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Timecode Notes

1 :00	Parents coming north from Selma, AL – they had a restaurant that was popular but it was threatened by a white-owned restaurant nearby. Railroad conductors warned her parents of the danger and then left.
2:30	Met an African-American person on the train who offered to help them out in Freeport
4:00	Father realized that people in the north didn't have southern African-American cooking and he began to prepare it and sell it.
5:30	Lived next door to a Serbian family – Mrs. George was her wet nurse. She still remembers a Serbian song (sings a line)
6:50	Parents moved to a Black community and took in another family who incurred the wrath of neighbors and their store was burned down so they lost everything.
8:10	Elementary school – skipped two grades
11:10	Marcus Garvey movement – parents wanted to improve quality of life for black people.
11:40	Father found Islam – they went to both churches and Mosques. Still remembers a prayer. Mother eventually stopped children from going to mosques.
14:20	When they lived in Braddock they were the only people on the block who had a phone.
14:45	Neighbors would come ask her mother for help – many were immigrants and didn't speak English well.
16:15	Story from school – boy copied her test but the teacher gave him a 100 and her a 98. She was crushed. Her aunt consoled her and said “Don't let anyone every put you down. Once you have knowledge no one can take it away from you.”
17:50	Unitarian Church – she is free to search there and not feel guilty.
19:50	Husband David was drafted into the army. When he got out they tried to find an apartment.
22:20	Moved to Homewood area in Pittsburgh.
22:45	Children went to school.
24:15	Son Rickie's true name is Lawrence.
26:00	Community involvement – American Legion Auxiliary
28:40	PTA involvement – speech by a man who said they were not “just housewives.”
30:00	YWCA's – girls were segregated until the 1960s. she was involved in the one in Homewood. When desegregation started they lost members to the suburbs.
35:10	Beer making – her mother and her Serbian neighbor formed a partnership.
35:45	How she and her husband met.
37:10	She has a master's in public administration.
39:45	Grandchildren

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Words of wisdom