

Oral History Index

Narrator: Furl Williams

Interviewer:

Topics: Black community in Lima, working at Ohio Steel

Date of Interview: January 14, 1987



Listing of Points of Interest

**Hour: Minute: Second
(Topics or Questions)**

Introduction	
How Williamses came to Lima	
Family history and race in Paulding County	
Farming in Paulding County	
Family	
Transportation in the area	
Black community in Lima	
Thoughts on Lima versus life on a farm	
Black doctors in Lima	
Parents and grandparents	
Blacks in Lima in 1920s	
First day at the Ohio Steel Foundry	
New job in carpenter room due to health	
Community and dynamics at foundry	
Working conditions	
Working at Lima Locomotive Works	
Vending machines and concessions at work	
Wages (36 cents/hour) and raises	
Foundry union	
Segregation in the workforce	
Unions, fired for leaving early, strike	
Ohio Steel recruiting blacks from the South	
Got someone let go, not allowed to join Masons	
Getting workers into the Union, dues	
Taking the train to Xenia	
Gambling and bars in Lima	
Chicago	
Black jobs in railroading	