

9/30 Russel ~~Baker~~

Balenger
interview notes

- family in house?
- Railroad unionism?

House burnt which year?

Target Area A → TCOIC?

NCVL

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College

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ICYL

Poverty program

Brothers Bobby + Jackie
meet Panthers

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form ICYL

-USSR

- Archival materials
for NCVL

Rebellion, militancy,
goes to college

Planting food in vacant lots

Interview Protocol for 9/30 interview with Russel Balenger

Past interviews referenced- Oyate Hotanin Peace Circle interview, Brothers of Rondo MNHS documentary

Mr. Russel Balenger- Cousin of Anura Si-Asar

a/roth

Family moves to Minnesota in 1907, Russel is born in 1950

Father (who he takes his name from) works for railroad for whole life, mother (Parks side?), great-uncle is Gordon Parks

Northern Jim Crow

What were your parents' occupations during your childhood?

- Took classes with Mahmud

What were common professions at the time?

Ask about domestic labor conditions, sexual exploitation, Black subordination

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close friend of brother

What was the police role and presence like in Rondo in the '50s and '60s?

8 years old stopped by the police on Selby, could you talk about your Twin Cities adventures to the Mississippi River and Winona as a child and the limited mobility for Black people, de facto segregation + Jim Crow

Open back-door policy

I know you have a relationship to Stillwater Prison, could you talk about how incarceration was impacting Rondo in the '50s and '60s?

I-94 1956-1968

September 1956- Police remove homeowners

Black organizations and movements

Memories of political organizing in Rondo in childhood?

Mother is part of North Central Voters League in '60s

Campus movement at Moorhead State College

Inner City Youth League- ICYL

How did the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements show up in Rondo and Saint Paul? Labor organizing?

Selby-Dale urban rebellion in 1968?

Trip to the USSR, racial dynamics over there (interview from 2023)

Interview questions for Mr. Nathaniel Khaliq

Could you briefly introduce yourself, say your birthplace and date, and describe your connection to the Rondo neighborhood?

What were the race and class demographics/dynamics of Rondo during your childhood?

How were you introduced to Black political organizing and political movements?

How were the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements felt in Rondo?

Other things to ask about:

- Mr. Khaliq's grandparents' occupations
- Work conditions for Rondo residents in the '50s and '60s
- Police presence in Rondo, story about neighborhood power being turned off
- Struggle around I-94 construction and evictions
- Black BLA Underground organization, United Progress Inc., NOI
- 1968 Selby-Dale uprisings
- White organized labor
- NAACP

— Omit name about execution

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Interview Protocol for 9/30 interview with Nathaniel Abdul Khaliq
FKA Nick Davis

MNHS Oral History (Hand in Hand Rondo Oral History Project)

Born in 1943

De facto segregation + Jim Crow

What were your grandparents' occupations during your childhood?

*Railroads + porting Domestic?
- Degrees + overeducated*

What were common professions at the time?

Ask about domestic labor conditions, sexual exploitation, Black subordination

What was the police role and presence like in Rondo in the '50s and '60s?

Police officer shot in Rondo in 1949, power turned off - Rondo Oral History Project

Born in 1943

I-94

Lived with grandparents and evicted in late 1956 for I-94 construction, grandfather Reverend Davis, last family/house on Rondo

Internal colony?

In USMC but misses Vietnam, recruitment in Rondo?

Movements + organizations

Black BLA Underground (Maoists) + United Progress Inc. -Were people talking about Black people as a colonized group?

Nation of Islam

Summit - University

1968 urban rebellion

1986 attack on home

What was the position of white organized labor towards Rondo,

NAACP transitional period, Black Power era

USMC and firefighters (broke color line in firefighter force?)

