I don't know, I started the trucking business, you know. And I don't know, I had a lot of accidents while I was down there.

OSBORNE: And then you sent for your wife a month later, and she came.

MR. YOUNG: I sent for my wife a month later and she came.

OSBORNE: And you stayed with your relative when you first came.

MR. YOUNG: I stayed with my brother-in-law when I first came.

OSBORNE: And then where did you, did you live after your wife came?

MR. YOUNG: Well, after my wife came....

MRS. YOUNG: No, no, Frank Caretta.

MRS. YOUNG: 809.

MR. YOUNG: Frank Caretta.

MR. YOUNG: Front Street.

MRS. YOUNG: Well, what you call him a foreigner?

MRS. YOUNG: Front Street.

OSBORNE: I suppose.

MR. YOUNG: I was staying with him. After my wife come he didn't have room, you know. He was Italian.

OSBORNE: Sure.

MR. YOUNG: In fact it was kind of tough to get a place to

stay. And so I went in and I stayed in part of the house with Richard Nicholson after my wife come.

MRS. YOUNG: This is out at 809.

MR. YOUNG: That is 809 Front Street.

OSBORNE: Yes. Well, when you came here how many blacks would you say were in Alliance, roughly speaking?

MR. YOUNG: Well now, I would roughly say, out of all the blacks that were here you know, I would say you know, there wasn't over 800. There wasn't over 800. There was very few when I came here.

OSBORNE: Well, what I was interested in was the name of the grocery store, did you patronize, was there a black grocery, a barber.

MRS. YOUNG: No, no. Frank Caretta.

MR. YOUNG: Frank Caretta.

MRS. YOUNG: Well, what you call him a foreigner?

OSBORNE: I suppose.

MR. YOUNG: He was a foreigner. He was Italian.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MRS. YOUNG: And the ladies store that was on East Broadway.

And the lady had a store, what's that name, Frank Caretta.

And we got started with them. I'm gonna tell you, when

we come to Alliance there wasn't nothing.

OSBORNE: Was that right.

MRS. YOUNG: No, there wasn't nothing.

MR. YOUNG: There wasn't nothing much here.

MRS. YOUNG: There wasn't a sidewalk out there, there was
nothing out there.

OSBORNE: Is that right.

MRS. YOUNG: You just walk in trails. And everything
that was did in the plant was done by hand.

MR. YOUNG: Everything in the American Steel Foundries,
they didn't have nothing to help you do nothing. You did
everything by hand. Even picked nails out of the sand
by hand. You didn't have no magnets you know.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. Well, you've seen a big change then in
working conditions there.

MR. YOUNG: Oh yeah. There's a big difference when I come
in and there is now. When I first came here, everybody
was on labor, you know, down there and you couldn't make
nothing, you see. About \$85....

MRS. YOUNG: Every two weeks.

MR. YOUNG: Every two weeks was all you could make.

OSBORNE: \$85.

MR. YOUNG: \$85.

OSBORNE: Course prices weren't like what they are today, but still that wasn't a lot.

MRS. YOUNG: Well I didn't. I come from Gilberttown, Alabama.

MR. YOUNG: No it wasn't a lot. No it sure wasn't. But still things was cheap that day.

OSBORNE: Oh, I see. Down clear in the south. Yes.

OSBORNE: That's true. And of course you were able to get a job here and you didn't have one in St. Louis.

MRS. YOUNG: A new railroad was put in down there and she lived on the A T & M.

MR. YOUNG: That's right, that's right. I was able to get a job here when I couldn't get one in St. Louis.

MRS. YOUNG: Yes. What did you do when you came here for

MRS. YOUNG: When he first went to St. Louis he worked at the East Side Packing House in St. Louis. And he wasn't no old man, see before they was laying off. And I had relation here and he did, too, and he just taked the train in here.

MR. YOUNG: The only thing I seemed to do when I came here. OSBORNE: Oh yes. Well where did you come from originally?

MR. YOUNG: I originally came from Alabama.

OSBORNE: I see. What part of Alabama?

MR. YOUNG: Vernon, Alabama.

OSBORNE: Now, what's that near?

MRS. YOUNG: Near the Mississippi.

OSBORNE: Near the Mississippi line.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, near the line of the Mississippi.

MRS. YOUNG: Well I didn't, I come from Gilberttown, Alabama.
Near Mobile, Alabama.

OSBORNE: Oh, I see. Down clear in the south. Yes.

MR. YOUNG: A new railroad was put in down there and she
lived on the A T & M.

MRS. YOUNG: Was there anything else you wanted to know?

OSBORNE: Yes. What did you do when you came here for
social outlet? Did you have a lodge, did you have a social
group? What did you do for some recreation? You worked
hard all day and on a week-end you want to relax a little
bit, what did you do?

MR. YOUNG: The only thing I seemed to do when I came here,
now I wasn't no fellow to go to none of these rough places
or try to even find them. The only place that I went to,
that was whenever I could get a chance, that was to the
church.

OSBORNE: So which church was that?

MR. YOUNG: That was Mount Olive Baptist Church. I united here when I came here. church you didn't have no.....

OSBORNE: I see. let.

MR. YOUNG: I was a member in Alabama of the Mount Moriah Church when I got here and in a few weeks I united to the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

OSBORNE: And you're a member too.

