

**Excerpts of Interview with Ms. Pauline (Flannagan) Johnson
Proffit, Virginia**

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Counter	Speaker	Text
000	MB	So... I'm recording. So, I'm starting to record, if that's alright
	PFJ	Ok
	MB	Um, and... its, um Wednesday, June 14 th , and this is Mieka Brand and I'm at Ms. Pauline Flanagan's house, and I'm going to be speaking to Ms. Pauline Flannagan
	PFJ	[??] Johnson... you know, my maiden name is Flannagan
	MB	Oh!! So, Pauline Flannagan Johnson?
	PFJ	Yes.
	MB	Oh, I didn't know that. That's why there's always a hesitation whenever I ask for Ms. Flannagan
	PFJ	Mmm hm. [chuckles]
	MB	I see.
	PFJ	Yeah
	MB	How long ago did you become a Johnson?
	PFJ	Oh, gosh... its about... uh, about 35 years ago.
	MB	Oh, wow.
	PFJ	Mmm hm [pause]
	MB	Is your husband from Proffit?
	PFJ	No, he's from Madison
	MB	Oh, ok. How did that happen [chuckles]? You've been living here your whole life, right?
	PFJ	Yeah, I've been in this area all my life, yeah. Actually, I was born down in this house [reference to the old house right next to the one she lives in now].
	MB	Right, right. That's your grandfather's house?
	PFJ	Grandfather's home. Mmm hm.
	MB	Oh yeah. How... were your parents living there at the time?
	PFJ	Yeah. Yeah – my father and mother lived there. Uh, my grandfather lived there, you know, he was there when I was born.
	MB	Right
	PFJ	Yeah.
	MB	So he had been living there and then when he got old
052	PFJ	And then we... yeah. My father and mother lived there to help care for him. He... actually they were living in, uh, Plainfield, New Jersey and they moved down to take care of him.
	MB	No way! That's where my family's from
	PFJ	Oh, it is? Yeah. And so, and then we came along

MB So your parents moved up to New Jersey, and then went back
 PFJ Back here. Yeah.
 MB Oh, ok. To take care of him when he got older
 PFJ Yeah, uh-huh.
 MB Did he have any other children?
 PFJ Oh, yeah – but they... I don't... somehow, no, they just... they had moved up to
 Jersey, and they just stayed, [??]
 MB Oh...
 PFJ I guess the problem, because he had little children... I don't know what the deal
 was
 MB Hm
 PFJ That they moved down here.
 MB That you're...
 PFJ Mother
 MB So its your father's father?
 PFJ Yeah.
 MB So how come he was the one who went down?
 PFJ I don't know how he managed to move back down here and didn't stay up North.
 MB Yeah. What was he doing up there?
 PFJ He was a policeman.
 MB Oh, really?
 PFJ Yeah
 MB Man, that's a tough job [??]
 PFJ Yeah. Terrible
 MB So was he a policeman down here when...
 090 PFJ No. when he came down here he... he just started doing farming work.
 MB Oh. Local or for a, uh... corporate?
 PFJ Local. Just local
 MB So for his own... on his own land
 PFJ Yeah. Oh, no – he worked for different families down here.
 MB Oh
 PFJ Yeah
 MB Oh... like the... Minor family?
 PFJ Yes, the fa... oh. [Pause] It's the whole [??] the Red Hill farm right down on
 this dirt road. He worked there for years
 MB Yeah yeah yeah. So he was working for someone.
 PFJ Yeah
 MB But, its privately own land?
 PFJ Yeah, it was privately owned.
 MB Oh, ok. What kind of things do you grow there?
 107 PFJ Uh, they had all different kinds of things on their farm. They had... and they had
 cows and, and all this, and he helped with that.
 MB Hm. That was your dad.
 PFJ Yeah.
 MB And then your mom was... working around the house?
 PFJ Yeah. She didn't work, you know, until later after my father died. She stayed

home. Well, it was nine of us so actually she couldn't do too much work outside of the house.

