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RAYAH LEVY: I am Rayah Levy, here with Deborah Williams-Eggleston to talk with her for an oral history project titled "Voices from the African Diaspora: The Black Experience of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania," as part of the Lehigh Valley Engaged Humanities Consortium. We are here at the Bethlehem Area Public Library on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Deborah Williams-Eggleston, thank you for your willingness to talk with me. Can you please state your full name and your date of birth?

DEBORAH WILLIAMS-EGGLESTON: Deborah Williams-Eggleston, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1961.

RL: And could you please spell your name for me, please?

DWE: D-E-B-O-R-A-H, Deborah; Williams, W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S; Eggleston, E-G-G-L-E-S-T-O-N.

RL: So, Deborah, where were [00:01:00] you born?

DWE: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

RL: And are your parents from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania?

DWE: No. My parents are from Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

RL: And tell us a little bit about your parents, and them moving to Bethlehem.

DWE: My parents came up here in the '60s, probably the late '50s. My dad came up with -- his sister was living up

here, Vivian Butz and they came up here to find better jobs and to find work.

RL: And when they moved to Bethlehem, what did they do?

DWE: My mother was a stay-at-home wife. My dad worked construction, and eventually, he worked for Mack Truck.

RL: Mack Truck. And where is that located?

DWE: That was in Allentown, Pennsylvania. And then, eventually, my mother, after years doing house cleaning [00:02:00] and babysitting my niece -- my cousins and stuff, she went to Western Electric, which is now Lucent in Allentown.

RL: And how long was she there for?

DWE: About 20 years, before it closed.

RL: And why do you think -- So you said your parents moved here because -- why do you think?

DWE: For better jobs.

RL: Better jobs?

DWE: Mm-hmm.

RL: And so describe your family life. What was life like in your household in Bethlehem?

DWE: Hmm. Family -- Well, when my dad first moved up here, he -- we stayed with my aunt. We lived there and -- until they could afford to get their own homes and stuff. And families were always staying together, black families. And then they stayed around each other, and we all grew up

around each other, all my cousins [00:03:00] and every-  
thing.

RL: Mm-hmm. And where exactly in Bethlehem was this?

DWE: We lived on the Southside of Bethlehem at the time.

RL: The Southside. Could you tell me exactly, you know -- Do  
you have an idea where?

DWE: That's about 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Atlantic. Over that side.

RL: OK. And where do you currently live? Do you still --?

DWE: I live in Bethlehem, but I live on -- off of Linden Street,  
Spring Garden Townhouses.

RL: OK. And what school -- like, for example, let's begin with  
elementary school.

DWE: Oh, I grew up on the North Side of Bethlehem. I went to  
Marvine Elementary School, and then went to Liberty High  
School, Northeast -- we all -- we lived on the North Side.

RL: And could you tell us a little bit about what was life like  
in school? [00:04:00] Marvine, let's begin with Marvine.  
Do you recall any stories that you would like to share with  
us? Anything happen while you were there?

DWE: Hmm, no.

RL: That stands out?

DWE: No.

RL: And --

DWE: High school?

RL: Uh-huh. How about Northeast --

DWE: Liberty --

RL: How about Northeast?

DWE: Northeast was junior high.

RL: OK. And how was that experience there?

DWE: The experience was good. Most of all the blacks and -- we all got along.

RL: Did you have a favorite teacher or favorite subject?

DWE: Probably history.

RL: History?

DWE: Uh-huh.

RL: Do you recall a teacher having maybe an impact on you or anything like that?

DWE: No. It's been so long. (laughs)

RL: How about -- Were you involved in the band or in any extra activities?

DWE: No. In [00:05:00] high school, we had the Brotherhood Club, and that was mostly minorities, a few whites that, you know, wanted to be in the club. And then we just, you know, had dances, and put on programs during black history week, and went to New York to see plays, and Washington, DC, and stuff like that. Raise money.

RL: Oh, OK. How did the Brotherhood Club start? And why do you think they had a Brotherhood Club?

DWE: It was mostly for minorities to get together and to have their own club.

RL: And did you -- Was that helpful to have that type of environment to that club, so that everybody can socialize?

DWE: Yeah, it was.

RL: Mm-hmm. And so you guys traveled a lot and so forth?

DWE: Well, we went to -- we raised money [00:06:00] just to go see Broadway plays. We went to Washington, DC, you know, to spend, you know, like, a weekend down there, you know, and to different things like that.