MRS. YOUNG: Yes. But that wasn't for quite a while. And if you'll read this maybe that'll tell you some. Does that help you any?

OSBORNE: Oh, you Fiftith Wedding Anniversary. Yes. Good. McCaskey Register too. this as home, is that right?

MRS. YOUNG: Yeah, he worked there. over fifty years.

OSBORNE: Mount Zion Baptist Church. Very nice. Well that's fine you could observe your Fiftith Wedding Anniversary. That's very nice. I saw a card up there that said Fiftith and I thought that's what it was whenever I saw that.

MRS. YOUNG: Well I might tell you, you had it been you came to Alliance from East Saint Louis or from Alabama it would have been an, enough to say it's worth while over here. There was nothing. This place didn't amount to nothing.

OSBORNE: Well, is that right.

MR. YOUNG: There was no recreation place here, you know.

If you didn't go to church you didn't have no.....

OSBORNE: No outlet. time.

MR. YOUNG: There was no outlet. and no gas and oil, when

I come here I didn't know nothing about it.

MRS. YOUNG: There's a big difference.

OSBORNE: It was just all coal.

OSBORNE: So you've seen a lot of changes in the time that
you've been here. coal. Everybody burnt coal. That's right.

MR. YOUNG: There's been a lot of changes. A lot of changes
have been made.

MRS. YOUNG: A lot of changes. an bed, there was some horses
and buggies around when you first came.

OSBORNE: Now you regard this as home, is that right?

MR. YOUNG: There was quite a few horse and buggies around.
MR. YOUNG: Yeah. We've been here over fifty years.
out on the farm outside the city. We'd come in town reg-

MRS. YOUNG: And do you know I was afraid.

OSBORNE: Is that right. say this was dirt out through

here. How built up was that? A lot of this built up in
MRS. YOUNG: It was in the house that had one, what did
recent years.

we rent, two rooms. It didn't have a _____ in
it. Only had three when I came to Alliance and _____.

And he _____ that on when I was _____

and there wasn't nothing hooked to that electric but the

MRS. YOUNG: Well wait now, there's a house in that block
electric.

OSBORNE: Hum. Is that right. said that house was over

MRS. YOUNG: Now all this have been invented since that
time.

OSBORNE: Since that time.

MR. YOUNG: But nobody even burned no gas and oil, when
I come here I didn't know nothing about it.

OSBORNE: It was just all coal.

MR. YOUNG: All coal. Everybody burnt coal. That's right.

MRS. YOUNG: Burnt coal in the heaters. Didn't got no
furnace.

OSBORNE: And I suppose you even had, there was some horse
and buggies around when you first came.

MR. YOUNG: There was quite a few horse and buggies around,
out on the farm outside the city. We'd come in town reg-
ularly, we got horse and buggies, I liked St. Louis.

OSBORNE: Well, now you say this was dirt out through
here. How built up was that? A lot of this built up in
recent years.

MR. YOUNG: Yes. A lot of this was built up since I came
here.

MRS. YOUNG: Well wait now, there's a house in that block

they tore down last year. They said that house was over a hundred years old. And they state this one is over a hundred years old. [809 Front Street]

OSBORNE: Is that right.

MRS. YOUNG: And then there's another one, Mrs. Marshall's house it's over a hundred years old. And all of these vacant places you see in here was built up and now they're about torn down.

OSBORNE: How long have you lived here at this residence?

MRS. YOUNG: Thirty-three years.

OSBORNE: Thirty-three years. Do you ever go back to St. Louis?

MR. YOUNG: No, I've never been back since I left there.

OSBORNE: Is that right.

MR. YOUNG: I hated to leave there. I liked St. Louis.

OSBORNE: Do you go back to Alabama?

MR. YOUNG: Yes, I've been back to Alabama once.

MRS. YOUNG: Twice.

MR. YOUNG: Twice since I've been here. My brother taken when I was not at home. Doing things around here, help-sick.

ing my wife out, and things like that you know.

MRS. YOUNG: I ain't never been back. else to do those

OSBORNE: Is that right.

MR. YOUNG: That's right. That's right. That's all I'd
MRS. YOUNG: I just never did go back when I was a child.

My father had a big farm that's only _____. And
you know I prayed to leave then and move in town.

OSBORNE: Is that right.

MRS. YOUNG: It's a city town.

MR. YOUNG: Register company you know. It was still in

OSBORNE: You're just not a farm girl. sed down. And moved

to Chicago. Then you know I got a job at the City Hall

MRS. YOUNG: I farmed enough.

and I worked at City Hall for one year. I just retired

OSBORNE: Enough. the thing much more than just pitted

around.

MRS. YOUNG: I farmed enough.

OSBORNE: Yes.

OSBORNE: You mean you don't have a garden now?

MRS. YOUNG: Well, when you live to be 81 I don't think

MRS. YOUNG: Oh yes. I got a garden.

you gonna be doing too much.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, we have to have a garden the way we live.

OSBORNE: You're 81. I wouldn't have guessed that. Now

We used to _____.

you is a woman I won't ask you your age because you never

OSBORNE: Yes. Well, what do you do now that you are re-

tired? How do you put in your time?