MB Oh, wow. Gosh, no. [chuckles] Nine – wow. So did most of you stay around in the area?

PFJ Uh. As they got out of school and got out, they moved away. Some of them moved to DC, some of them moved to... you know, different parts... New Jersey

MB Yeah. Mostly North?

PFJ Yeah. Mmm hm. I stayed here. I never moved from Charlottesville.

MB Wow

PFJ And I have some sister... I have, um, two sisters that lived... moved to Jersey.

MB Huh.

PFJ But they live, either DC or Jersey is where they live.

MB So what's the New Jersey connection?

PFJ Uh, I don't know. See – a lot of my uncles, they moved there, so I guess... I don't know why they just managed to go there.

MB Hm... you don't know...

PFJ You know my, my mother's family was in DC. So then some of them were there, but then my father's family... I don't know how they just happened to move to Jersey.

MB Uh. Um, were your mom... was your mom from DC?

153 PFJ No. She was from, uh... She lived down near, um, Barboursville. That's her family. Her, yeah, they lived down that way. And then, and she met my father and then... and they moved to Plainfield after they were married.

MB I wonder what it is over there. So... 'cause, um. My grandfather, when he came from Europe, that's where he moved also. Elizabeth, and then also Plainfield. And I know there were a lot of chicken farms over there, that's where he worked, so I wonder if they were doing any... chicken farming.

PFJ Yeah... Oh... I actually don't know why... you know, what kind of work, um. One of my aunts was a school teacher, and uh. The other thing – I don't actually know what kind of work they did.

MB Huh.

PFJ Yeah, but I know that, you know, my, that was my father's side of the family. Most of them moved to Jersey. That's what they [??]

MB [to Mr. Johnson who passes through] Hi, how are you doing?

?J Alright, you?

MB Good, thank you.

MB Um. So let's see. So we talked last time, when we did the big group kind of thing

PFJ Together

MB Yeah. We talked a lot about... about family relationships and trying to figure out the, um, family tree. But then, I was also wondering more, uh... even stories, or even your own experiences about, just – what kind of daily things people did, you know.

199 PFJ Oh, Mieka, they did farming on their own, you know, they had lots of gardens, you know, vegetables, and... and, um, vegetables. They, they raised their own food as far as vegetables were concerned. And, um, they made soap, and they

made, like...

MB Soap?

PFJ ... apple butter, and stuff like that, so...

MB Oh

PFJ Actually they didn't have to go out and buy, you know, too much stuff like that. They raised potatoes, tomatoes, onions... oh, they had a huge garden. Actually, where this house is right here, this was my father's... this was the home here. It started from that end all the way down to the end of the house right there. That was a corn field, and he raised his own corn.

MB Huh. Um... so how long, was it a corn field when you, when they at first, I guess when your grandfather got the home?

PFJ Yeah, yeah

MB Before he moved in... you think? Or did he start it up as a corn field?

PFJ I think my father started it up as a corn field

MB Oh, so this was just... nothing over here?

PFJ It was an empty space, yeah...

MB So he was...

PFJ That's as far as I can remember now. My grandfather may very well have had a corn field, and just... went down, you know, to different, you know

MB Right. Um, and what did your grandfather use to do, do you know?

PFJ I really don't remember what he... when I remember him I just remember him as being, uh, an old man.

MB Right. Any stories, or anything like that...

PFJ No, I don't remember anything. Just remember him as an old man.

MB Yeah. So he had – how many children?

PFJ Let's see. I think it was probably about nine. They had a large family. And most of his, um... the sons was, was in the war. They went to the... they were in the army. They were, you know, military people.

MB In the first, or second world war?

261 PFJ It probably was [pause] the first... don't you think... it may have been the first world war?

MB Let's see... do you know when grandfather was born?

PFJ [pause] I don't remember. I don't even remember what year was the first world war.

MB It was, uh, 1914 to 1918. I think that was it.