President of NAACP 1996-2011

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Interview questions for Mr. Clem Crowe

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1951 - Ft Worth Texas

Near Northside

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Interview Protocol for 10/2 interview with Clem Crowe
North Omaha Panther article
North Omaha BANTU Student group article

10/2/2025

Moved here 1968

Clem Crowe interview- Probably born around 1941 or 1942
Hallie Q Brown + MLK Center

Omaha chapter of Black Panther Party formed in 1968 by Eddie Bolden, 200 members, highly publicized case around bombing and assassination of police officer in 1970, organization later becomes National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF)

Food program?

Come to Rondo junior year of high school with family (brother Vernon Crowe owns liquor store)

Connections to North Omaha BANTU (Black Association for Nationalism Through Unity) high school student group?

What were your parents' occupations during your childhood?

Teen Minneapolis Teamwork

What were common professions at the time?

Ask about domestic labor conditions, sexual exploitation, Black subordination

What was the police role and presence like in Rondo in the '50s and '60s?

Accepted immediately

I-94?

Upward Bound programs

worked out meat packing

Differences between Urban League and NAACP and Panthers? Around other civil rights organizations in Omaha?

Generations

Here for 1968 urban rebellion in Saint Paul?

what did women from slavery? do?

Gary Hline

Macalester College 1969-1973 (Expanded Education Opportunity program) + involved in any Black student groups at Macalester + Elder Mahmoud

campus take over? what year?

BPP introduction + food programs?

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Cub Scouts

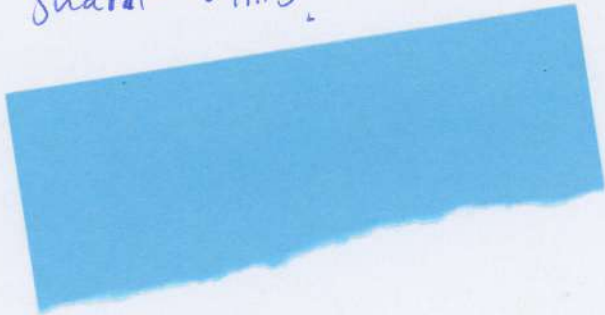
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Interview Protocol for 10/16 interview with Elder Yusef Mgeni

- Born Charlie Anderson in 1948
- Great-uncle Frederick McGhee
- Parents and grandparents remember a lynching in Saint Paul
- Cross burning in front of house in Saint Paul
- North Central Voters League, Inner City Youth League?
- Selby-Dale uprising 1968? Impact of riots in the 1960s?
- People teaching Black history/Black Studies?

Exercise family
SM

Sharif Willis?



SM - Francis Scott Key

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Hallie Q. Brown 10/28/2025

Debbie Montgomery interview on 10/30

Could you briefly introduce yourself, say your birthplace and date, and describe your connection to the Rondo neighborhood? *Gilbreath (maiden)*

What were the race and class demographics/dynamics of Rondo during your childhood?