MRS. YOUNG: 75 the fourth day of August.

MR. YOUNG: Well, biggest places I put in my time you know

OSBORNE: 75. Well, good. Well you're both well preserved

when I was not at home. Doing things around here, help-

for that. Well you said you stayed out of the rough spots

ing my wife out, and things like that you know.

so that probably accounts for it.

MR. YOUNG: That accounts for it. I stayed out of the rough

OSBORNE: And it's hard to get anybody else to do those things now. The places with the whites, rough or nothing

MR. YOUNG: That's right. That's right. That's all I'd do is what little I'd do here. I used to go to work when I came out to live. Since I retired I don't work. I worked at the First National Bank. Worked for McCaskey's....

OSBORNE: Register. say in about 16 years. I don't know they

MR. YOUNG: Register company you know. It was still in Alliance. I worked there until it closed down. And moved to Chicago. Then you know I got a job at the City Hall and I worked at City Hall for one year. I just retired from work and do the thing much more than just pitted around.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MRS. YOUNG: And when my father left, people left. They

MRS. YOUNG: Well, when you live to be 81 I don't think you gonna be doing too much. And some had minds to go to

different places but he settled on a farm.
OSBORNE: You're 81. I wouldn't have guessed that. Now you're a woman I won't ask you your age because you never ask a woman her age you see. in bad luck each year after

MRS. YOUNG: 75 the fourth day of August.
grows up about this high. It was all on low land you know,

OSBORNE: 75. Well, good. Well you're both well preserved for that. Well you said you stayed out of the rough spots so that probably accounts for it.

MR. YOUNG: That accounts for it. I stayed out of the rough spots. I never hung around, I never did have no use for going in those places with the whites, rough or nothing like that.

OSBORNE: Well, after you came in the early 20's there, how long was it until there were a great many black people who settled in here?

MR. YOUNG: Oh, I'd say in about 10 years. I don't know they just came up from the South. Train loads of them came up from the South.

MRS. YOUNG: It wasn't that long cause you left in October and during time, that time I left in November, it was a depression down there crops wouldn't _____.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MRS. YOUNG: And when my father left, people left. They went to Pennsylvania they went to _____, they went everyplace you can call. And some had minds to go to different places but he settled on a farm.

MR. YOUNG: I was raised on a farm. What caused me to leave, leave Alabama they had certain bad luck each year after year down there. You work hard and you get your crop all grown up about this high. It was all on low land you know, it would overflow with water and just destroy the land and you would have to plant it over. And the biggest reason I

left there you know my cotton was the only thing you would get any money from. The boll weevil they came in that part of the country and they eat up your cotton plants as fast as you could plant them.

OSBORNE: Now this was your principal crop was that right?

MR. YOUNG: Cotton. Yeah, I raised cotton. We would raise

three, four, five bales of cotton in a year. Was the only thing you would get paid for. You'd buy corn at that time

does it make any difference. You'd call yourself _____, you'd get a due bill for it, you'd trade it.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. Oh, like a company store.

MR. YOUNG: That's right, like a company store.

OSBORNE: Yes. Well, I grew up farther south in Ohio in a mining area down there and there were company towns and company stores so I know what those are.

MRS. YOUNG: You know a little about it, too.

OSBORNE: That's right. You have a lot of credit but you never could buy much.

MR. YOUNG: That's right. You have a lot of credit, you know, cause you never could buy much cause when you plant a farm you spend it on this farm in order to pay for your credit that you get from those stores down there, well if you have failure you can't pay.

OSBORNE: Yes. That's right.

MR. YOUNG: Cause your fail and ain't got nothing, I remember when you know I didn't make but one little _____
for a whole year.

MRS. YOUNG: Well, that wasn't nothing.

MR. YOUNG: It had to _____ that you know.

MRS. YOUNG: Well you parked on the wrong side of the street
does it make any difference?

OSBORNE: I don't know. Can I park on that side?

MRS. YOUNG: No.

MR. YOUNG: You not gonna be out in front that long.

OSBORNE: I'm not gonna be here that long.

MR. YOUNG: Don't make any difference.

MRS. YOUNG: Well, you got a family.

OSBORNE: Yes, yes, I have a daughter and two grandchildren
and I see you have a family too.

MR. YOUNG: Oh yes sir, we really got a family.

OSBORNE: How many?

MR. YOUNG: She's the mother of fourteen.

OSBORNE: Oh boy! *That's right. But you have a big change, big change in our home.*

MR. YOUNG: Yes sir, thirteen have lived.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

OSBORNE: How many are around here?

MR. YOUNG: *I don't know, people got jobs, they making good*

MRS. YOUNG: Only four.

money but what they have to buy is so high. You have to

OSBORNE: Four.

MRS. YOUNG: Three boys are in Alliance and one girl lives in Youngstown.

area that was say for blacks or was this intermingled with whites?

MR. YOUNG: We got them in just about every town you can call. Pittsburgh, Massillon, Canton, Cleveland, I've got them scattered around everywhere.

OSBORNE: Yeah. Do you have a reunion every once in a while do you?

MR. YOUNG: Yes we have a reunion. At Silver Park every year.

and go south and bring up some of the Mexicans and bring

OSBORNE: Oh yes. *foreigners you know. And he'd come in here*

MR. YOUNG: We have a crowd.

left from down there.