PFJ And the second world war?

MB That was 193... um, 3 I think...

PFJ Well, then, they must have been in, in uh... in the first world war then. I think. I assume that it was the first world war.

MB Wow. So that was your gran... that was your uncles.

PFJ Yeah. And my father.

MB *And* your father – wow. Did he tell any stories about that?

281 PFJ Um... [pause] He was in the war with Germany, when they fought with Germany, and, um, that they had, um... they had got into our waters, you know, ov... coming over to, to, in our country and they had to, uh, fight them. That was hard, because... I remember him telling, saying to push them back. Cause they

had gotten in the waters coming over here. And he worked in the mining, um... he had to, uh, detect mines, that was his job.

MB Oh, land mines.

PFJ Yeah. [that was his job?]. Yeah, he remembered that. And, um, let's see. [Pause] plus sometimes, like now, you know, the guys, they go to different countries in the war and stuff, but they had to push them back, which was even more harder. They had come over into our country and we had to push them back in, from, in the waters.

MB Yeah, yeah.

PFJ Yeah. Mmm hm.

MB But when he detected land mines

- 325 [more about Germany, first world war, landmines]

MB So how many people do you think were living around here when you were born, or when you were a kid?

PFJ It was a lot of families

...everyone had large families... Maggie Brown... she lived right down from Ms. Tinsley. She had eight children and our family was nine of us, and um... [talk about the large families]

MB So how many families do you think there were? What do you mean a lot? Like... a lot like 10, or like 100, or...?

PFJ No. probably about ten...

MB Ten families

PFJ You mean, like, black *and* white.

MB Well, that's... I don't know

PFJ ... [?] it was a mi... it was black *and* white families. Back even when I remember.

MB So who counts as being Proffit? Everybody?

PFJ Everybody! Yeah.

MB The black and the white families

PFJ And the white. Yeah.

MB Ok. Alright. So, you say about ten families...

-373 PFJ Well, I mean, if that's the case, it was more. I'm sure it was more families than now, cause at that time it was... we had whites and blacks that lived here in Proffit. It was [?]

I was born in '37

[number of families: then, now]

MB Who did you associate with? Would they be just the black families

PFJ Yeah, mostly. Of course we knew, you know, we knew the white kids and all of that, but we didn't actually hang around, you know. Like the Flannagans, we hung around with the Brown family [hanging out with the Brown family – played ball, childhood, lawn parties, cook-outs, music, victrolas, a lot of fun.]

-442 Types of music? All the music at the time that was the latest music [records, played cards]

MB And who would come to the parties?

-480 PFJ Just the people around here – Proffit. Sometimes people from Eastham
[each was a separate area, although went to school together]

-540 [Albemarle Training School:
(in the '40s), men and women went, 1st grade to 11th grade, 3 different sections,
an old school, coal to make fires, stoves, outdoor bathrooms, old school but lots
of fun. (who went?) Eastham, Stoney Point, all the areas around here went to that
school. Made friends with all of them. Had field day in the summers, competed
against other schools. Everybody would come to the field day.]

MB And how would you meet someone when you were getting to be in your 20s

PFJ There were dances in Charlottesville... meet people from Charlottesville and
everywhere

MB You think a lot of people married each other in Proffit because it was so close?

PFJ I know they did. They did
[marrying... guys had cars, would meet them at the dances, at the football games,
especially when we started going to Burley. When I was in 9th grade they built the
burley high school, and so they closed down the whole Albemarle Training
School... we were so glad to be going to Burley, the city school and the county
school joined together.... I think ms. Tinsley and them are probably the last ones
to have graduated form Albemarle training school

589 MB Ok. So she's younger than you

PFJ Uh, she's a year older, I believe
[I graduated from Burley HS in '54. added another year at Burley – 12th grade]

MB Was that a segregated school?

PFJ It was all black

MB Was ATS also all black

PFJ Uh-huh.

