

University District Oral History Interview Index

Interviewer: Addison O'Neil

Interviewee: Cathy Treyens

Date of Interview: October 20, 2008

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CT: I love the neighborhood. I love it. I'm not moving anytime soon.

AO: So you feel safe, you said you didn't really mind...

CT: I've chosen the neighborhood. I've chosen the neighborhood with all of its risks. We do not own a dog, which is the number 1, you know, help. We have plenty of dogs around here. So I don't, when my husband travels, which is not very often but when he does, I hate....But in general I feel safe. Safe enough.

AO: That's good. So when you moved here were there as many students in the area? You said that it vacates and have you ever had any, like, accidents or bad things happen when any students? Or any ruckus?

CT: Um, there's always ruckus. We always make sure we meet our neighbors. I'm like the welcome wagon and I literally bring over a pot of soup or a casserole or cookies or we invite them over for dinner and we meet them just because we want, we wanna play a safe role really because of the murder. Um, we're not sittin' at our windows looking at the parties. We tell them they can party as late as they want and you know, these guys play bass so loud it reverberates off our windows. Um, these guys are pretty quiet. We just tell them when we start to hear smashing bottles that's when we'll call the cops. We've never had to call the cops on any party, um again because we're demographically different and I believe that I chose this neighborhood and so if I chose this neighborhood I'm not going to make it a suburb. The blue house across the street, the woman bought the house and she wanted a suburb and she hated it and she finally had to move and sell her house at a loss because she wanted this peace and quiet that she was never gonna get it. And I kept saying you picked the wrong neighborhood. I'm realistic. I chose the neighborhood. My husband when we first got married and I couldn't stand it and I said you either get adjusted or we move because I chose this neighborhood for a lot of reasons so...um...we've got no problems but we know our neighbors well enough that I could knock on any door and get help because I've worked and worked to make them my friends.

AO: Alright, I tell ya that's the first time I've ever heard of that because I know my friends who live next door to home owners and what not have experienced what you said about your neighbor who just tried to like moved in while they were living there as students, as like 21 year old boys and this woman was just not having it and you know they weren't trying to be rude or anything they were just going about being college kids and that sort of thing.

CT: That has changed because my husband and I were talking about back in the 70s when we went to Ohio State people partied Friday and Saturday. They might have partied Thurs. That has changed just in general because, I mean I lived on campus here when I was in college. People party all week long and that has changed and the destruction of property while they party has changed. So the general culture has changed and that's true over the last, ya know, I can't say about this area, but I can guess, extrapolate, the parting has gotten harder.