OSBORNE: I'll bet you would with that many and all their children and grandchildren on top of that.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: *You used to see them walking up and down the*

MR. YOUNG: That way you have your chance to see all your....

streets you know, these Mexicans you know and they want in

OSBORNE: Oh yes. That makes it nice. *single with nobody.*

MR. YOUNG: That's right. But you have a big change, big change in our home.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: I don't know, people got jobs, they making good money but what they have to buy is so high. You have to have..... of them turned around and went back out.

OSBORNE: That's right. You do. Well, when you came here was there an area that was say for blacks or was this intermingled with whites?

MRS. YOUNG: There was so many more whites farming waiting on _____.

MR. YOUNG: A lot of foreigners were here when I came. But you don't see nothing around here now. Take that fellow that first employed me down there, George O'Brien. He's in Columbus now, he left, but he used to take the train and go south and bring up some of the Mexicans and bring trains loads of foreigners you know. And he'd come in here and work, wasn't making very much you know, so all of them left from down there.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: You used to see them walking up and down the streets you know, these Mexicans you know and they went in a bunch to themselves they wouldn't mingle with nobody.

They stayed in a bunch to themselves. they finally all

OSBORNE: Now where did they work, Morgan's or....

MR. YOUNG: They worked at Morgan's, American Steel Found-
eries, there's a bunch of them came to American Steel Found-
eries, and the boss would show them where they had to work
and a lot of them turned around and went back out.

OSBORNE: I suppose.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, they turned around and went back out. They
didn't want to work there.

MRS. YOUNG: Oh yes you can. Well now, brother Tate and

OSBORNE: Wouldnt work there. with Union.

MR. YOUNG: No, they wouldn't work there. Gave some of them
a shovel and told them they had to shovel the sand. They
wouldn't do that.

MRS. YOUNG: There wasn't too many, just a very few and they

OSBORNE: They're not gonna do that kind of work. making

MR. YOUNG: They wouldn't do that kind of work. They turn
around and go back out in droves. Sometimes ten or twelve.

MRS. YOUNG: There was a lot of people at that time too,
working on the railroad. mentioned you joined the Mount Zion

OSBORNE: Well sure, cause Alliance was quite a center at
that time. A lot of trains stopped here then.

MR. YOUNG: There was lots of Mexicans working on the rail-

road. Stayed here for a good while but they finally all left. Saint Louis _____.

OSBORNE: Well, I was interested, you mentioned you traded with grocery stores, there was an Italian, were there any blacks who had stores where you traded?

MRS. YOUNG: No, Second Baptist still there.

MR. YOUNG: No sir, very few.

MR. YOUNG: I know, but I mean the people just broke up

OSBORNE: Very few.

MR. YOUNG: I can't remember....

MRS. YOUNG: Oh yes you can. Well now, brother Tate and that grocery store was on South Union.

MR. YOUNG: Well, that was way after. That was about ten or twelve years after I come here.

MRS. YOUNG: There wasn't too many, just a very few and they run the store awhile and it go down. They wasn't making enough money to keep nothing. _____.

OSBORNE: Yes.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. Now this was a social outlet wasn't it?

MRS. YOUNG: Just a very few.

MR. YOUNG: Yes it was. It was much better when we got

OSBORNE: Well now you mentioned you joined the Mount Zion Church, is that right?

MRS. YOUNG: No. Mount Olive.

OSBORNE: Mount Olive, yes Mount Olive.

MR. YOUNG: Mount Olive, I'll tell you what happened with Mount Olive, they didn't have so very many members and Mount Olive after I joined there merged with the Second Baptist. We got the Second Baptist for a long, long time. Finally you know it broke up.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, right here in town. Get out on the streets

MRS. YOUNG: No, Second Baptist still there. and we have the

MR. YOUNG: I know, but I mean the people just broke up and we have the bands playing and parades, all the Knights and part of them went to some other place, another church. Mount Zion Baptist. That's where we are members now.

MRS. YOUNG: The ladies and gentlemen
MRS. YOUNG: But the Second Baptist still there.

MR. YOUNG: The ladies and the gentlemen
OSBORNE: I thought I noticed here, in this article here, that there was a Knights of Pythias Lodge. lodges

MR. YOUNG: Yeah. I'm a member of the Knights of Pythias.

special drove a place where you went to have it?
MRS. YOUNG: That we _____ when we came. And at one time _____ a real nice one. And I belong to the _____.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. Now this was a social outlet wasn't it?

MR. YOUNG: Yes it was. It was much better when we got that lodge started. We'd meet you know sometimes every week.

OSBORNE: All come in and join with you.

OSBORNE: Now did you have picnics or dinners?

MR. YOUNG: We'd get us a big crowd.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, we have picnics and we have dinners and

they have parades with a band and they have a big parade.

OSBORNE: Where would you have the parades? know.

MRS. YOUNG: Around here in town. excitement.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, right here in town. Get out on the streets and just say we gonna have a parade so far and we have the parade. People would be sitting all around on the streets and we have the bands playing and parades, all the Knights of Pythians would be marching it it. come in. Yes, a lot of

MRS. YOUNG: The ladies and gentlemen.

