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[38:22 - 39:33]

You get these things in the mail
"We want to buy your house!"
Well did you see a for sale sign?
No
Well they call you on the phone
"This is so and so, do you want to sell...?"
I didn't say I want to sell my house
We're just inundated with all this
About buying the homes in the area
And it's not only this area
It's everywhere now
And I guess that's the way things are going
So we have to make sure that we pay those taxes
or you will be selling

You know what I did once?
I said, 'i'm not going to answer this phone.'
I don't usually answer the phone if I don't recognize the number anyway
But I heard him on the answering machine
"HI VIRGINIA"
I went wait a minute
For one thing you don't know me, so you don't call me Virginia
You don't know me
I got on that phone and I said
Listen

I don't know where you got this information from but there's no for sale sign in front of my home and don't

EVER

Call this phone again

“Well what about we want to buy the 505 property?”

Well that's not for sale either

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Scammers

That's another thing that's different

Scammers

They just call ALLL day long

And then they switch to these numbers,

the 919's

As if you're going to answer that number

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They're not going to give you a fair market rate for your home

They're going to throw a few dollars at you

They think that because you are who you are

I think you know what I mean

You're going to accept that amount

Well that'ssss not the case

You need to purchase my property for what it's worth

But

Hey

I'm not ready to sell my property

I'm not going to sell my property.

I'm going to hang on to it as long as i can

And stay here as long as I can

[42:09 - 42:41]

Because you know, when you are a caretaker
You can burnout real quick if you're not careful
And that sometimes would happen
But you just knew you had to keep going
So i just kept going
Kept going
It was OK
It was worth it
It was well worth it
To see her
And to see my mom
Until they left this world
It was OK
Just something for me
I felt like I'm just the caretaker of the family
But it was alright

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Well you know what
They don't even know
They don't even know my story
They have grown up where they went to the schools...
They didn't have to deal with what we had to deal with
But
They grew up at a time when they would just go and have friends
I kept them home that was the problem
I didn't allow them to go too many places, you know strict parents
But they didn't go through that
I don't think it was there
But it was really subtle
That racism thing
Where they would get AP courses and you wouldn't get AP courses
I had one professor to tell me at a parent teachers conference

He's in calculus, you sure he should be in calculus?
I said of course he should be in calculus
Is there any reason why he should not be
I think I went to the school so much they said 'here comes Ms. Jones!
So you just have to stay active in the schools now
You got to make an appearance
If you don't make an appearance I feel like your kids will be left behind
because they don't care
All they do is go in there and teach what they teach

[11:06 - 11:37]

I didn't participate in the marches but I knew about it
I could hear them talking about it
And they would have it on TV so I could see it there
And you could see it
Feel it
When they didn't want you in certain stores
You weren't allowed in there
Or if you went in, you weren't allowed to sit in there
You could buy, spend your money but you can't stay in here
I can remember that

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It's ongoing
I don't think it will ever go away
I think if people had their ways
I know what it would be like
If they had there ways
They don't like this affordable housing thing
They want this affluent stuff here in Chapel Hill
That's what it's all about
And

It's not many places that you could go if you were a minority or a certain income

Because where would you go?

They don't have places like that

That went out the window a long time ago

200,000

300,000

Now you're talking

Half a million

Million

Now you're talking

You can sort of hear the difference between chapel hill high school and east chapel hill high

You got East chapel hill over here and

23:25→23:57

I remember the people that have gone on...

That used to live in these homes around here.

The house across the street.

Would be Mrs. Bodey

I always remember her

Because she used to play that piano real well.

And she could sing!

And beside to her was Mrs. Lumpey.

I still call it,

Ms. Lumpey's House

Mrs Body's house

But of course

Its not their house anymore

But to me

It is.

And that is just

The way I see it.

26:50→27:38

What has kept me
Here in Northside?
Because my family lived here
And worked hard to keep what they had.
So I feel like
Its MY responsibility
To ensure
That their hard work...
Will not be in vain
I will continue
To keep it for as long as I can.
And that's
What has kept me here.

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We would go
in the back
of the house
and crawl through the woods
and get the cherries!
It was **so FUNNY!**
We were just terrors!...
Just terrors
Back then
But we all stuck together.
If one got in a fight
We would all
Join in.

35:10→35:20

I know one time.

When I was five.
He tried to catch me
Cause I ran away
from Nursery school
So I ran down the street
And he tried to catch me
But of course
He couldn't catch me

36:10→36:45

For us,
Mom would come home
She would cook
Daddy would cook
We would just,
Have a good time.
We didn't have
A lot of money
But
We didn't know
We were poor
At all...
We were
The happiest lot
It was fun
Growing up
Back then
When things were...
Easy

38:10→38:47

You cant fight it
Its coming

And now
I guess everywhere
Now
You get these
Things everyday in the mail
–**“We want to buy your house”**
Well,
–**“Did you see a for sale sign?”**
No.
Well then
They call you
“Did you want to
sell–“
No.
I don’t want to sell
My
House
We are just
Inundated.

39:15→39:28

I don’t know
Where you got
This information
From
But,
There is NO
For sale sign
In front of
My home
**And don’t ever
Call this number
Again.**

40:20→40:55

They are not
Going to
Give you a fair
Market rate
For your home.
They are going
To throw a few
Dollars at you
They think that
Because of

Who you are

–I think you know what I mean–
You're going to
Accept that
Amount.
Well that's not the case.