## Jannie Bazemore

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Summary: This interview was recorded on Ms. Bazemore's porch in East End Newport News. She describes the work her mother did as President of the Ridley Circle Tenants Council, including influencing the coal terminal's decision to implement a sprinkler system in the mid-1980s. She references a photograph of her mother from a 1985 article by the Daily Press which you can find <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

[00:00:00] **Jannie Bazemore:** My name is Jannie Bazemore.

[00:00:02] **Adrian:** Thank you, miss Bazemore. Um, and can you, can you say where we are?

[00:00:10] **Jannie Bazemore:** Um, as far as what? On Hampton Avenue? In Newport News?

[00:00:14] Yugonda Sample-Jones: Yeah.

[00:00:16] **Jannie Bazemore:** Um, that's the way we are just several blocks from the coal terminals.

[00:00:21] **Adrian:** Mm-hmm. And just before we came out here, your daughter wiped down the chairs for us to sit on and the wipes came back really black and sooty looking.

[00:00:32] Jannie Bazemore: Exactly. Um, um, and it is coal dust.

I mean, I'm quite familiar with coal dust and how we used to have to wipe things. Um. Even in the neighborhood when I was in Ridley Circle.

[00:00:46] **Adrian:** Mm-hmm. So when, uh, when did you live in Ridley Circle?

[00:00:52] Jannie Bazemore: Um, from 1953 until about 1917.

[00:01:00] Yugonda Sample-Jones: Mm-hmm.

[00:01:01] **Jannie Bazemore:** And then I left and went to move to Washington, DC and then in 1982 I moved back to Newport News. And at that time my parents were still in Ridley Circle and they still had a coal dust problem.

[00:01:21] **Adrian:** Right. Yeah. What was the coal dust problem like when you were living there?

[00:01:26] **Jannie Bazemore:** Well, um, we had a lot of environmental issues over by Ridley Circle, but um, at some point the-- there was always the trains loaded with coal.

[00:01:42] **Yugonda Sample-Jones:** Mm-hmm.

[00:01:43] **Jannie Bazemore:** Okay. Um, at that time it was like blocks of coal. That would be my understanding was that would be in the train cars. Then at some point they came with coal dust piles and it was just, um, mounds, I mean, really high mounds of, of coal dust. Um, I don't know if they had put in a new system or something that was, you know, loading the coal or whatever and the dust was coming off.

But, um, it was piles and piles of coal dust and my mother would complain many times because it was getting, um, it would get into-- at that time we had clothes line, clothes lines on the outside-- and it would get into your clothes. Um, but the biggest complaint was when the wind would come up, we would see clouds of dust of coal, um, over by the terminals.

[00:02:50] **Yugonda Sample-Jones:** Mm-hmm.

[00:02:52] **Jannie Bazemore:** And um, I remember that at one point they, um, put up the, um, well, I think it, it, it must have been when some other coal company was also moving in. I know Old Dominion, I think it was called Old Dominion. Um, if the wind would come up Like for a storm or something like that, all you could see was black cloud, just black dust. And they were talking about building the interstate. And she said, "Well, what's gonna happen when they build the interstate and the cars are going by and the storm is coming up and all they're gonna get is these black clouds?"

[00:03:42] **Adrian:** Your mother did?

[00:03:42] **Jannie Bazemore:** Yes. Mm-hmm.

[00:03:44] **Adrian:** Who'd she say that to you?

[00:03:46] **Jannie Bazemore:** Yeah, basically to us.

Um, you know, 'cause she, she would have discussions with different folks in the community about the coal dust and all. Um, because I, I think she was my mother served on as the, as the president of the Ridley Circle Tenant Council for probably about, uh, 15 years or something.

[00:04:09] **Adrian:** So during, what, what time period would you, would you say, if you could estimate?

[00:04:14] **Jannie Bazemore:** Uh, probably from around 19... um, probably around 19... was she on there when I was...? I'm gonna say, prior to my moving back, she may have become the tenant council president. Up until about something like 1990. From probably around 1980 to probably 1990. Maybe something like that.

But she was a quiet advocate. She, um, [00:05:00] didn't make a lot of noise, but when things of importance came up, she would speak out. About it. But, um, in the neighborhood, even when, um, we would be playing and stuff like that, um, you would get, uh, in the grass and stuff like that. Instead of getting green grass stains, you would get black stains. I mean, you would get the green, but you would also get the black. Um, so it had been a problem for, for years, like I said, because at first it was the trains that had the coal dust over there.

Then when they bought in those other terminals and they had piles. And, um, it was only after they actually put in the interstate system that you could actually drive by and see what the piles looked like. You know, before that, um, only if you went, you know, walk that area over there by Terminal Avenue or whatever, could you maybe see 'em.

[00:06:14] **Adrian:** So, um, so did you, how did you know that the dust was from coal then? You saw it on the trains? Or you saw it coming on the trains?

[00:06:27] **Jannie Bazemore:** Well, because it was black dust. I mean, you know, if it was, if it had been sand, of course it would've been a light colored, um, if it had been anything else. But that was, I mean, we knew that the coal terminals were there and that basically that's what you were getting.