MRS. YOUNG: But it's no trouble now to get bands going.

MR. YOUNG: The ladies and the gentlemen.

MRS. YOUNG: But now they _____ lodges _____.

OSBORNE: Now where did you have the picnic, was there a special grove, a place where you went to have it?

MRS. YOUNG: No. Silver Park. Most of the place _____ line _____ where you can have picnics and turnouts. something like a band

that goes by the street to get a crowd out.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: Ain't it true, to get the crowd out, everybody

MR. YOUNG: Then when we have our parades the other lodges going to get out to see, cause you know half the time we from Youngstown, Pittsburgh would all come in. had _____ before-hand and they'd be waiting for

OSBORNE: All come in and join with you. all down Broadway.

MR. YOUNG: We'd get us a big crowd. rful.

OSBORNE: Yes. s. down Mahoning, and up Patterson Street.

MR. YOUNG: Sometimes we have two bands you know. Mahoning River like when you came here? Did it amount to anything?

OSBORNE: Yes, that would make some excitement.

MR. YOUNG: No it didn't amount to nothing. The Mahoning

MR. YOUNG: Yes, make some excitement. Well we did that River, in fact to me it just wasn't nothing. to try to get members you know.

OSBORNE: Just a trickle.

OSBORNE: Sure.

MR. YOUNG: Just a trickle. That's all, that's all. It

MR. YOUNG: And we had a lot of them come in. Yes, a lot of wasn't nothing. them.

MRS. YOUNG: But it's no trouble now to get bands going, there are plenty of bands.

OSBORNE: No, it's not today. I just wondered fifty years

OSBORNE: Yes, there are.

MRS. YOUNG: The children, you know, they'll go for that in school too. With the horns and the music.

OSBORNE: Well, it's more polluted today I suppose. More

OSBORNE: Yes. They have more training along that line now, that's right. Of course there's nothing like a band that goes by the street to get a crowd out.

MRS. YOUNG: They have one way of getting the

MR. YOUNG: Ain't it true, to get the crowd out, everybody in it. going to get out to see, cause you know half the time we had before hand and they'd be waiting for

us. Main Street, come down Main Street, all down Broadway.

any experience, anything that you think of that happened

OSBORNE: I'll bet it would be colorful. during that time that was different or outstanding?

MR. YOUNG: Yes, down Mahoning, and up Patterson Street.

OSBORNE: Now mentioning Mahoning, what was the Mahoning River like when you came here? Did it amount to anything?

MR. YOUNG: No it didn't amount to nothing. The Mahoning River, in fact to me it just wasn't nothing.

OSBORNE: That's right. You went through a Depression.

OSBORNE: Just a trickle.

MR. YOUNG: That's right, through a Depression.

MR. YOUNG: Just a trickle. That's all, that's all. It wasn't nothing.

MRS. YOUNG: Ain't too much today.

OSBORNE: No, it's not today. I just wondered fifty years ago if it was any different.

MRS. YOUNG: It wasn't too big a stream fifty years ago.

OSBORNE: Well, it's more polluted today I suppose. More things dumped into it.

MR. YOUNG: It might be better, it might be better.

MRS. YOUNG: They have one way of getting the _____ in it.

OSBORNE: Yes. Right. Well, as you think back on your years here is there anything that stands out? Is there any experience, anything that you think of that happened during that time that was different or outstanding?

MR. YOUNG: Well, I don't know of anything. hat now when

they holded and got eight hours? Do you know what year

OSBORNE: You have to work hard, you got a family to
raise.

OSBORNE: Oh, I think it was along in the early thirties,

MR. YOUNG: You have to work hard, you got a family....

OSBORNE: That's right. You went through a Depression.

MR. YOUNG: It was sometime in the thirties, that's right.

MR. YOUNG: That's right, through a Depression.

OSBORNE: You went through a war. n't get time and a half

or overtime for those hours.

MR. YOUNG: That's right, through a war and everything.

MR. YOUNG: We didn't, we didn't get no time and a half.

MRS. YOUNG: Well, I'm gonna tell you in one sum, it was
rough. It wasn't good in the Southern state and we, when
we came here and it was rough. And you could hardly find
a place _____. And twelve hours of work
too.

that time when you know, the Depression come, everything

OSBORNE: Twelve hours. twelve hours a day. It made a

change in the American Steel Foundries, there was no union,

MRS. YOUNG: Twelve hours, seven days a week.

we didn't have no union. The system started before I,

OSBORNE: Seven days. years after I got a job down at American

Steel. It begin to make change then you know, because down

MRS. YOUNG: You didn't have much time to go nowhere.

there before we union, they had men come in, they working

Seven days a week.

men, at night. they didn't do nothing, the bosses didn't

MR. YOUNG: I missed church a lot of times, had to go to

work on Sunday. Twelve hours on a Sunday. Everyday, every-

day, twelves hours, twelve hours a day. eady and send them

to another job.

MRS. YOUNG: Well now about what time was that now when they holded and got eight hours? Do you know what year that was?

OSBORNE: Oh, I think it was along in the early thirties, wasn't it?

MR. YOUNG: It was sometime in the thirties, that's right. That's when they made the change.

OSBORNE: Yes. Of course you didn't get time and a half or overtime for those hours.

