

TAPE 1, SIDE1

KAREN OWENS: 2, 3, testing. [Tape noises] Full name and your age, and your birthday, and where you grew up, for the tape recorder, before we get started.

MATTIE THRASHER: Mattie Lou Thrasher. Mattie Lou Emmet Thrasher. And um, I was born October the 15<sup>th</sup>, 18n94.

KO: Where did you grow up?

MT: I grew up in Hancock County in uh, close to the Ohio River, and uh, uh, uh, between Hawesville, about five miles, five miles above Lewisport.

KO: Huh. Did

MT: And I've lived there, uh, twenty-three years 'til I married, then I moved to, to the house where my husband was born.

KO: Mm hm.

MT: And I lived there, almost seventy years,

KO: Oh.

MT: And my husband passed away in '71, and I lived in this house for seventy or fifteen years, then I moved to this little house in Lewisport.

KO: Oh.

MT: And uh, I, I'm a country, I've a country soul [Chuckles] I love the country, everything about it. I, but I decided to move to Lewisport because, I lived in a big, great big two story house, and it was hard to heat, hard to keep cool, hard to keep clean, and uh, I realized my limitations, that age brings to you,

KO: Mm hm.

MT: And I, moved to Lewisport. Now everybody wants to know how do you like it, living in town, I like it, I have to, but uh, but when I look out the windows, I, I look for the green meadow with the cows and the calves galavantin' but that uh, I just have those memories which are, wonderful,

KO: Mm hm.

MT: Valuable, treasures, and now I look out and all I see wheels, which is uh... I try to get interested in the wheels, I think that it's the most innovative device in the world, every occupation in the world, a wheel has been made for it.