MB Were there any white students allowed to be there? Or

PFJ They just weren't there. I don't know. Its just the schools were segregated then.

-646 And I remember my children all went to segregated schools for a while...
[integrated] [Burley is now an elementary school... right on Rose Hill Drive]

MB So how did you get from here to Burley every day? Or even to ATS?

-670 PFJ The bus... the Albemarle County school, they would still come by and pick us up
and take us to Burley
[football, basketball, gym, track, baseball... at Burley: football, basketball]

MB Are there any big events that you remember from growing up around here that
kinda stick out in your memory?

PFJ Um...

MB So the train station was already open, I guess

-689 PFJ Yeah, the train station was there... and... we could catch a train, you know, into
Charlottesville ... [using the train to go to Charlottesville, Washington,

MB What number are you in the family?

PFJ I'm probably in the middle...
[3 younger than I, and about 5 older
I have one sister left and she lives in East Orange, NJ. One brother in Utah.
Retired from Air Force
[he was in the war, my husband was in the Korean war. My oldest son just got

back from Saudi Arabia. He had been in the service for about 20 years, retired, lives in chesterfield, Virginia. Just got back about a week ago. Brought family with him. Didn't have to pay taxes there.

757 [foreigners paying taxes? Worked at ComDial, if you become a citizen you have to pay]

MB Were there a lot of foreigners around here?

PFJ There were. Not a whole bunch

MB Where were they from?

PFJ There were people from Israel

-800 [Discussion about Israel... well how did you manage to get over here?... how is Jerusalem? I've always wanted to go there.] [cause he went down the Nile when he went there... he said some of them were calling him Jesse Jackson, you know, some of the foreigners over there. I don't know why they did that]

MB But this place is called Egypt too.

PFJ Some of the older people that lived here would still call it Egypt.

MB How old?

PFJ ...My father would say 'up in Egypt'... once upon a time they called it Egypt... that is up where the church is. They called that area where the church was – up from here a little bit, but not that far. Up where Mr. Payne lives

MB Mr Payne or his daughter and son-in-law?

PFJ His daughter and son-in-law

MB There used to be a church there called Bethel

PFJ Yeah.

[used to say 'up in Egypt'. Don't know why (biblical reference?) probably so, because of the church, I don't know. It may have]

MB Did they name this place

[named it Proffit, grandfather called it Proffit. The older members called it Bethel... some of the older members still call it Bethel, up in Egypt. Grandfather probably had a part in naming it Egypt. Sort of religious stuff, I guess]

-890 [naming]

MB Did your grandpa ever tell you stories that you can remember?

PFJ They didn't talk much. I remember my grandfather as being a sort of a sad old man. They didn't talk much about stuff like that and we didn't think to ask them stuff. I guess we probably should have. I guess if we had asked they probably would have told us. When we got older we sort of assumed stuff. When we saw the movie Roots... I don't know if you ever saw that movie... then we started thinking, you know, well, gosh—you know, maybe something like that happened in our life, or something, in our ancestors or something like that, but we never... we never talked to them, they never told us anything. I guess, I don't know, they just, maybe they were just ashamed to tell us stuff, I guess

-911 MB Why do you think they'd be ashamed?

PFJ I don't know, they just didn't do it. They just didn't want to talk about stuff like that, I guess. But its interesting to me because after I was talking to my cousin – rico – when he comes down you'll have to meet him. ... he was the one who got me started on the papers of Aunt Kate [took me out to UVa and he read them... We read them, and he got me started there. Because I didn't even know she had

papers up there

MB How did *he* know?

PFJ I don't even know... retired... was always a reader. Checked the name of it and he checked it out. The farthest back we took it was to a Mama Kate. That was my great, great grandmother.

MB Lived in Glenn Echo?