MR. YOUNG: We didn't, we didn't get no time and a half.

OSBORNE: And if you wanted a job you had to work those hours.

MR. YOUNG: We had to work for a job, we sure did. And that time when you know, the Depression come, everything was over, we had waited twelve hours a day. It made a change in the American Steel Foundries, there was no union, we didn't have no union. The system started before I,

say about, fifteen years after I got a job down at American Steel. It begin to make change then you know, because down there before the union, they had men come in, they working men, at night. They didn't do nothing, the bosses didn't pay them no attention. If one didn't work and they caught him they fire him right then and there. A lot of times you know, they didn't fight, you get them ready and send them to another job.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: You see, after the union came the foremans wouldn't stand for that.

OSBORNE: They wouldn't allow that.

MR. YOUNG: No, they wouldn't allow that. You were employed there, you had to stay with your duties.

OSBORNE: With your job.

MR. YOUNG: With your job. They couldn't leave one job and go to another.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: Before the union, you know they just take a man and send him where they wanted to send him. And if he wanted to work, work where they send him he'd work, and if he didn't want to work there he could go home.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: That's the way it was.

OSBORNE: Well, you noticed a big change with that.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, there's a big change with them then. And it put a lot of people then on piece work, you know, after we got the union. And the more you work the more you make.

OSBORNE: Yes, oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: People would work then. They stayed on piece work down there at American Steel Foundries _____ you know, about ten years.

OSBORNE: Well, now you had a full time job with the family.

MRS. YOUNG: Yes.

OSBORNE: Taking care of them. Did you do any other work? You just took care of the family.

MRS. YOUNG: Yeah. And during the time of the War, was it World War I?

OSBORNE: Two.

MRS. YOUNG: Two, well, there was a good many children, my husband didn't want me to work out. And I decided I would do the laundry work. So I run my ad in the paper early in the day and I had to take it down before the next day.

OSBORNE: Is that right?

MRS. YOUNG: There wasn't nobody, as long as _____ there wasn't nobody taking in no clothes, nobody sent them out. People was all going in _____.

OSBORNE: Oh, yes.

MRS. YOUNG: Mowed our lawn for a long time. I had a good time you know, when I run my ad and I had him up.

OSBORNE: How long did you do that?

MRS. YOUNG: Oh about six or seven years. And I used to sew, you know. I didn't get to go to school too much, but still you can learn.

OSBORNE: Oh, that's right, you bet.

MR. YOUNG: She had a full time job keeping the family.

MRS. YOUNG: And at that time I loved to cook but now there is only two to cook for and that don't make it so bad.

OSBORNE: That's right, that's right, yeah. Until reunion time and then you have a lot to prepare for.

MR. YOUNG: That's right, that's right. Then we had so many children and we had nine girls you know, and my wife sort of had to stay with them.

MRS. YOUNG: Well, I'm gonna tell you about my family as they grew up, my children. I hear people say today that children can't get a job, but that's not so. My children got up in the grades, made twelfth grade, wasn't that tough. They found their own jobs. George worked in a filling station in fact all his life.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. Well he has a good thing going.

MR. YOUNG: Yeah, he got a good thing going. Come from
thing and he stay you know, he went up town, we sent him up
town one day for something, wasn't but five or six years
old.

MRS. YOUNG: He was eight years old.

MR. YOUNG: _____ red and white building. We
seen him, just had a small, little place there but he was
filling gas and we seen him doing it. And they see him
doing it and they ask him if he want a job, and he told
him, "Yes sir." He said, "What do you want me to do?" Said,
"I don't want you to do nothing but just stay here and keep
me company and keep the room swept." Said, "Sweep the floor,
can't you?" And he told him, "Yeah." Said, "Sweep the floor.
That's all you have to do." And so he come home and told
his mother he had a job so we taking that boy then. Stayed
there and worked till he got to be a young man, selling
gas, and had him up there recapping tires and everything.
In a way we come through the _____ a long time.
And Thompson, before he died, George worked there for him
a long time. Almost raised George. And he got ready you
know, George got up to be a man, you know he set George
up over there in that filling station. He opened that fill-
ing station up and he gave it to George and he said you be
alright, you been with me long enough to know how to do bus-
iness. And he said don't go letting nobody having a whole
lot of credit. George said, "I ain't gonna do that cause

that's the way you loose money." So he told George everything and he started him in that filling station.

OSBORNE: Well, he's done very good. When I'm down through there I stop there and get gas at his place.

MR. YOUNG: He got lots of trade.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. Well, he's got a nice personality and he's accomodating and that helps.

MR. YOUNG: He's accomadating and everything. Everybody likes him.

OSBORNE: Yes. And that helps. That's right.

MR. YOUNG: He's been in business there quite a while.

OSBORNE: Well, my mother used to say that, she said, "When I'm gone I don't want a big monument in a cemetery." She said, "My children will be the monuments." So when you get to be a parent you look upon your children that way.

MR. YOUNG: That's true. That's the truth.

OSBORNE: I used to think that was sort of strange to hear her talk that way but when you get older you understand what that means.

MR. YOUNG: You understand, you certainly do. You have to be ready to understand.

MRS. YOUNG: Well people of the day, you see how they treat young children and all kind of misdemeanors going on. I was a parent and be home at, when you didn't have to be out.

