

Code	304010
Subject	shelbey holmes-reyes
Date	
Interviewer	peter mcdermott
Special Notes	cogswell hall, jones home, foster care

minutes:

- 0 introduction and background
- 1 family drama (details)
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- 3 taken with 1/2 brothers to Jones Home as abandoned child
- 4 Jones Home (orphanage on W25th), memories: "I now realize I was being aused"
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- 6 Foster Care experience: staying at unlicensed and abusive foster homes
- 7 location in Tremont/Clark industrial area
- 8 school nurse discovers abuse which leads to relocation
- 9 Boarding House experiences/relocations: locations
- 10 abandonment by "father"; return to live with mother on Franklin Ave.
- 11 Cogswell Hall: Miss Fidetto (details)
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- 13 Education: multiple relocations and family situation leads to unfinished education
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- 18 Cogswell Hall: first impressions ("I thought it was like an upscale YWCA")
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- 20 other residents (incl. details and anecdotes)
- 21 W25th Street Confectionary: "child labor" and fun times
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- 23 American Greetings festival: meeting an old friend from Cogswell Hall (see min 20)
- 24 Cogswell Hall: "I had a room that was mine... what more could you ask"
- 25 Foster Care experience: daily routine, chores
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- 27 Cogswell Hall: description of house
- 28 still "looks the same"
- 29 Foster Care experience: traumas led to a list of "things I don't eat"
- 30 Cogswell Hall: positive experience overall
- 31 time period and duration of residence at cogswell hall
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- 33 Return to live with mother and new siblings and new stepfather
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- 35 Anecdote about taking sisters to "Detroit Theatre"
- 36 Detroit Ave. neighborhood, memories
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- Ohio City: new development versus old buildings, broken promises by developers and
- 38 planners
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- 41 Marriage, 1956: similar background, eventual divorce
- 42 Childbirth and Miscarriages: father's family medical history is unknown
- 43 Son has rheumatoid arthritis (RMA)
- 44 Divorces and Separations; War on Poverty campaign 1960s (job placement)

45 War on Poverty campaign: "door knocking" job
46 Welfare Rights/Empowerment movement
47 reasons for reform, organizing Cleveland Welfare Rights movement; other work
48 War on Poverty: creation of inner-city credit unions
49 Credit Union book-keeping job
50 General Education Diploma (GED) and Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) degree
51 Ex-Husband "was not a provider... he was a sociopath"
52 Single Motherhood, challenges
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54 Children (biographical information)
55 Mentally Retarded Developmentally Delayed (MRDD) assisted living work
56 Hobbies (details)
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58 Camping
59 Tremont School dental clinic; anecdote about Ice Delivery company
60 Cogswell Hall: remembering Miss Fidetto
61 Mental Health/Depression (mother)
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63 Cancer/Hospice Care (mother)
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65 Stepfathers (biographical information)
66 Cogswell Hall, recent return visit: Anniversary Party
67 "basically, it's the same"
 Jones Home: "I've never returned"; "they say 'that which doesn't break you, makes you
68 stronger'... I don't know about that."
69 Cogswell Hall: remembering Miss Fidetto
 Poverty/Welfare/Welfare Rights: reaction of church congregation to activism on church
70 property
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 Parenting Lessons: "raise my own children...no corporal punishment...get an
72 education...strict"
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