**New Deal Neighbors: Oral Histories of Greenhills, Ohio**

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Maria Schumacher: Could you please tell me your name?

Barbara Shanklin: Barbara Shanklin

MS: When did you move to Greenhills?

BS: 1938.

MS: About how old were you then?

BS: Five.

MS: Do you remember it at all, when you moved?

BS: No, I don’t remember it at all. Uh-uh.

MS: Alright, so you don’t really remember where you lived before? Or you don’t have memories of it?

BS: Before I moved to Greenhills? We moved from Washington D.C. to Auburn-- Mt. Auburn-- and then my dad applied to get into Greenhills and was approved, and we moved in [looks through book]-- it has it in the back of this book-- am I taking too long?

MS: No, take your time!

BS: I know it was ‘38, but I don’t know the month. Yes, I do know the month. September.

MS: September of ‘38?

BS: Yes.

MS: So you all were *very* early residents

BS: Yes, yes.

MS: Did the Depression play a role in your family moving from Mt. Auburn to Greenhills?

BS: Probably so. Probably so. Cause everybody made the same-- had to make the same amount of money to move here. So, it was great. It was just a great place to be raised.

MS: Do you think that-- can you just say more about how that affected everyone’s lives, the fact that everyone made about the same amount of money?

BS: Sure, there was no competition in dressing, you know, “You had to keep up with the Joneses” -- we *didn’t* have to. We had-- not food stamps-- but Green Stamps that you had to buy food with. We were limited, because of the war also. And you know, it was just great. We traded stamps with our neighbors, or whoever needed something, we traded stamps with them. It was, it was great. It really was just great.

MS: What about Greenhills attracted your family to it? Did you parents ever tell you that?

BS: No, they didn’t, no. My brother will probably tell you. He remembers that, I don’t [laughs]. I don’t remember any of that.

MS: Ok! What was your house like in Greenhills?

BS: We moved to Briar Wood, and it was a duplex. We had three bedrooms and a bath upstairs, and then downstairs, and we had the basement. Then we moved to the model home, which was 7 Andover. And that was-- it had four bedrooms, two up and two down, and a screened in porch, and a full basement. In fact, it was the largest basement in Greenhills at that time, so we always held New Years parties there [laughs]. We never knew, at Christmas time, how many people we’d have for dinner, because people just dropped in, to say hello, you know, and wish you a Merry Christmas. We had-- it was great. We didn’t have to make appointments to go visit somebody, we just went. And they were glad to see us.

MS: So this was a very tight-knit community?

BS: Yes, yes, it was great. It was just great. We looked forward to the fireman’s carnival. That was a big event, held in the marketplace right over here [points out window] across the street. They always gave away, raffled off a car. And I can remember one year, the person they called-- you had to be there-- and the person they called wasn’t there, and they had to draw again. And you know whose name they drew? Mine. But the person that they got first, showed up. I guess somebody went home and got them [laughs]. The reason I know this is that my best friend’s father was in the drawing, that’s-- he told me that. [laughing] Isn’t that awful? Back then that was a fortune! You know? But the swimming pool-- we lived at the swimming pool, and walked home dead tired because we’d go in the morning and come home at five o’clock and just drag [laughs]. But it was fun. It was really, really a great place to be raised. I’ve never found a friendlier town, yet.

MS: I’d like to know a little bit more about your family. What did your father do?

BS: My father worked for the government. In fact my father was on the [looks through book on table] Let’s see-- He was on the fire department, and he was on the credit union.

MS: And what about your mother?

BS: My mother was a housewife.

MS: Did you have siblings? You have a brother, but did you have other siblings?

BS: I have two brothers and two sisters. My baby sister was born here, late in life [laughs].

MS: So, activities in Greenhills-- you mentioned a few, festivals, swimming at the pool-- were there other community activities that you participated in?

BS: I can’t remember, really. That’s been a *long* time ago [laughs]

MS: What would you and your friends do in your free time?

BS: Oh, we’d play in the woods. We’d come up here and roller skate right here in the marketplace. They had a great big concrete slab over there. We’d roller skate over there. There was a hill that we sled-- went sledding, back behind Briar Wood Lane, really. And fireworks, on July 4th. Everybody from around-- all the neighborhoods-- came to the fireworks up at the American Legion. That was great. But my father was very active in the fire department. That was a big, big thing.

MS: And it was a volunteer department, right?

BS: Mhmm. Yeah.