OSBORNE: That's right. Yes.

OSBORNE: That's right.

MRS. YOUNG: I wanted mine to have _____ a good education as anybody else, he went to the service, my husband didn't go to the service. Got mad and didn't want none of that service. But I think, the mother I think today the town is responsible for some of this.

bare all the news, the father don't got no name too much.

OSBORNE: Oh, I think thats true. I think it's a complete break down with the parents' responsibility. This is true .

MRS. YOUNG: So we should go to college and _____

MR. YOUNG: I can knock on wood and say that none of my children out of all that I have, have never given me a minutes trouble about the law.

OSBORNE: As far as you could.

OSBORNE: Well, that's real satisfaction to be able to say that.

YOUNG: Yeah. I got one son who went to the service for four years, eighteen month going to Mount Union College

MR. YOUNG: Yes, they never given me a minutes trouble, never and where he was now in Lordstown he graduated from that was arrested, never was in trouble.

four years. And then told me that was grade school. They

MRS. YOUNG: I worked at City Hall one year with my husband and Lord, how much of it _____ down there. They got little baby children sitting up in the bed at night and it amazed. Looked like it ain't old enough to be _____.

OSBORNE: Yeah.

Well look at that all in _____ and the people the parents would _____.

OSBORNE: That's right.

MRS. YOUNG: They just didn't take care of them.

OSBORNE: That's right. Yes.

MRS. YOUNG: I wanted mine to have _____ a good education as anybody else, he went to the service, my husband didn't go to the service. Got mad and didn't want none of that service _____. But I think, the mother bares all the name, the father don't got no name too much.

MR. YOUNG: Well if it wasn't for the father there wouldn't be no family.

MRS. YOUNG: Go to school, go to college and _____. If I had of been in the place where I could I would have went to the last.....

OSBORNE: As far as you could.

MRS. YOUNG: Yeah. I got one son who went to the service for four years, eighteen month going to Mount Union College and where he work now in Lordstown he graduated from that four years. And then told me that was grade school. They call that grade school. He just loves books. I didn't have no trouble with my children because you know I tried to live right before and tell them.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: And now the children of today, just pitiful.

OSBORNE: Yes, you wonder, you know in a few years time what this will, it says in the Bible, "As the twig is inclined the tree will grow." And you wonder about some of these....

MR. YOUNG: they hired them in there. If they the way the parents raised them.

MRS. YOUNG: And sometimes I beginning to think seems like the middle ages of people where there's a first Satan there's a second Satan and I say that's the middle ages.

But like they it makes problems. You.

OSBORNE: Yes, that's right. That's right. You get a little disillusioned sometimes with....

MR. YOUNG: Yes, you get that.

MRS. YOUNG: It's growing worse by the day, by the hour.

MR. YOUNG: Right now I see the changes, the separation, you know, most young people go from one thing to more than I ever had in my whole lifetime. I just sit down sometimes and think about it and look at it. The women think now, they have even got to the place now where they think you know, some of them you know don't need no man.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: There's many women, now they're fighting for it,

they call it their equal rights. That they could work just like a man do. And they put them in these shops. There is some in American Steel Foundries now working. You have to put them in these shops and give them trade and they don't want it. You can't do it. They said they can do it when you know hired them in there. If they have got that in them then they can do that. That's what cause, I'll say you know, the _____ in the woman's working. She's got her home to mind. She'll tell her husband in a minute she don't need him. She's working she has her own money.

OSBORNE: Yes, it makes problems. You can buy more things but some things you can't buy.

MR. YOUNG: That's right, some things you can't buy. That's right.

OSBORNE: It comes down really to a matter of values doesn't it? And what you really put the most value on.

MR. YOUNG: That's right, that's right, yes.

OSBORNE: Well I was interested, your son said you had been here quite a time and I wanted to get your impressions of Alliance when you first came and some of the experiences, you know during the years that you had been here. And as I indicated I want to talk to some other individuals too and then we'll have this, we have this for a record then and preserve this.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, the times have changed and it looks to me like that they continue to change. I wonder sometimes what's next. What's going to change next. It ain't gonna be very long now you know....

OSBORNE: Of course when you thought there was radio you never thought of television and if you had airplanes you never thought of going to the moon. You just don't know.

MR. YOUNG: You just don't know and how you _____ going to some other place up there you know. But that's someplace you said I can't go. _____.

_____ maybe even look at the moon but there is some other place up there he said he was gone next. And he said he wasn't gone after this trip you know to the moon, said he wasn't gone into space travel, said he was gone in some other kind of run. Somebody was making that airplane for him to fly.

MR. YOUNG: _____ the thing and well they could

OSBORNE: Now we've, in you lifetime and in mine we've seen tremendous changes.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, sir, we have. We've seen a lot of changes. Yes, a lot of changes. There's been a lot of hard work.

OSBORNE: Well, of course a lot much more work is done at the plant down there mechanically. You did it the hard way.

MR. YOUNG: Yes sir, I did it the hard way. Did it the hard way, that's right.

