

Mrs. Dorothy Nealy.
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Ms. ... born.

Mrs. Nealy: Oh, yes. Uh-huh...

Ms. We'll start right at the beginning.

Mrs. Nealy: Okay.

Ms. So... can you give me your full name?

Mrs. Nealy: Mrs. Dorothy Nealy... N-e-a-l-y.

Ms. And the year you were born?

Mrs. Nealy: 1917... October the twenty-second.

Ms. And that was where? In Manitoba?

Mrs. Nealy: In Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Ms. Were your parents Canadian born?

Mrs. Nealy: Yes. My mother was Indian, and my father was **Negro**.

Ms. Uh-huh? Gee...

Mrs. Nealy: Yeah.

Ms. So your mother was truly a native Canadian.

Mrs. Nealy: Yes. (both laugh)

Ms. And did your father come up -- did your father's parents come up from the 'States?

Mrs. Nealy: Yes. Um-hmm. They came from Tennessee.

Ms. Gee... far south. Was your father in farming?

Mrs. Nealy: Yes, he owned two farms... and lost them. And ... then he went on the road. And...

Ms. So... you grew up on a farm, did you?

Mrs. Nealy: Yes. Um-hmm. And then we... moved in...

well, I was born in Winnipeg and then we... went... left Winnipeg to go farming in... I don't know whether it was East Kildonan or West Kildonan. I forget, now. It was in the Kildonans. And.... I don't know what happened, but I don't think he could make a go of it, you know. And then... we left the farm and we moved back to the city.

Ms. And how old would you have been? A teenager, by that time?

Mrs. Nealy: No. I was quite small. ^{Beacu--...} /I went to school in the country. That was cute -- all the kids in one, little room. (laughs)

Ms. Oh yeah? Did you have far to walk?

Mrs. Nealy: Yes. Well not too far. The only thing is...
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I had to go through a/huge pasture and oh,... everybody put their cows in there, you know. And I just hated cows. Because there was just three girls, you know, and my dad wanted boys, so he made us girls work like boys, you know, and my job was to go and gather up the cows. And I just hated it. I'd cry every day, because I didn't want to gather up the cows. So...(laughs) So then I... but I... when we got to the city, well... we moved to the ... we lived in the north end of Winnipeg. And... we grew up mostly with Ukrainian and Polish people. ^{I could speak} But we'd.../quite a bit of Ukrainian when I was a kid.

Ms. You could? Gee....

Mrs. Nealy: Oh yeah. Even now, I just... ^{re--...I} /just remem-

ber a few words, 'cause... I've never got^(to) associate with Ukrainian people like I did in Winnipeg, you know. Because when I came here, this whole district was Negroes here. This was our ghetto.

Ms. Oh, really?

Mrs. Nealy: Yeah.

Ms. This was... now tell me again the year that you came?

Mrs. Nealy: I came here first in 1938... but I just stayed here for a month's visit. And... then I went back to Winnipeg and then I came out here to live, in 1944. And I've been here ever since.