

- 1 WF: Born in uh, nineteen thirty-eight.
- 2 BJ: Nineteen thirty-eight, uh huh.
- 3 WF: Actually I was born in, in the north side, in Allegheny Hospital, but uh, I think I was about two or three years old when I come here.
- 4 BJ: Mm-hm.
- 5 WF: ((2-second pause)) My mom is a housewife. ((outside noise, rushing traffic)) She lives over in Ohio Township (with) my stepfather, and my dad is deceased.
- 6 BJ: Uh-huh. What was his job?
- 7 WF: He was a steel-worker. He was a welder (at the American) Bridge.
- 8 BJ: Right, is that the one—
- 9 WF: Right, used to be right here at fifty-second [street]—fifty first street. [Yeah.]
- 10 BJ: [Yeah.] [Mm-hm.]  
How many mills were there in Lawrenceville?
- 11 WF: Oh-ho, jeez. ((1-second pause)) Well you could probably start at the—before the Sixty-Second Street Bridge, where the German Club is now. You could probably go all the way down to...uh, I would say probably, maybe Thirty-Second Street, Thirty-Fourth Street, somewhere around there. There was mills all the way down [there.]
- 12 BJ: [It's] pretty much solid.
- 13 WF: Yeah. This East ( ), the little town used to be pretty well uh, developed with uh, iron-[workers, steel]-mill workers.
- 14 BJ: [Mm-hm].
- 15 WF: Uh, ((inhales deeply)) we had other, other shops that weren't steel mills, but uh, even they're uh, gone now.
- 16 BJ: Mm-hm. Like [metal fabricating]
- 17 WF: [It's uh... ]It's been a big drain on their neighborhood because it took, uh, it took a lot of the money out of the neighborhood.
- 18 BJ: Yeah.
- 19 BJ: ((2-second pause)) [( )]
- 20 WF: [(Clears throat)] It was supposed to be a warehouse...
- 21 BJ: Uh-huh.
- 22 WF: And businesses, and they have offices in there. It's (a) very beautiful building. It's a long, big building. Uh, it took up thirteen solid square acres. All the way down to the, uh, railroad.
- 23 BJ: Mm-hm.
- 24 WF: So uh, what their, what their intention of doing with it is, I don't know.
- 25 BJ: Oh.
- 26 WF: But they—I know they at one time, they were thinking about bringing a trucking company in here.
- 27 B J: Mm.
- 28 WF: And, uh, we weren't in too much in favor of that because of the traffic. ((3-second pause)) They've got a few more trendy...shops, coffee shops and that, that they opened, [uh,] but that's uh, mostly down (in) the ninth ward and sixth ward.
- 29 BJ: [Mm-hm.]

- Mm-hm.
- 30 WF: ((1-second pause)) A few new businesses that, that actually were here already, and people just took them over, and uh, uh, you know, they're they're doing something with them. Uh, the Marlin Bar [is one], that's turned into like a restaurant and a bar.
- 31 BJ: [Mm-hm?]
- 32 I've never been in [there]; I'd like to take my wife there, so.
- 33 BJ: [Mm-hm]
- Yeah.
- 34 WF: But uh, that's one business that come in. Uh, I can't really think of too many more that come in.
- 35 BJ: Mm-hm.
- 36 WF: Not, not down here in the tenth ward.