[00:06:46] **Adrian:** Mm-hmm.

[00:06:47] **Jannie Bazemore: So.** 

[00:06:49] **Adrian:** And so that photo that you have in your hand,

[00:06:53] **Jannie Bazemore:** mm-hmm.

[00:06:54] **Adrian:** Um, that photo of your mother was taken during her time as president of the Ridley Circle Tenants Council.

[00:07:02] **Jannie Bazemore:** Yes. I think she, yeah. She was, would've been council on it. Yes. And this was, um, this article is dated January of 1985. Which it surprised me 'cause I thought it was even before that. But it's, it says 85.

[00:07:20] **Adrian:** And could you, uh, would you describe the photo?

[00:07:25] **Jannie Bazemore:** Well, it says that, uh, "Ms. Bazemore shows coal dust she cleared from the inside of her Ridley Circle home." <u>And</u> she had basically, um, taken the cloth when they, they came there. And, um, rubbed her window sill. And that's what she got from the window sill.

And she said she had, uh, cleaned the window sills two weeks prior. And this is how much was, was back on the, on the window sills.

But, and, um, i'm not gonna say, I'm not gonna say which, which company it was. I know it had had to be more than one company over there, but they met several times with, with, um, officials from the coal terminals. And I think that's how the sprinkler system came about because, you know, they, she had several meetings with, with people relating to the coal dust and she did, I remember her telling me that they were going to, they were talking about some kind of sprinkler system so that when the, when it looked like it was gonna storm or the winds was gonna be high, then they would be able to turn on the sprinkler systems and try to keep some of the coal dust from going all over the city, basically.

So, um, one of the things that I think they did to appease the neighborhood, it would be like at Christmas time or Thanksgiving, (laughs) Yugonda's shaking her head. They would give them free turkeys, you know, they would just, yeah. They would give them, they would come with all of these turkeys and say, you know, "Hey, happy Thanksgiving," or "Merry Christmas," or whatever.

And um, and of course I would tell them that's, that's not a big payment for for what we have to go through for the, the, uh, with the coal. So you all can't just, you know, act like you're satisfied with that. Tell them you're gonna take the

turkeys, but you know, you were gonna keep working to get this problem resolved.

[00:09:52] **Adrian:** So is the coal terminal get the turkeys?

[00:09:55] Jannie Bazemore: Yes.

[00:09:55] **Adrian:** And they gave it to just the residents of [00:10:00] Ridley Circle?

[00:10:00] **Jannie Bazemore:** Well, the, they would give, yeah, they would give the, the tenant council, I guess is, you know, a representative number of turkeys and they would just pass 'em out until they were gone.

[00:10:10] **Adrian:** Oh, wow. Was that every year?

[00:10:16] **Jannie Bazemore:** I don't know how many years it was, but I, I do recall at least two years of it.

[00:10:22] **Adrian:** Wow. Yeah. Interesting. So, did your mom, um, she talked about going into meetings. Like, do you remember her saying who else was at those meetings? Like was city council there?

[00:10:35] **Jannie Bazemore:** Um, I don't, I don't recall all I know that minister, um, our minister, um, was Henry Maxwell. W. Henry Maxwell was the, the, uh, pastor at the church that we attended. And so I know that he and my mom would have discussions. And he's actually mentioned in this article, um, he was at that time, excuse me, he was at that time I think the delegate for, uh, this area on the, um, what is it in our legislature up there.

I think he was in General. See what they said. <u>Huh?</u>

[00:11:23] **Adrian:** In the General Assembly in the House.

[00:11:25] **Jannie Bazemore:** Yes, he was a delegate at the time. Because I see the reason it's 'cause he, he became a Senator later, so he was a Delegate at this time. And, um, yeah, he was at the, Uh, general Assembly and, you know, I know that they would talk, um, because she also became a, uh, foster grandparent volunteer at our church.

And so she would be down there almost on a daily basis. And yeah, of course they had, they had conversations about it. But I'm not sure. Um, she was also on the Human Rights Commission, so I'm not sure whether it was that delegation. Um.

Because I, I remember a man that she talked about a lot. Uh, I can't, I can't call his name now, but he was part of, I think he was the di-- excuse me, I think he was the director basically, of the, the Redevelopment and Housing, um, in some way. Absolutely. Right. And I, I can't think of his name. She used to called it all the time, but.

I know that he and she and some others would meet with the, with some of the officials over there. So, um, it could have been part of the, that Human Rights, it could have been part of, um, the meeting as, as the tenants and de Tenant Council. It could have been, I'm just not sure now, it's been, what, 40 years?

So.

[00:13:16] **Adrian:** Yes, it has. Um, wow. Yeah. So the Human Rights Commission was a city commission?

[00:13:23] Jannie Bazemore: Mm-hmm. Yes.

[00:13:25] **Adrian:** The Citywide Human Rights Commission.

[00:13:27] Jannie Bazemore: Yes.