OSBORNE: But you worked there then when the mechanical improvements came in.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, I work there as long, I see them improve down there. I was working down there, making molds and things making castings. You know they didn't have no way of making _____. The change over down there you got chute and a big sand box and you ain't got anything to put underneath and that sand comes down in the mold, and they got the electric packer you know.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: They pack it down in the molds. You can make them molds down, making 23, 123 or 24 _____ be calling a day.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: _____ the thing and well they could be making them just putting one right out behind the other one.

OSBORNE: Well now, who was in charge of the plant when you were there? Was Mr. Robertson there?

MR. YOUNG: Yes sir, Mr. Robertson was in charge of the plant. He was the General Manager.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: And after he left then his son, he take it over. And he was there a long time, and now you know since I left from down there, they got another manager.

OSBORNE: Mr. Bossong was there for awhile. in. And he

MR. YOUNG: Yes, he was there for awhile.

OSBORNE: And now he has gone and they have a new man.

MR. YOUNG: Yes they got a new man down there now.

OSBORNE: Yes, that's right.

MR. YOUNG: _____.

There's been so many changes down there. _____.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: There's a lot of new foremans. A lot of them died while I was down there.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: A lot of new foremans.

OSBORNE: Well now, when you first came here you traveled around, you went, anyplace, you went by train, is that right?

MR. YOUNG: Went by train. We ride what you call excursions in that day. And you could pay \$2.00 and go to Pittsburgh stay as long as you wanted and come back on the excursions.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: _____.

in Canton. Any part you want to go. A fellow would have a rough trip and want people you know to go in. And he drank.

OSBORNE: Oh yes, Mr. Young. And so he'd run these excursions just about every Sunday. Did you ever go to any camp meetings or picnics or anything like that on the excursion that way?

MRS. YOUNG: Yeah, that's when we were at the American Steel Foundries.

MR. YOUNG: American Steel Foundries.

MRS. YOUNG: Just a train, a big long train. And all the people wait there, and it is the same now.

OSBORNE: Where did they go then, Pittsburgh?

MR. YOUNG: Pittsburgh, Youngstown.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: Idora Park you know, go over there. Youngstown, we went to Youngstown, then we went to Cleveland you know a couple of times. _____.

You got to one of these places when you go to them _____ picnics. And every year we'll go, you know, American Steel

Founderies _____. American Steel Founderies, on it's the same company.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: That only company would go you know, so I don't know. We'd have our picnic so regular, the steel mill did every year until these men go to where, I don't know, it seems like they couldn't get along. They'd get to fighting on the train.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

MR. YOUNG: They'd get to fighting on the train you know, coming back, get to fighting at the picnic and everything. And so much of that went on until the American Steel Founderies give it up. Said they wasn't going to have anymore picnics. So after they gave it up the union picked it up. So the union is in charge now.

OSBORNE: Well it's too bad, there's always a few who spoil it for everybody else that way.

MR. YOUNG: There's always a few who spoil things. _____

_____ said I'll be with ya.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MRS. YOUNG: Well at that time you can't hardly realize.

I wait all that week and Saturday at the station as I wanted to go to Cleveland. Take the train on to Cleveland. Leave here at 7:00 Saturday and be back Sunday evening at 7:00.

See you could leave your family any time then and come on back that night. And sometimes you feel like you're lost you ain't driving, you ain't got a car.

OSBORNE: That's right. Well with the price of cars and the price of gasoline these days.

MR. YOUNG: You can't get a train. After one night there

MR. YOUNG: That's right. trains or nothing else we don't

start from Allinade.

OSBORNE: It is.

MRS. YOUNG: Freight train once in a while.

MR. YOUNG: It's rough. It surely is. The price of gas and everything. You can't get a passenger train.

OSBORNE: Well of course there was the Stark Electric. You could use the streetcar too. That's a change. Oh

there used to be, it seemed like every few minutes there

MR. YOUNG: Oh yes, there's a streetcar when we moved in used to be a train stop here.

Went on a streetcar, but you know I, you
can't hardly get those transportations now. way.

OSBORNE: Well, we may have to come back to that, more train service and more streetcar.

MR. YOUNG: But now you don't see that anymore. Claim

MR. YOUNG: going on some with railroads and some of

then talking about going back.
OSBORNE: That's right.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: vote on it. To try to get it back
like it was. That was of course

some of the lines that's been cut.
OSBORNE: It will relieve a lot of problems they hope.

MR. YOUNG: It will. Relieve a lot of problems. Especially coming to Alliance you can't get no farther than Canton.

You come to Canton on a train _____.

OSBORNE: That's right.

MR. YOUNG: You can't get a train. After one night there ain't no trains, freight trains or nothing else, we don't start from Alliance.

MRS. YOUNG: Freight train once in a while.

MR. YOUNG: You can't get a passenger train.

OSBORNE: No you have to, and then it's in the middle of the night that you go to Canton. That's a change. Oh there used to be, it seemed like every few minutes there used to be a train stop here.

MR. YOUNG: Get a train, get one going each way.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: But now you don't see that anymore. Claim they wasn't making any money with railroads and some of them talking about going broke.

OSBORNE: Yes.

MR. YOUNG: Then some of these _____ have to take up some of the lines that's running now.

OSBORNE: Right.

MR. YOUNG: _____.

OSBORNE: Anything that you been thinking back when you first came here? Any experiences that you had that are....

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