No, they came here from Louisa with her son and her grandson, and I never did know her last name for her. That's all they called her in the papers was Mama Kate. And James D. Flannagan, which was my great grandfather, that was her son, and then Joe Flannagan, that was her grandson. That's as far back as I could go. All I knew was my grandfather, which was Wash Flannagan Washington Flannagan. Everybody called him Wash. His son was William Orddie, that was my father... that's as far back as I could go. Didn't know my grandmother.

MB When you say 'they didn't talk much', who are you talking about?

PFJ My father and grandfather, they never talked about stuff like that, which now I know they could have probably have told me a lot of stuff if I had asked, but we were young at the time and we didn't even think about stuff like that, you just didn't even talk about it and now there is so much that I wish that I had asked because it would have been very interesting to know, you know,

MB What would you have asked

991 PFJ How did, what happened, how did y'all get the name? That was his grandmother, he could have probably told me something about her. I always did read a lot and I always wanted to know stuff. Especially stuff that was true. I don't care too much about fiction and stuff, but if it was a true story, something that happened that was true, it was interesting to me.
[remembering / talking]
[moving up North to get away from things. Uncle was trying to get better jobs and get a better life... always came back to visit mother]
James had Joe and Wash and Julia and Kate, Chapman, Belle Larnell has all the children's names so you'll probably have to see those.
[I remember aunt Julia. She lived up in that house, together with James D. (father). And Wash, my grandfather, lived in this house down here. James D. that's house right there] [figuring out houses]

MB Who are Larnell's grandparents?
Robert Flannagan
[figuring out kinship]

MB So people really stuck together
Did you know that your grandfather had started Proffit?

PFJ Yeah.. with the Browns?

MB Did you know that as a child growing up?

PFJ No... just found that out a few years ago. He sold land to people to build the church on and stuff like that, but I didn't know...
[four families]

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SIDE 2 000 MB ...and then, I guess, the story goes that Old Man Ben Brown bought the land but instead of paying money he promised a certain number of years of labor from his sons, and that's how he purchased the first piece of land... and I'm pretty sure that they all knew each other from Gale Hill

PFJ Oh, yeah – I'm sure they did.
[blah blah. Mieka talking too much]

PFJ My great grandfather gave my grandfather that part of the land there and he gave my great-aunt this section here, and... that's how they did.

MB ...The parents are always taken care of by the children, that's pretty common?

PFJ That's how they did, yeah. And I remember my aunt Julia – she was still living in this house here by herself. And when got down and she got sick, well, she just came down to live with us down at this house and my mother. And we watched over her and took care of her until her death. She died right there. Yeah. I remember that very well. Because my sister and I used to come up here and stay with her a lot many nights because... we just stayed up here because she was up here by herself, and we just stayed there, and then when she got sick and she needed help, she came down and stayed with my mother and we watched out for her.

MB Did she go to a doctor?

PFJ Well, they had doctors then that would come to the house... [remember younger brother and sister born over in the house – a doctor would come around. They didn't go to doctors. They would call the doctor.]

MB Who would birth the kid?

-125 PFJ The doctor would come. Plus, my Aunt – aunt Julia, the one that I was telling you, she had birthed me, I know. And my sister, and two other sisters and a brother. She was there. I remember she was there when my mother... I know she had to be with us, too, cause we were born down here too. [would work right with the doctor. Not a midwife, but she was just with my mother at the time]

MB So how did she know how to birth?

PFJ I guess she just learned, you know, I guess its just something that you learn, probably.

-140 [she was a little old lady, but she was a strong lady. Very strong]

MB And where did you give birth?

PFJ Down here.

MB In the house

PFJ I know I did. Yeah. She was with my mother, when I was..

MB That's when you were born.

PFJ Yeah

MB And when your kids were born?

PFJ Oh, no, I had to go to the hospital then.

MB Was that your choice?

PFJ Yeah. Times had changed then, so you know we went to the hospital and got check-ups, it was different then.

MB Which hospital

PFJ UVa

MB Problems getting in there?