RL: Mm-hmm. Did you have strict family -- strict parents, I should say?

DWE: My father was strict. My mother, she went along with what my father said and, you know, my father dictated. But he let us -- we were able to do things, not like some black families. Or some of my cousins weren't allowed to go places and do things. My father let us go, but we had guidelines and we had to be back at a certain time.

RL: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm. And [00:07:00] could you share with us, like, some of the strictness that he possibly enforced?

DWE: Yeah. Like, if you had to be home -- by the time the lights came on, you had to be back by the -- back at the house, you know? Because we lived in the projects. And you can go where you wanted to go, but you had to be home

by dinner time, or by the time the lights came on, the streetlights.

RL: Mm-hmm. What was it like growing up in the project? What was it like for you as a young person?

DWE: Well, there was three projects. I lived in Clearfield, across the highway was Pembroke. And then, further down was Marvine Village. I didn't know it was the projects coming up. And they told me that we lived in the rich projects, which I don't know anything about that. But it was owned by [00:08:00] the Bethlehem Steel.

RL: OK.

DWE: And then, later on, they decided that they wanted to -- you know, I guess to build something on the land. And they tore down the houses, so everybody had to move out and find other places to live. But they never, ever (laughs) built anything on that property. So we moved down further to townhouses, you know?

RL: And is that lot still vacant, do you know?

DWE: Yeah.

RL: It's still vacant?

DWE: It's still there.

RL: What did they tell you that they were going to build on that?

DWE: I don't know. I don't remember back, you know, what they -  
- but they wanted that land.

RL: Mm-hmm. OK. Tell me about your church life and so forth.  
I'm sure -- Well, your family was religious, first of all.

DWE: Yes. My -- I grew up in St. Paul's Baptist Church, and I  
think they were on the Southside at one point. And then  
later on they built a church on Goepf Street, and they're  
there now. [00:09:00] Grew up in the choir, usher. And we  
went to church every Sunday. You know, it was good. It  
was good.

RL: Are you still involved in the church?

DWE: Not so much, no.

RL: When did you step away?

DWE: I don't know. It's just life. You know, working, and try-  
ing to raise your sons. I have two boys. And trying to  
raise them, and working all the time, and, you know, so --  
yeah.

RL: Yeah. Are you married?

DWE: I used to be. Yeah.

RL: And do you mind me asking, what's your husband's -- your  
ex-husband's name?

DWE: Anthony.

RL: And do you have kids? Yes.

DWE: I have two sons.

RL: What are their names?

DWE: Julius and Anthony.

RL: And how old are they?

DWE: Right now? (laughs)

RL: Mm-hmm.

DWE: Julius is 33 and Anthony is 38, 39.

RL: [00:10:00] And what was it like, or what was it, yeah I should say, because they are much older. What was it like raising two young, black sons in Bethlehem? (break in audio) OK. So before we go on, actually, before we go on to your sons, tell me -- I want to go back to Liberty High School. You did go to Liberty. Do you remember anything that stuck out for you while attending Liberty High School?

DWE: Just hanging out and -- (laughs) just the football games, and homecomings, and, you know, things like that. We had -- It was nice.

RL: Do you know anyone who was on the football team?

DWE: Yeah. My brother was on the football team, my older brother.

RL: Oh, your brother.

DWE: You know, his --

RL: What's his name?

DWE: David Ethridge.

RL: OK.

DWE: And Brian Stadum.

RL: And Brian. Who's Brian?

DWE: Brian Stadum.

RL: [00:11:00] Who is he?

DWE: He was one of our running backs at the time.

RL: OK. OK. And anything that -- Were you involved in the band or anything like that?

DWE: No. No, I wasn't involved in the band.

RL: Were you involved in any sports at Liberty?

DWE: No, no.

RL: No extra-curriculum activities at Liberty?

DWE: No.

RL: Did you have family members that attended Liberty with you?

DWE: Oh, yeah. A whole bunch of cousins.

RL: Whole bunch of cousins. (laughs) Who were some of them, if you don't mind me asking?

DWE: Huh?

RL: Who are some of -- What are some of their names?

DWE: Oh, Sharon Butz Ray Butz -- let's see. Who else was there at the time?

RL: Did it make you feel comfort-- because, OK. So, Liberty. Were there many blacks when you were going to school at Liberty?

