

Initial Interview with Ruby Jones, without tape recorder. Mar.5, 2010

Location: Mrs. Jones's home, 43 Walton, Asheville, 2001

Mrs. Jones was born in 1926 (Sept. 15) on Ritchie St. in Stumptown; to find Ritchie, go down Pearson Dr. to make a l. onto Gray St. then to Madison St., make a l. and immediately turn onto Ritchie St. . Probably delivered by a midwife; her older sister was also born there.

She has one son who went to college at Winston State, studying journalism; then moved to Phoenix. Finally he moved back to Asheville 11-12 years ago, but could not find employment in any journalism job here and is now in the automotive field doing reception and logging work in a Service dept.; also orders parts and does some billing.

They moved from Stumptown when the children were toddlers to College St. which was not the current College Ave.; rather College St. ran in front of Allen School and next to Berry Temple [refer to Map 1].

Behind College St. was Woodfin St. Woodfin, College Ave. and Poplar all went into the tunnel then, merging into one street. College St. ran from the David Miller School on its lower end roughly where Oak St. is now. Their house on College St. was what had been the parsonage for Berry Temple. Coming up College from the school were several smaller houses then the larger house which they occupied. Above their house was a little cemetery belonging to Hopkins Chapel which had to be removed when the streets were reconfigured.

Lawyer Orr lived in the last house on College at Furman. [see later in interview] The side of the house was on College, and the front faced Furman. Her mother worked for him. Her mother had attended Allen School whose teachers included both blacks and whites. (see doc. 6, brief history of Allen) Some boys were attending