PFJ Oh no, we had cars then
 MB I heard they didn't let black people into their rooms
 - 180 PFJ It was segregated. Black people went to this side to the ward, and white go in this side of the ward. That's how.... This is my daughter, she just came back from Florida...
 [discussion about son in Saudi Arabia]
 200 MB So was segregation something that was in your consciousness a lot as you were growing up?
 PFJ Not really. We just... its what we dealt with. It wasn't a big issue. I remember segregation ... movies... it was no, nothing that was, you know, conflict or anything, it was just – that's what we did, you know.
 MB So what happened when the civil rights...
 PFJ Well, I guess, well we just dealt with that too. But it was strange. It felt like, at some points in time that you were like out of place and you didn't know if you could, how to really deal with it, but then it just gradually
 MB What felt strange?
 PFJ Like, going to places in... that at one time we couldn't go there and then all of a sudden the civil rights come and things were integrated, you had to adjust to that.
 -246 MB Didn't Martin Luther King pass by here?
 PFJ They said he went through Virginia.
 MB Did you keep up?
 PFJ Oh yeah. I think president Kennedy had done a lot... and MLK, of course he did. [Jesse Jackson could be an ambassador]
 MB Were there any big names in the news that you remember as a kid?
 PFJ [Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt: did a lot for the blacks... used to read about it in current events]
 MB Did you read a lot about black people in current events in school?
 PFJ No, but I just remembered that.
 MB How would you learn about famous preachers...?
 PFJ Black history in elementary school – about our people, different things that they had done. We didn't have black history month. Since it was segregate and we had black teachers, they just told us what was going on. (so your teachers were all black?) Yeah, we had all black teachers all the way up to graduation.
 MB Were they from around Charlottesville?
 PFJ Some of them, yeah
 MB Was that an option for young students who were graduating to become a teacher?
 PFJ That was a good thing to do, to become a teacher.
 MB What else?
 PFJ Nursing, Seamstress, Virginia State College, Howard University,
 -423 A lot of religious, you know, they went there to be a minister or something like that.
 MB Was the church always really active around here
 PFJ It had always been out here. It went down for a while and then when Reverend Woodfolk a lot of young people... a young minister himself.
 MB Not active for a short while?

PFJ For a short time. We have a of people around here that went to the church a lot... attendance had gotten smaller... reverend had been there 5 years. They're talking about building a new church. Some of the young people are for it. We don't have that many old people in the church anyway right now... It would cost about a million dollars

MB They would tear this one down and build a new one?

PFJ No, a next one, not the same building. That will be historical landmark. So I don't know. Maybe it won't be in my time.

MB How do you feel about that?

-472 PFJ I don't know... I don't know if it'll come to pass in my time anyway. A million dollars, that's a whole bunch of money.

MB So when was the church started

PFJ Back in... I think it was 18... 1888?

MB And who was it started by?

PFJ Some of the older members

MB Your grandfather's generation, or great-grandfather's?

-493 PFJ Probably my grandfather's generation because Joe, that was his son, he was a deacon.

In the church history... we did have a copy of that somewhere. And it told some of the old members as it started...

MB Was your family always involved in the church

PFJ Mm hmm.

MB In what way?

PFJ Members, choir, Sunday school, missionaries

MB Association?

PFJ Piedmont District Baptist Association.

MB Do thing with other churches?

PFJ Sometimes go to sing there (FBC)

MB Are you in the choir

PFJ Yeah, I sing with the senior choir. I did sing with the junior choir, but now I sing with the senior choir. We go to different churches, sometimes we get invited to sing. Sometimes we invite them to our church, like when we have revival we invite different choirs for different nights. We had revival for the whole week... we just had the youth revival.

MB How old, 18?

PFJ Yeah.

I think another one starts again next week

MB So for example where would you go – what are the churches where you would sing at?

-575 PFJ We would go to Chapman Grove, in Earlysville... we would also go to some of the churches in town too

MB Like which ones?

PFJ Zion Union, First Baptist, they always send us invitations...