DWE: There was a handful. You know, there was enough of us. You know, there -- I say [00:12:00] maybe about 50, you know, because a lot of people came from the Southside of Bethlehem, too.

RL: Mm-hmm.

DWE: So depending on where you lived on the Southside, you went to Liberty High School. And depending -- You know, so some of them came over. Yeah.

RL: Yeah, because I unders-- from --

DWE: There's a cutoff line. Yeah.

RL: Right, because from other -- in other interviews, someone -  
- some would bus to Freedom High School.

DWE: Right.

RL: Do you remember any of that, even though you weren't bussed at that time?

DWE: Yeah. Some of my cousins were bussed.

RL: Oh, yeah? And do you mind, what are their names?

DWE: Matthew Williams, Gloria Williams.

RL: OK. And anything else that you would like to share with me pertaining to Liberty? OK. So I just want to, again, so I -- we're on Liberty right now. And you had the experience, because of the Brotherhood Club, to go into New York.

DWE: Mm-hmm.

RL: What was it like comparing these two places, New York  
[00:13:00] versus Bethlehem? Small town --

DWE: New York had -- was exciting, seeing a Broadway play and  
going to -- seeing black Broadway plays, like *The Wiz*.

RL: Oh, OK.

DWE: You know, we saw that. *Your Arms Are Too Short to Box with  
God*. And that was the first time you all -- you know, we  
saw that and experienced that. And then seeing all the  
people, you know, in Times Square and everything.

RL: Mm-hmm. How did that make you feel, you know, those two --  
juxtaposing those two other -- did you feel like when you  
grow up you want to move out of Bethlehem?

DWE: Yeah.

RL: (laughter) So you graduated from Liberty. Did you go on to  
college?

DWE: Yeah. I went to Delaware State for a while. I wanted to  
go to USC. My dad wouldn't let me go. And my brother went  
to Delaware State, so he wanted me to go there, so that's  
where I went.

RL: [00:14:00] So why Delaware State and not, like, a big city  
like New York or Philadelphia?

DWE: Because my dad, he went to school with the Dean of Delaware  
State at the time. And so my brother ran track for the  
school. And he was two years ahead of me.

RL: So that was David?

DWE: Yes.

RL: So he was on the track team and the football team.

DWE: He was on the track team. And then at Liberty, he was on the football team, too.

RL: Oh, OK. OK. So did you graduate from college?

DWE: No.

RL: What were you -- what was your major going to be?

DWE: Journalism, Communication.

RL: OK. And why did you not pursue it?

DWE: I had my son and I decided to come home and raise him.

RL: And how did that make you feel, knowing that you had to give up your college education?

DWE: I was fine.

RL: You were fine with that?

DWE: Yeah. I wanted to raise him and to get a job [00:15:00], you know?

RL: And the son, what's his name? What was your first son?

DWE: Anthony.

RL: Anthony? When was Anthony born?

DWE: In 1980.

RL: Nineteen eighty. OK. And so, you know, I don't mean to jump, but if, looking back now, thinking about now, and

looking back at not getting a college degree, did that make you feel any way now?

DWE: No.

RL: No?

DWE: No.

RL: Mm-hmm. Tell me about your sons.

DWE: Tell you about my sons? My oldest --

RL: Anthony. You can tell me about Anthony first.

DWE: Yeah. Anthony was -- is like me now, but he graduated from Bethlehem Catholic High School. And I put them in Catholic high school in high school because [00:16:00] I wanted them to get prepared for college. And I thought that he needed the structure. So he went to Bethlehem Catholic first. And he graduated. Then he went to East Stroudsburg. Well, he went to Florida first to go to school, and he was going to transfer into Florida State, but then he decided to come home and finish school up here. And he went to East Stroudsburg, and he has his degree in Sports Management. Now Julius, when it came time for him to go to school, I wanted him to leave the area, too. So he decided to go to University of Pittsburgh. And he went eight straight years. He got his degree in Physical Therapy and he got his [00:17:00] doctorate. So he's a physical therapist.

RL: And his doctorate in physical therapist?

DWE: Uh-huh.

RL: OK. So why did you want them to leave the area? Why did you want them to go away?

DWE: Because I wanted them to get experience out of the state. And then, if you wanted to come back, then that's fine. But get that experience first, because I wasn't allowed to (laughs) do what I wanted to do, you know.

RL: Oh, OK. OK.

