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Subject	massie group
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Interviewer	
Special Notes	

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- 1 Union Carbide/W73rd
- 2 introduction and background (each individual)
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- 4 the draw of cleveland industrial jobs: "cleveland was a booming town..."
- 5 "everyplace you walked into wanted to hire you"
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- 7 Detroit Avenue, retail and commerce
- 8 Union Carbide: name changed from NationalCarbon & Carbide
- 9 description of assembly line
- 10 time period
- 11 different divisions of Union Carbide
- 12 "[Cleveland plant] made all the batteries"
- 13 description of assembly line
- 14 Biographic information: "I was a coal miner's daughter..."
- 15 migration, marriage, husband's military service, migration to Cleveland
- 16 Union Carbide closing: "that was the day my husband died"
- 17 Union Carbide: purchase by Eveready, merger with Ralston/Purina
- 18 purchase by Dow Chemical Company, ongoing pension/insurance issues

- 19 Union Carbide: explosion in Bhopal India may have contributed to Cleveland plant closing
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- 21 Union Carbide: restricted labor organizing
- 22 Union Carbide: description of assembly line, pay rates
- 23 health and safety ("my sister lost her eye")

- 24 Battery Park housing development: resident concerns ("I don't like it", parking, traffic, et al.)
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- 26 eminent domain demolitions, changing the neighborhood
- 27 Detroit Shoreway CDO/W76th St. Block Club: provides community with information
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- 29 story about demolition of condemned house
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- 31 Biographic information: residential addresses
- 32 Battery Park housing development
- 33 Union Carbide [32:50]: "they wanted to do what the community wanted"
- 34 son "fell in love" with the old plant building (anecdote), plant blocked Lake Erie wind
- 35 debate about loss of residential water supply ("they turned off my water")
- 36 retirement "is about doing what you want when you want"

- 37 promised park and commercial development ("there's been so many types of rumors...")
- 38 Edgewater Park, tunnel: witnessed dumping of dead body at tunnel (anecdote)
- 39 City Council tries to close tunnel
- 40 crime/vandalism, importance of tunnel to residents and development
- 41 Edgewater Park: iceskating in tunnel, nearby Bath House and Dancehall
- 42 limited recreational options, water quality

Battery Park: "I'm afraid they're going to take it all away from us", nostalgia for Union Carbide
43 Carbide
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45 Union Carbide, anecdote about getting the job: being a housewife left a lot of free time
46 management respected family connection to Union Carbide
47 Herman Avenue home: moving to live near Union Carbide plant
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49 Union Carbide: Dow Chemical ownership
50 Detroit Shoreway neighborhood: Battery Park Development is out of place
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"we like our neighborhood...", raising children, problems related to rental
52 properties/renters
53 problems related to rental properties/renters
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55 deaths and residential moves changed the neighborhood
56 children's recreation
57 discussing dilapidation of old home owned by late friend
58 neighborhood friends (details)
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60 Union Carbide, health and safety: "we would get really dirty in that place"
61 promised soil decontamination (details)

62 "in the basement of union carbide...they used to dump chemicals under the ground"
63 Detroit Avenue, change over time: retail and commerce
64 bars and taverns, housing
65 garden and market; St. John's Hospital/Nursing Home
66 Union Carbide: story about elderly long-time employee
67 access to plant changed over time; Herman Avenue once part of Brooklyn Township
68 Herman Avenue home
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70 Biographic information: residential addresses
71 small talk
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73 end