

**Edith Rabineau-Interviewed By Sophia Kavoura-6-19-84-Side B**

SOPHIA KAVOURA: I live on 231 Norman Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Where were you born?

EDITH RABINEAU: I was born in Shelby, North Carolina.

SK: What school do you go to? What school.

ER: I attend Bassick High School.

SK: Do you like it?

ER: Um, well. It's OK. It, you know, you could get an education there if you really want to, but there's a lot of complications and everything. Like, trouble in school, people fighting, you know. People getting hurt. Violence, that sort of thing. But other than that, I think it's, you know, all right.

SK: What do you think of Bridgeport as a city? As a place to live.

ER: I think Bridgeport the place is all right, it's just the people. If the people were to change and to help with Bridgeport or help, you know, in some kind of way, to improve [01:00] Bridgeport, then Bridgeport would also be a better place.

SK: Could you describe your family for me?

ER: (laughter) My family is extremely abnormal. No. I have two brothers and two sisters, and a mother. Because my

father, my mother and father are divorced. And my family is, um... it kind and (inaudible), you know, just a regular family. But we try to get along with each other and everything, and try to understand each other. Other than that, I guess it's just an all-American family.

SK: Could you describe your hometown, where you came from originally?

ER: My hometown was, like, [02:00] it was pleasant, peaceful. You could have peace of mind, you know. There was hardly no violence. It was like, country-like or rustic, but there was always something for people to do, like teenagers, you know, to do thing that up here you can't do. And I think it's a nice place to live. If you really want to get to --

SK: Adjust?

ER: Yeah. Adjust.

SK: Why did you come to Connecticut? Move to Connecticut, I guess (inaudible).

ER: Well, my reasons for coming here were because of my mother, she wanted to -- a change of atmosphere, a change of living. So she came here because she knew family, or kin people that stayed here, and she also left because [03:00] my grandmother had died, and so she said that she had to

get away from there because it only reminds her of her grandmother. And so we moved here.

SK: What did you expect to find in Bridgeport? A job?

ER: I really didn't know what to expect to find in Bridgeport.

I was like, lost and everything. I didn't know what was going to become of us or the family, so I just, you know, tried to picture that it would be pleasant and you know, things will be better.

SK: Did you come to new friends, meet people, new people?

Language difficulties? You know, because of your accent.

Did people --

ER: Yeah. There was a little, yeah. After a while people adjust to the way I talk, and I adjust to the way they talk. But other than that, you just have to get used to people, get used to different surroundings. [04:00]

SK: OK.

(break in audio)

SK: (singing) Two hearts together, we're a harmony so right.  
Two sparks united, we are fire burning bright. And it's true, always brand-new. From the jump, we had a hunch that we had everything. Perfect combination, lovers you and --  
OK.

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