DWE: So -- and I wanted them to do it.

RL: Uh-huh. Do you feel that you also did that because you wanted them to get -- be around a more diverse population, too?

DWE: I wanted them to see that there's more besides Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, that people are actually doing things outside of this area.

RL: Mm-hmm. Do you feel as if that you weren't exposed enough to the black experience living here in Bethlehem?

DWE: Yeah.

RL: [00:18:00] And what did you do about that? Did you do anything about that?

DWE: I tried to expose them when they were coming up. I took them to, like, different programs up at Lehigh University. I took them to lectures, step shows.

RL: Nice.

DWE: You know.

RL: Where did you take them to step shows?

DWE: I took them up to Lehigh one time when they had it, and I took them to see Malcolm X's daughter when she spoke up at Lehigh.

RL: Betty Shabazz?

DWE: Mm-hmm.

RL: OK.

DWE: Not Betty, the daughter.

RL: Not Betty, the -- sorry. The daughter.

DWE: Mm-hmm. And then, where else did we go? You know, just so that they -- when they got to college that they would look for these things.

RL: Did they ever felt that you were trying to push too much of that stuff on them?

DWE: [00:19:00] No.

RL: No?

DWE: No, because I explained to them why I was doing it, you know, and what they were going to see before they got there, or who they were going to see before they got there.

RL: And did they ever come back to you and tell you how they felt about, you know, the fact that you exposed them?

DWE: Yeah. Mm-hmm.

RL: How -- What were some of those conversations?

DWE: Yeah, because even when I took them to plays when they were little -- and my sons go to plays now. They're not afraid to do that. They go to concerts now. They're not afraid to do that. You know, so -- they're not afraid to travel. You know, I took them -- our traveling was going to North Carolina to see relatives. You know, our parents couldn't afford that. So when I could afford it, I took them to Florida. I took them to Vegas. You know, and now they travel all over.

RL: Mm-hmm, mm-hmm. [00:20:00] Tell me about recreational life here in Bethlehem and the fact that you -- you know, you wanted to expose your kids to black culture and so forth. How were you exposed to black culture?

DWE: Well, first, I think my aunts exposed me to it. That made me hunger for it. And my uncles and my aunts with the books or they were involved in NAACP or, you know, they were, you know, showing me photographs or stuff like that, and showing me history. And, you know, and then that's what got me exposed to it and wanted me to learn.

RL: Mm-hmm. So was there, like, a particular -- because I know you did attend the Brother-- you were a part of the Brother-- but how about when you became an [00:21:00] adult? What circle of organizations were you involved to help to continue to help instill that within you?

DWE: Well, working so much, I'm not involved in a lot of different organizations, you know, as far as me having to go to meetings because I was always on third shift or second shift for years.

RL: Tell me, where do you work?

DWE: I work for Knoll.

RL: Knoll?

DWE: Out in East Greenville.

RL: And what do you do there?

DWE: We make executive office furniture.

RL: How long have you been working there?

DWE: I'll be 30 years in September.

RL: Thirty? And have you ever felt that you were treated unjustly in any way while --

DWE: Oh, yeah.

RL: -- as an adult living here?

DWE: Oh, yeah.

RL: Could you share some of those stories with us?

DWE: [00:22:00] Let's see. Where, at work, or --?

RL: At work. We can start with work, or school, or recreational places, restaurants.

DWE: Well, you know, malls. You go there and they act like you're not there, and you know they can be standing over there, talking, and you're standing there, waiting for

somebody to wait on you, and they act like, you know, you're invisible until you, you know, speak up. But that's all the time. And, you know...

RL: Even now?

DWE: Mm-hmm. Some places. You know, like you don't have enough money to be in their store. Or they follow you until you buy something.

RL: And this is in Bethlehem?

DWE: Mm-hmm. The mall.

RL: At the mall?

DWE: Mm-hmm.

RL: I want to ask you about your sons again. [00:23:00] What was it like raising two black boys here in Bethlehem? Were you ever fearful for them, as far as the, you know, police or anything like that?