MS: What about school. How long did you go to school here in Greenhills?

BS: I started in kindergarten and graduated in 1952.

MS: What were some of your experiences?

BS: Oh, in school? Well, sports. Yeah, I played all sports. All sports. I loved sports. I hung out with my brother and his friend [laughs]. In fact, one time they were playing Batman, up at the Greenhills-- by the drugstore and the grocery store up there-- and they flew into the glass and broke the glass [laughs]. So it’s just things like that that I remember. But mostly we hung out at the swimming pool.

MS: Did you have any memorable teachers or classes at the schools here?

BS: Well, let me see if I can think of the names. I had one teacher, and she-- Mrs. Lowe-- she was something else. In fact, she took one of the basketball players, a big guy, and bent him over the desk and swatted him with a paddle three or four times [laughs]. By this time, you wouldn’t get by with that, but she did, she got by with it.

MS: Do you remember what she taught?

BS: She taught-- Mrs. Lowe taught history. I believe she taught history. I think so.

MS: How do you feel your education in Greenhills impacted you?

BS: Oh, it was wonderful. I think it was wonderful, yeah. Yeah.

MS: Let’s talk a little bit more about who lived in Greenhills. About your friends, for example.

BS: Well, we had dear friends, the Morrissey's. In fact, I remember one Christmas Eve-- I don’t know what time it was. But we all woke up, all my brothers and sisters woke up, and my parents weren’t there. So we leaned out the window and yelled “Mrs. Oakes!” -- oh, I mean “Mrs. Shanklin!” -- that (Oakes) is my name-- and they were right next door, visiting. Like I said, they, visited-- you could visit anybody at any time, and people just welcomed you. It was just great. It was great.

MS: Would you say that everyone who lived in Greenhills had a lot in common? You said--

BS: Yes.

MS: -- socioeconomically they certainly did, but do you think in other ways they had a lot in common too?

BS: I don’t-- they just-- we were all the same, really. We were all the same. I don’t think anyone disliked anybody [laughs]. Coach Howard was one of my favorite teachers and he was just a coach, but he helped us out in our-- in women’s sports. Basketball, we-- the women, or the girls, played basketball, but we could only go up one half of the floor. You have your guards on one end and the forwards on the other end, and you couldn’t go past the center line. And we played soccer. People don’t believe that, but we played soccer back then. And I loved it, but I loved all sports. But we played field hockey, and baseball. We visited the high schools around-- Wyoming, and North College Hill, Mt. Healthy, and played sports. And we played intramural sports also. We used to walk to Mt. Healthy, because it was only-- I don’t know how many miles. But we used to walk to Mt. Healthy, and just hang out with our friends over there.

MS: What about Cincinnati. Did you travel to Cincinnati often?

BS: We had a bus that went down to Cincinnati, and we took it. And dressed up with white gloves, heels. Many of times I had to buy a pair-- [laughing] stop in Baker’s down there and buy a pair of flats because my feet hurt so bad. Yes we did, but mainly we didn’t have to travel out of Greenhills. You know, unless we had something special we wanted to buy, like a prom dress, and that.

MS: But you would dress differently when you went to Cincinnati?

BS: Oh yes. We had to dress up, yes. Yes. We were quite the dressers back then. [laughs]

MS: But here how would you dress? How was that different from--

BS: Well, you see how I’m dressed now.

MS: A little more casually?

BS: Mhmm.

MS: Interesting. When you would play with your friends, would you play in mixed groups or mainly just with members of your own gender?

BS: Like I told you, I followed my brother and his friend around, too. But I had lots of girlfriends. We’d play like we were one of the movie stars. We’d take a movie star and we’d play movie stars. We’d play kick the can. We’d play hide and go seek. We’d play “red rover red rover I dare you to come over.” [laughs] But at night, that’s what we’d do at night. And very few people had a car. We didn’t have a car till I was in high school. So, my father rode to work with friends. And, in fact, one time, my sister and I decided to take my father’s car. And he always parked it at the same spot. And we drove around the block-- I was just learning how to drive. But we came back, and somebody took our spot! And we thought, “Oh my goodness, what are we going to do?!” Well, we parked in the back and we had to confess to my dad that we took the car. [laughs] But, he understood. There wasn’t traffic back then like there is today, so there’s no danger, really. But, there were parks behind where we lived that had swings and slides. You could play baseball there, and we did that. That was right behind the house on Andover. There was a park with swings, and we played back there quite a bit. There was all kinds of little parks. They weren’t big, but they were little. And we had Gambert’s Pond, where we ice skated. And that was down off of Winton Road, but we could walk through the woods. There was no danger like there would be today.

