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An Interview with Ruth Jackson

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Biographical Information and Synopsis: Ruth Jackson moved to Springfield, Illinois, as a young woman in 1954. She discusses her marriage to George Sidney “Sid” Jackson; their six children and their experiences in Springfield schools; her husband’s work in the hotel business; her own work as a nursing assistant at Memorial Medical Center; urban renewal and the changes it brought to East Side neighborhoods; African-American churches in Springfield; Springfield city government; and her work with various community organizations.

Topics Covered: Springfield, Illinois, 1950s – present; segregation in Springfield; Springfield public schools; Springfield City Day School; Springfield Community Action Agency; urban renewal; John Hay Homes (housing project); Imani (community organization); Project Area Council; Comer Cox Park

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