

BLANCHE AUSTIN

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Q: ...James Spring, March 21, 1995. It is cloudy and we have the promise of rain. I am Lois Myers and have the pleasure of interviewing Blanche Austin, a friend and longtime resident of Madison Heights, and before that Royal Oak Township East. Blanche, when did you first move into Mad...into...into this area? Did you have children then, and where did you move from, and tell me all you can?

A: Well my husband and I lived in an apartment in Hamtramck. We decided to take a picnic lunch and drive out to the country because my husband was going to paint the disk wheels on our Chevy. We drove as far as Dequindre and Nine Mile Road, then north on Nine Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. We...

Q: Well, wait a minute...

[tape turned off and on]

A: ...[just on my bill?], place for small children to play while he painted the tires. And they used their sand buckets for a while, and it wasn't too long before it was lunch time. Then when they got all the painting done, they had to finish that at home. And dean...meantime, we noticed [Walter Spurand?] on [Geena?] Avenue, which is now Park Court. And that north of Eleven Mile and East John R. We took these out, and what we did rent one for ten dollars a month. This sounded great for a little while, until this place was put up for sale. And we had to move. In the long run, I'm glad we did not buy it, because I like where we are very, very much. It did have a...although it did have a...a basement, a furnace and two bedrooms, there was nothing much we could do about that. There...there was water, but the water had a bi...mineral taste to it. We did rent a house on Rickley and Hazel Park, just for a little while, then it was sold. Those...turn it off a minute.

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