MS: So you had a lot of options?

BS: Mhmm. We did. We had a full life. Yes.

MS: What about some other places around Greenhills do you-- You’ve mentioned several--What about the pharmacy, or the co-op grocery-- Do you have any strong memories of those as well?

BS: Yeah, I remember the pharmacy. In fact, my boyfriend worked in the pharmacy at that time. But we would run over---Because it had a fountain, so-- And we would run over there after school, and sit and have ice cream, or a coke, or something, and talk. And the grocery store was owned by one of my good friends that I graduated with. And also, the food locker down below, where you could go buy meat-- frozen meat-- for your locker and everything. The thing I most remember is that you could buy ground beef and they would slice it with their slicer, frozen, so you’d have patties-- and that way, you’d have your hamburger patties.

MS: When did you leave Greenhills?

BS: When did I leave? Let’s see. After I got married we lived here. And my son was-- let’s see, he went to kindergarten here, and part of first grade. So it had to be in 19-- let’s see, he was born in ‘55-- about 1961, I believe. And we moved to Deer Park.

MS: So still fairly close by.

BS: Yes, yes.

MS: So Greenhills was built as this experiment, right?

BS: Mhmm

MS: It was a planned community. Do you think that that impacted the way people saw Greenhills, or the way they interacted with it?

BS: Oh yes. Yes. Oh, most definitely. Yes.

MS: How so?

BS: I don’t know. I don’t know, it was just-- [pause]

MS: A feeling?

BS: Yeah. Just-- it was great. I mean people were just really-- we understood each other, and cared about each other. And now it’s entirely different than it was back then. Like I said, people would drop in for Christmas dinner, and you’d never know how many you’d have at your dinner table, and welcomed it.

MS: What about politics or political alignments? Did that play a role in the community, or in the way people interacted?

BS: I don’t believe so. I don’t believe so. Nope.

MS: Do you think that-- again, because this was a planned community-- that it was used the way it was intended? That everything that was planned for-- that it worked?

BS: I don’t know whether I should even mention it, or not. But I think, I think towards the end, before they sold all the houses and everything, they kept a lot of people out of Greenhills, and I don’t think that was right. But that’s just the way it was, and I guess that was somewhat politics back then, too. I didn’t realize it until I thought about it.

MS: And when that major shift happened, you had already left, right? When the community became integrated?

BS: Mhmm.

MS: Do you think that people who lived here, in the earlier years, like you did--do you think that they were aware that this was a segregated community?

BS: Oh, yes.

MS: Was it something that was often talked about?

BS: Can I talk openly?

MS: Oh, yeah. I was going to ask you about this anyway.

BS: We had a family that came, and they said-- they lived down on Winton Road-- and they said they were Mexicans. Their children came [to school in Greenhills], and the -- what do I want to call it-- the board, I guess, checked them out, and they were not--and so they had to drop out of school and go somewhere else.

MS: Do you remember about when that happened?

BS: I don’t.

MS: But it was when you were living here?

BS: Mhmm. Yep. They were in school with me, so, you know, it happened before ‘52.

MS: And do you remember if they had to leave just in the middle of the school year?

BS: Whenever they found them, yes, uh huh. So, you know, it was really. And they were nice people. They were real nice people, so--

MS: Yeah. Let’s see-- what about the Second World War? You mentioned rationing earlier, briefly, but do you have any other strong memories of the impact of the Second World War in this community?

BS: Oh, I can remember coming out of school and they said that Pearl Harbor had been-- was bombed. And we couldn’t believe it. “Oh, that’s impossible.” No.Oh, and then [gestures out the window] the memorial, out in front, you know. A lot of the-- a lot of my friends were in the service, and a lot of them were killed, also. And that memorial is dedicated to them.

MS: Do you remember when soldiers returned from the war, at all? Do you have any memories of that?

BS: No, I don’t.

MS: And what about the Cold War? So, from the postwar period to the time you moved-- do you remember the Cold War impacting Greenhills?

BS: I don’t. I’m sorry but I don’t. [laughs] I just don’t. I didn’t even think about that when I was living here. Didn’t even think about it.