-614 Our revival usually... its the first Sunday in November. That's the church anniversary. They used to have it separate... still doing it this year or not. [pastor anniversary: how many years he's been there]

MB Do you remember church as a kid
 PFJ Church activities: bible study,

We have people attending now that come from all over. We have a lot of people all there that I don't even now. And now we have church every Sunday. We used to just have it the first Sunday and the third Sunday. But now we have it every Sunday

MB When was that
 PFJ That was before Reverent Woodfolk came in.
 MB From around here?
 - 665 PFJ Yeah.
 MB So you had contact or were familiar with people from all over the area
 PFJ Yeah
 MB How did you get to know them
 PFJ In churches, in school, that's how we met each other.
 MB You would go to each other's churches?
 -685 PFJ Yeah... I think the main thing is that we went to school with their families and we just stayed friends down through the years.
 MB Are there any memories that you have from your childhood that you think are representative, or that you can...
 PFJ I don't remember... we used to have lawn parties, you know, when we had stuff outside. Lets see, I don't know anything really historical...
 -734 [discussion about historical]
 Mr. Payne's car – he would come home around 7 o'clock in the evening and we had to go around to the barber shop where he worked before he left and get a ride home with him...
 MB So how did you meet your husband
 PFJ He was friend with my brother's
 My brother was a cook in his restaurant, they got jobs in town and they would get a room in town and stay
 [Sister and one of the brown girls got a room in town... only way to get a job and get to work. Didn't have a car. They were about 19 or 20 – when they finished high school]
 MB Where?
 PFJ It just so happened if they could get a nice room, a nice family with a renting room.
 MB [Getting married] how old?
 PFJ About 21...
 786 PFJ Is your religion much different than ours?
 -840 MB In some ways real different, some ways real similar... laws, blah blah, Judaism.
 PFJ My daughter in law was telling me about Saudi Arabia – schools.
 [veiling, experiences, schools]
 MB So who's Hazel Flannagan?
 PFJ Lonnie's aunt. Joe Flannagan is her father.
 [Names of the Flannagan] William, Robert, Elise, Sadie, ...
 MB So you're actually the same generation as Lonnie

PFJ We would just call each other 'cousin' if we had to think about it.
Some people... I don't know where they cut the cousins off, but if we are related I'll just say, you know that we are related.

-937 [Talk to little kid named Matthew]

938 MB Are there people that weren't family that you would call cousin?

PFJ We used to call Ned Brown 'Uncle Ned', he was just an old guy, he wasn't really our uncle. Or maybe some old lady 'aunt something something', 'aunt this' or 'aunt that', but they were not really related to us. Uncle Ned – he was just an old man, we used to call him Uncle Ned.

MB It was just because he was old – any old man would be called an uncle?

PFJ No, just Uncle Ned in particular.

MB If you just saw an old man on the street, would you call him 'uncle'?

PFJ Oh, no. A lot of people would call my grandfather 'Uncle Wash' but he wasn't really related to them.

MB So just someone in Proffit?

PFJ Yeah

MB Even if they were white?

PFJ Yeah. They did too. Cause a lot of the white people called Uncle Wash, my grandfather Uncle Wash. They used to call the older members, even some of the younger ones, Uncle Wash and Aunt Kate, or something like that.

MB Were there any marriages between the white and the black families?

-970 PFJ Not at that time, no.

971 PFJ Is the land in Jerusalem much different from over here?

MB You mean what it looks like?

PFJ Yeah

MB So green over here. Plants, mulberry trees, pine trees, earth,

PFJ Does it feel like you're just on holy ground and stuff like that, or it just...

- 014 MB I never knew... old city, new city... never thought it was anything special. Sometimes went to religious places. Ground. I appreciate it more now... houses, stones

- 72 PFJ My daughter in law brought me a stone from Saudi Arabia... looks like a rose
(end [shows stone] [talk about stone] [talk about travel to Israel, "have been having
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