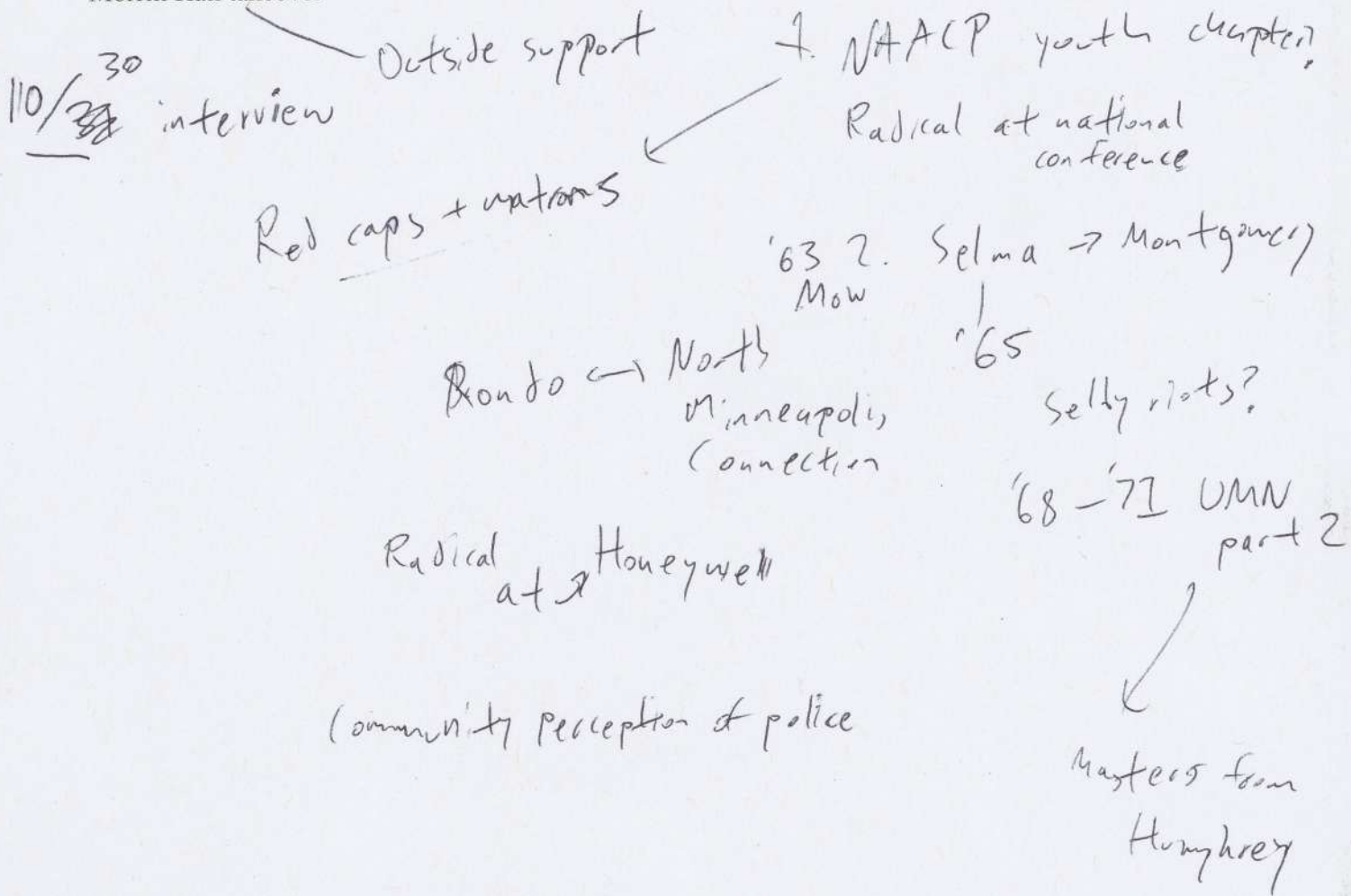
How were you introduced to Black political organizing and political movements?

How were the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements felt in Rondo?

Using Hand in Hand/MNHS interview as background source

Born 1946, 17 year old member of NAACP national board, went down South for Civil Rights,

Morrill Hall takeover



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1/25/25 Steve Winfield questions

Could you briefly introduce yourself, say your birthplace and date, and describe your connection to the Rondo neighborhood?

-Allison family

Raised by single mom, brother Dave one year younger

Arline ~~was~~ Allison became Winfield

What were the race and class demographics/dynamics of Rondo during your childhood?

How were you introduced to Black political organizing and political movements?

Formed the Central High School BSU with Russel Balenger, is it true that Russel had the only afro at Central?

UMN Afro-American Action Committee- Tension with baseball team, only Black player

In Morrill Hall-

'68 Selby riot - Minneapolis uprisings

- Community relationship

How were the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements felt in Rondo?

Plymouth?

Brother Dave Winfield, wife Robin Hickman-Winfield

Using "Steve Winfield- Voices Podcast, Ujamaa Place" as source

Patty Hickman

11:55 BPP vs BSU

The Loft Teen Center

Sheriff

Tyrone Terrell

- Kenet Imhatep

Men of Manly.

Rev. Spence

New Hope