MS: What about keepsakes from Greenhills. Did you keep anything that really reminds you of Greenhills, and what was that, if so?

BS: No, all of my memories are inside. [laughs] No, I was not a keeper of stuff. This book [picks up book] was given to me by good friend. Their mother had passed away and it had belonged to their mother, but they didn’t have anything to do with Greenhills, so they didn’t think it would be of any use to them, so they knew I was from Greenhills, and so I-- they gave it to me.

MS: So what would you say you miss the most about growing up in Greenhills?

BS: The friendliness. Mhmm. It was just absolutely great. It was great. There was no-- like I said, there was no competition. You didn’t have to go out and buy a car because the next door neighbors had one. And they didn’t look down on you for not. You didn’t have to wear the best of clothes. We just weren’t that type. We didn’t envy people that had a little bit more than we did.

MS: Do you think that was true the entire time you were living here?

BS. Uh huh.

MS: What about, In the early ‘50s--

BS: No, I think it changed when they sold Greenhills.

MS: You think so?

BS: Yes, yes, it was not as friendly and-- no, it changed quite a bit then, yeah.

MS: The switch to homeownership--

BS: Yeah

MS: Could you maybe describe that change a little bit more? Lack of friendliness, but what else?

BS: Well you didn’t have people visiting you like they did. You didn’t-- we-- the swimming pool, it was entirely different. The people were different, because-- I don’t know. It just-- I’ve forgotten a lot about what went on, really. I haven’t sat down to think about it, even.

MS: When you say people were different, do you mean socioeconomically?

BS: Yes. Mhmm. Yeah.

MS: Do you think that that changed the culture of the community.

BS: Yes, yes. Most definitely. And that happened before I graduated.

MS: Let’s talk a little bit more-- and you’ve mentioned it a few times-- about playing sports in school. So those were organized sports, correct?

BS: Yep.

MS: And was there-- was there anything that-- you mentioned that the rules for basketball were a little bit different for girls-- were there any other-- was there anything else that girls couldn’t do that boys could? I mean, I imagine tackle football, but was there anything else?

BS: No. No I don’t think so. I do remember when we were fighting Lincoln Heights for the championship in basketball. Our guys, you know. And we’d go down to-- oh, where did we go? Maybe it was Cincinnati Gardens where we played basketball. I’m not positive. But we would-- Lincoln Heights was so neat. They would get up and dance, and their cheerleaders were so nice. I was a cheerleader by the way. But they were our big competitor. They won practically everything. And what were we called? Mill Creek Valley Organization or something like that. Mill Creek. But we had real good-- but we had boys that were--we had two guys on the basketball team, 6’, maybe 6’2”, or 6’1”, something like that, and we thought they were humongous! [laughing] Now they’re shrimps! Now they’re short.

MS: What about-- were you involved in any religious organization, or did you go to church in the community?

BS: Yes, Greenhills Presbyterian Church. Mhmm.

MS: Would you say that you were-- how do I put this-- what about the religious demographics of the community? Was everyone --

BS: We had two churches. The Presbyterian and the Catholic.

MS: Would you say there was about an even split, or there was more of one or the other? Or was it hard to tell?

BS: I think it was really hard to tell, yeah. It was really hard to tell.

MS: And I understand that when the community was first built, all church services were actually in this building?

BS: Yes, yes.

MS: Do you remember that?

BS: Yes. Mhmm. In the auditorium. Uh huh.

MS: Do you think that that worked well? That both churches got along well?

BS: Oh, yeah. Uh huh. Yeah.

MS: Do you know of anyone that wasn’t Christian who lived in the community? Anyone that practiced another religion?

BS: No, I don’t.

MS: Did you have a job? You mentioned your boyfriend in high school had a job. Did you have an after school job or anything?

BS: Nope. I babysat [laughs]. That’s about all we could do, really, was babysit..

MS: Would you say-- you’ve described this very positive experience of growing up in Greenhills-- but did you feel like there were any downsides to living here?

BS: No.

MS: No?

BS: Nope, I was quite content. Quite content.

MS: Did you ever feel isolated living all the way out here?

BS: No. Because I was, you know-- this was home, period. This was home and -- nope, I didn’t. We could do anything anybody else could who lived closer into town.

MS: When you finally moved away from Greenhills around ‘61, did you notice any glaring differences, then, between where you moved and here?

BS: No, because Greenhills had started to change by the time I moved. And Deer Park was just as friendly. Yeah, just as friendly, yeah.