DWE: Well, I wasn't fearful for my sons until my oldest was in middle school and he was going to, like, dances and stuff. And he was very good in sports. He was -- all sports. He played football, basketball, he wrestled. You know, middle school. So here it was middle school and he was going to have to choose between the high schools where he was going to go. And he could've went either Liberty, Freedom, or Bethlehem Catholic. And it got to the point where I wanted him to go to Bethlehem Catholic. And there was -- He came

home and he said that there was football guys at his middle school that wanted him to go to Liberty High School, and then there was people that came to school that wanted [00:24:00] him to go to Freedom High School. And, "Tell your mom that you want to go to Freedom. Tell your mom." And he says, "No, my mom wants me to go to Bethlehem Catholic." But he didn't want to go to Bethlehem Catholic. He wanted to go with his friends. And I told him no. I said, "You're going over here because you're very good in sports and I want you to get the opportunity in case there's a scout out there looking for you - looking at you that can give you a scholarship. And he was saying that people were saying that they were going to -- they were paying me to send him over there, you know, giving me money to send him over to Bethlehem Catholic. And I said no. I'm paying the tuition myself to send you over there. And there was a rumor. And so I sent him anyway. [00:25:00] We fought about it a little bit, but it was the best choice. And once he got there he was satisfied.

RL: So were you fearful because of what?

DWE: I was fearful because of him being jumped over there. Not at the school, but on the Southside because of the choice that I made, because there was a lot of people that -- the kids even were jealous of him, you know, going over there

instead of going to where they were going. You know, so I had to keep an eye on him. And then when he got to -- Later on when he was in -- we lived out where my mom lived. We lived at my parents' --

RL: And where was that?

DWE: And that was out past the Airport Road, down that way. And they went to Bethlehem Catholic. And he was driving at the time. So he was stopped a couple times, which I didn't know until later on, [00:26:00] in the neighborhoods, you know. And, "What are you doing here?" You know, cops, you know, because he was black and in these nice neighborhoods, but he was coming from his friend's house. And he told me that years later.

RL: What year was this? Wasn't this the '90s?

DWE: Let's see. This was -- mm-hmm.

RL: The '90s. (inaudible).

DWE: Yep. Because he was -- because I was, you know, going to buy a house. And he says -- he was like, "No, you can't live in that neighborhood because we get stopped over there all the time." You know, we would be just coming home, you know, from a party or from one of his friends' house. You know, and I said, "I can live wherever I want to live." "No, Mom. You can't live over that way."

RL: Mm-hmm. And so that made you feel -- By the whole experience later on, how did it make you feel to know that your son experienced this?

DWE: [00:27:00] Well, it was years later that he told me that they -- you know, told me about it. And then, you know, and, yeah. I felt bad for them, but they, you know, they handled it, but they were fearful of it.

RL: Do you think there's a reason why he didn't tell you at the time?

DWE: Probably.

RL: Yes. He knew that you're -- are you the type of parent that, you know, will get upset if you -- if he came to you and told you such a thing, whereas you'll go and perhaps try to defend him or something like that? Are you a tiger mom? (laughs)

DWE: Am I a tiger mom? It all depends on the situation. (laughter)

RL: How about your second son?

DWE: He had it more easy because they're six years apart, and so when he was coming up, he had, like, a [00:28:00] support team around him, you know, like older cousins and stuff, because he was the youngest. And so he had it a little easier.

RL: What schools did he attend?

DWE: University of Pittsburgh.

RL: Here in Bethlehem.

DWE: Oh, Bethlehem Catholic.

RL: Oh, so they both went to Bethlehem Catholic.

DWE: Mm-hmm, mm-hmm. He didn't give me a problem about going to Bethlehem Catholic because his brother went, so they had -- his brother's friends had younger siblings, so my -- they all knew each other then, by that time.

RL: You know, I thought that Liberty had a really -- you know, or has a really good football team, and that would've been the best place for him to go.

DWE: Well, see, Liberty does have a good football team, but Bethlehem Catholic plays teams outside of their own conference. They'll go to Pittsburgh, they'll go to [00:29:00] Ohio, and they'll go -- you know, places like that. And that's what I wanted for my sons, to go out of their own little conference so they can see the competition. You know, you can compete against each other here all you want, but if you don't get a chance to see people in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or -- how good these kids are, you know, you never know how good you are.

RL: Do you belong to any pol-- and I think you did answer this -- any political organizations?

DWE: Not at this point, no.

RL: You did at one point?

DWE: NAACP at one point.

RL: NAACP. Were there any black businesses here in Bethlehem when you were growing up?

DWE: Barbershops. Let me see. Maybe some restaurants. You had clubs, you know.

RL: There were black clubs?