MS: Do you often come back to Greenhills?

BS: Every once and awhile. My brother lives-- actually, my sister in law lived here and we’d visit with her quite a bit, and now my brother has bought that house. So, we go back there to visit.

MS: Do you think that Greenhills has continued to change since you’ve left, as well?

BS: Mhmm. Yeah, it’s not the same place at all. They-- it just isn’t kept up as nice as it was. Yeah. Nicholas Bates was in charge of Greenhills maintenance and he was just absolutely great, yeah. Absolutely great. There’s a guy that worked on cars. His name was Whitey Ruhl. And any time you needed your car worked on, you took it right over here to his garage that he had over here. Did you know there was a jail over there, also?

MS: I have heard that. [laughing] Do you have any strong memories of the jail?

BS: No, other than they locked me up in it one time. It scared me to death, ugh! I was so scared, because I was afraid of policemen. I was afraid of them.

MS: Would you mind telling me a little bit more? I am very curious.

BS: [laughing] Oh, well they did it as a joke. Yeah, they did it as a joke. Oh, I was so scared! Because it was dark, and dingy. It’s right over there [points out window]-- I think it’s still over there.

MS: In the basement of the fire station, right?

BS: Yeah. Uh huh.

MS: Ok. We’re finally starting to get a feel for the town. About how old were you when that happened?

BS: Oh, well, probably in high school. [laughs]

MS: And that was a joke played on you by-- the police?

BS: No!

MS: [laughing] Oh, ok.

BS: They had to go get the police to unlock it.

MS: So, by friends?

BS: Yeah, friends.

MS: Did you all often play pranks on each other like that?

BS: Oh, yes. Uh huh. Yeah. My brother will tell you all kinds of stories. I mean, he has them. So you’ve got to make sure you interview my brother. Got to make sure.

MS: Sure, yeah. He’s on our list!

Rebekah Knaggs: I did have a quick question for you-- before, you were talking about how you got to do all of these sports. So far, between all of your [Maria’s] interviews and my interviews, you’re actually the first woman we’ve talked to who has mentioned sports.

BS: Oh, really? I’m just a sports enthusiast. I just love them. I went to Miami (University), and I played field hockey up there. And those girls were *big.* [laughs] But I wanted to be a physical therapist, so I had to take two years of sports, or, what would I call it?

RK: Sports, PT?

BS: Phys ed. But I played them all. I really enjoyed sports, and I still do.

RK: So, I have this vision of you growing up like a tomboy--

BS: Yeah, I was.

RK: So, in comparison to the other girls in the town-- you know, were you more casually dressed, and then other girls would wear more dresses and things like that? Or were you still-- you still had to be prim and proper and things like that?

BS: No, no. Well, we very seldom wore slacks. Very, very seldom. We wore skirts and sweaters or dresses. But no, I don’t know if I even owned a pair of jeans back then. After we got into high school, of course, it changed. But no, we-- in fact, one time, our physical education teacher decided we were going to wear uniforms. They were horrible! Green, one piece uniforms. [laughs] They were awful! But we wore them. Only for a year. Then they did away with them. [laughs]

MS: See, I’m curious now too, because I’ve been thumbing through some of the yearbooks they have here-- so, on the day you had your picture made, would you all get especially dressed up? Was that out of the ordinary? That everyone was so made up for those pictures?

BS: No, I think that’s really the way-- I wore a skirt and sweater to have-- well, they voted for people. Most popular, best all around. Well, I was best all around. And so, I wore a sweater and skirt for the picture. And saddles. Saddles were in then. We had to have Spalding saddles. Mhmm. Brown and white Spalding saddles.

MS: When you mentioned a few times that everyone in Greenhills was the same, or that everyone had a lot in common, do you think that that also applied to how people presented themselves?

BS: I’m sorry?

MS: How people presented themselves-- so how they dressed, how they did their hair, how they had their hair cut--

BS: Mhmm. In fact, my mother did a lot of the women’s hair. Mhmm. She was not a beautician, she just was good at it, and she did a lot of her friends’ -- and anybody, really, who wanted to.

MS: Interesting. Was that common, too? That when somebody, just, had a skill-- whether formally or informally-- that they helped everyone out?

BS: Mhmm.

MS: Can you think of any other examples of that? Your mother’s a great one.

BS: No I-- no I don’t. We did have-- my brother’s wife’s mother sold eggs down here. And she lived on one of the farms in Greenhills. And she sold eggs, and they were good. In fact, we’d walk up to their farm, and pick grapes, and help them with their cattle, and the hay, and everything. And then we’d buy chickens from another farmer who had a chicken farm, Elders. And I went up one day, one Saturday, and he was slaughtering his chickens. And I didn’t pay any attention, and he said, “See that chicken over there, that’s yours.” And here this chicken was running around without a head. Eww! [laughs] Needless to say, the next day I could not eat chicken. And we had chicken practically every Sunday. We had fried chicken. That’s just the way it was. Fresh fried chicken was really good. Really good.

MS: You mentioned the farms. Did Greenhills have a close relationship with the farms nearby?

BS: Yes. Mhmm.

MS: And I understand that some of the children that lived on the farms would also go to school here.

BS: Took the busses to come to Greenhills, yes.

MS: Did any of your friends live on the farms?

BS: Oh yes. I have a dear friend that-- her and her twin sister both came-- well, her whole family came here, really. And the chicken farmer, his family all came here too.

MS: Did they interact well with the other students? Did they fit in?

BS: Oh, sure. Mhmm. Real well.

RK: Was that the Lampoles, by any chance?

BS: Yes, Mike Lampole. Uh huh.

RK: I interviewed Mary Lampole.

BS: Oh, ok! Yeah. Yeah.

RK: She talked about the chicken farms.

BS: Mhmm. In fact, the one-- my one friend, she was voted most popular in our class. She was a dear, dear person. She *is* a dear person. She’s still alive.

RK: So, it’s interesting that you mentioned this positive relationship with the kids from the farm, because we’ve heard different stories from different people.

BS: Oh, really?

RK: So, we’ve heard, you know, you, and Mary. I interviewed Mary and she said, “oh, yeah, we had a great relationship.” And then the people we’ve talked to who moved to Greenhills later on said that there was almost this cultural divide.

BS: Oh really?

RK: You had village kids and farm kids. It’s surprising -- it’s great that you had this great relationship--

BS: Sure

RK: So you never felt like there was any kind of differentiation?

BS: No, no. No difference at all, uh uh.

RK: That’s great to hear. And that could be a reflection of, you know-- times change.

MS: Yeah, I think the people who said that were a little bit later. That’s interesting. So, more on when you left Greenhills. What brought you away from Greenhills? Why did you move to Deer Park.

BS: My husband was from Deer Park, and we bought our first house in Deer Park.

RK: How did you guys meet?

BS: Please?

RK: How did you meet, you and your husband?

BS: At GE, when I went to work at GE, after I left college.

MS: Where did you go to college again?

BS: Miami.

MS: Miami, right, you mentioned that.

BS: Logan Hall. I don’t even know if it’s still there. I wouldn’t even know Miami now. [laughs]

MS: Some of my colleagues went there as undergrads. Still thriving from what I understand.

BS: My grandaughters went to UC.

MS: Did they? It’s a great place. [laughs]

BS: Mhmm. Yeah, I never miss a game. [laughs]

MS: Finally, before we wrap up the interview, I just want to know if there’s anything about Greenhills that you want to talk about, but I couldn’t think to ask.

BS: I can’t think of a thing, really. I really can’t. I just love it. And I miss those times, you know? Those times.

MS: It sounds like-- that Greenhills shaped the way you view community.

BS: Mhmm.

MS: Do you think that it was unique, at the time?

BS: Oh, most definitely. We used to always fight with Wyoming because they’d always come up to the pool and try to take over the pool! [laughs]. And then we had a little guy from Mt. Healthy, and he rode a little scooter. He was a little person. And we was so neat, and I cannot remember his name. And we ran with him, you know. But he’d ride his little scooter over here, to Greenhills from Mount Healthy.

MS: That sounds far, by scooter at least.

BS: [laughs] But the Greenhills fireman’s carnival was the big event in Greenhills. Everybody looked forward to that.

MS: I’ve even heard that the bigger events like that, and the 4th of July fireworks, people would actually come from outside Greenhills--

BS: Oh, from all over! All over. I mean that hill over there [points out window]-- they looked like ducks over there. It was filled, just filled. And they were beautiful. They were beautiful fireworks.

MS: Ok, well I’d really like to thank you for speaking with us today.

BS: Well thank you! I’m sure I didn’t contribute much, but--

MS: You did, you did. So thank you, so much.

BS: Thank you.