DWE: The Elks. You had, you know, organizations. [00:30:00]  
You had this other club that was next to the Elks.

RL: Is it the Wyoming? No?

DWE: The Owls. It was The Owls.

RL: The Owls. OK. What are some of the challenges that you have faced, or continue to face, as a black woman here in Bethlehem, and at work, or at ch-- well, you're not at church.

DWE: Well, at work, you really have to -- you always have to prove yourself, you know, prove that, you know, you can do the job, or that you can -- you always have to do more. They expect you to do more.

RL: Mm-hmm. Are there other minorities attending that goes to the -- that work where you work?

DWE: Are there other minorities?

RL: Mm-hmm.

DWE: I can [00:31:00] say there's probably about 10 of us.

RL: Ten? And what's the total amount of employees that work there? Is it a huge company?

DWE: Oh there's a -- huh?

RL: Is it a huge company?

DWE: It used to be. There's about -- I think there's a little less than 800 employees now. And there's maybe about 10 minorities -- I mean, blacks. There's Hispanics. But there's not of -- there's a handful anymore.

RL: So 10 blacks or 10 minorities in general?

DWE: Ten blacks, if that.

RL: Ten blacks. Mm-hmm.

DWE: I'll say about five.

RL: How -- Do you recall any political leaders here in Bethlehem, black political leaders?

DWE: Oh, yeah. Through the years, yeah.

RL: Did any of them have an impact on you, or anything like that? And who were -- [00:32:00] if you could recall any names.

DWE: Well, my aunt Viv was always political. Vivian Butz. My uncle, Ed Williams. You know, my cousin Willie Howard was always doing things in the community.

RL: Mm-hmm. Willie Howard. Who is he?

DWE: Willie Howard. He used to run the South Terrace Youth Center over there. And he used to take kids all over the

place in a van. And I think he ran, like, a boxing thing over there. But --

RL: Is he still alive?

DWE: No.

RL: And is he related to you?

DWE: Yeah. He was my dad's cousin.

RL: Your dad's cousin. Was he born here, too?

DWE: [00:33:00] Was he born here? I don't think so. I think he was born in North Carolina.

RL: So let's -- We're going to wrap it up. Thinking about, when you look back from the time you became aware of living here in Bethlehem as a black woman, and to now, present-day life, have you seen any big changes, anything that had an impact on you, anything that stood out for you? Anything drastic you have seen? Or what are some of the positive and negative aspects that you have seen over the years, leading up to now? And we can talk about now.

DWE: I don't know.

RL: Lasting impression. [00:34:00] Any regrets?

DWE: Oh, I have no regrets.

RL: No regrets?

DWE: No regrets. None. No. Bethlehem's a beautiful city. And it's a good place to raise your kids because, you know, your kids are allowed to be kids. You know, other places -

- I mean, there's crime everywhere. Even in Bethlehem, there's crime. But it's quiet. You can go out and it's quiet. And the kids are allowed to be kids. You know, and I wouldn't trade that for anything.

RL: And is that -- do you think that's one of the reasons why you've always stayed here in Bethlehem?

DWE: Yeah. I've stayed here because my kids wanted to be here.

RL: Oh, OK.

DWE: And then, now I'm able to go because they said I can go.

(laughter) So, you know -- Maybe eventually I would. But it's, you know, every time I get ready to go somewhere, the weather's worse, [00:35:00] you know, so I'm like, I might as well just stay here, you know? Or the crime's worse. I might as well just stay here. But I can pick up, and leave, and go, and come back, and it's home, you know?

RL: OK. I just want -- Do you have a family circle here, still in Bethlehem?

DWE: Yeah. Mm-hmm.

RL: And do you guys still get together?

DWE: Yes.

RL: Are they dispersed in different places in the state?

DWE: Mm-hmm. They're all over. They're all over. But, yeah. They're all over, and they're out of state, and they're --

I can -- every state, there's somebody. And we have family reunions, so --

RL: And so is Bethlehem the hub of --

DWE: No. Mm-mm.

RL: -- for family get-togethers?

DWE: No. We just host -- Every few -- every four years we host it here in Pennsylvania. So this is our year.

RL: OK. All right. And when you said this is your -- to do what?

DWE: Our family reunion.

RL: Your family reunion. OK. All right. Deborah, thank you. Thank you so much for [00:36:00] taking your time to interview with us today.

DWE: OK. Thank you.

RL: Thank you.

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