[00:13:28] Adrian: Okay. I've never heard of that before.

[00:13:30] **Jannie Bazemore:** They have one now.

[00:13:31] **Adrian:** Oh, they do?

[00:13:32] **Jannie Bazemore:** Ask her. (laughing)

Oh, are you on the commission?

[00:13:35] Yugonda Sample-Jones: Yes.

[00:13:36] **Adrian:** This is good to know. Of course, you're on it. You're on everything. Okay. Okay. Um. Interesting. Um, yeah, because I've been trying to

find documents from city council meetings where they were talking about installing the sprinklers because I heard from somebody that they also talked about doing other things, like putting up a barrier or a dome or something to control the coal dust.

And so I've been trying to find those meeting minutes where city council talked about it. And, um, you know, like knowing the names of people who might have been in meetings with them or like, um, dates and that kind of thing is like, you need, like, I, I need that kind of information to guide the search because like they don't know what they're looking for when I'm like, you know, go to city council and asking for these old documents from like the eighties.

[00:14:36] **Jannie Bazemore:** Wow. Wow. You should have come about two years ago. Um, because, um, after my mother passed away, of course I had the wonderful duty of going through all of the stuff for her and my sister. Um, they both passed and, um, I knew it was a lot of Human Rights [00:15:00] documents here. And they went out. So, um.

And, uh, I don't, there was, there was a lot of old paperwork and everybody convinces me that you can't keep everything, so I had to get rid of some stuff. (laughing) Sometimes. And that's why, you know, when you get rid of it, that's when you want it or need it. So, um, but yeah, because that had names especially on the, um, Human Rights Commission. I know that had a lot of the names of the other people that were on the commission and all of that at that time. Um, I didn't take pictures of it or anything, so.

[00:15:49] **Adrian:** That's okay. Hopefully there's a copy out there somewhere and if not it there, then it's, that's also fine.

[00:15:59] Jannie Bazemore: Um, yeah. I cannot think of his name.

It'll come to me at some point though. 'Cause I know, I know that they, I think, I think this man met a lot with them. Um, um, and that it, it was probably those are the people that went over or they, sometimes I think the, I know Old Dominion people would come over and talk to, they came over and talked to the tenants.

Um,

[00:16:32] **Adrian:** People from the terminal?

[00:16:33] **Jannie Bazemore:** The tenant-- Mm-hmm. Private Tenant <u>Council</u> <u>Meeting.</u> Um, 'cause that's the kind of stuff she did. She would bring people that could bring information for the tenants and all. So,

[00:16:45] **Adrian:** And the Ridley Tenants Council was like, like reported or like had a connection with the Redevelopment and Housing authority?

[00:16:57] **Jannie Bazemore:** Yes. So, um, I don't know. They, I know they did, I know they did a lot of meeting, they did a lot of work in trying to, um, accomplish something because, um, my mother had gotten to, we had. We had a tornado in Ridley Circle, they wouldn't declare it as a tornado. They said it was high winds.

Um, and that was in, that was in 1968. Um, and where was I going with that?

[00:17:54] **Adrian:** The Tenants Union? The, um, Redevelopment <u>Housing</u> Authority, that relationship?

[00:18:01] **Jannie Bazemore:** yeah. I mean that was, that was, that was much earlier than all of this. That was in 1968, uh, April 30th, 1968. As a matter of fact, it was another anniversary yesterday for that one. Um. But they didn't declare that a, a tornado, but it landed the whole lumber yard up in front of the doors, basically.

And two by fours and all of that through the roofs. Um, And, um, I think that that is a lot of stuff that, that started some of her advocacy for, um, the tenants in Ridley <u>Circle.</u>

Um, and it, it wouldn't, it wouldn't surprise me if she wasn't there in the seventies. I'm not, I'm not sure. I mean, if I can go back and see if there's something that has some dates for something. Um, so what is? Is there other...?

[00:19:10] **Adrian:** Yeah. Did you, or did anybody in your family have ever have any breathing issues, respiratory problems?

[00:19:18] **Jannie Bazemore:** Um, yes. Uh, my brother, my youngest brother, who was 15 years younger than myself, um, had a lot of kinda asthmatic kind of, most times they said bronchitis kind of stuff. Um, but when he got older, um, it went away. I mean, it, it didn't bother him as much, but he had, um, hospitalizations and stuff like that.

[00:19:46] **Adrian:** My goodness.

[00:19:48] Jannie Bazemore: Um,

[00:19:48] **Adrian:** Did he stay --oh, sorry.

[00:19:51] **Jannie Bazemore:** Go ahead.

[00:19:52] **Adrian:** When those problems went away, was he still living here?

[00:19:56] **Jannie Bazemore:** Um, [00:20:00] probably not. He wasn't living in Ridley <u>Circle.</u> He wasn't living in that area. 'Cause he, he, when he left, he moved up to the northern part of Newport News. But, um, it was, um, other kids around that were having, you know, difficulties like asthmatic type, um, in the area as well.

And I would say it was, I don't, I won't say that it was, you know, a lot, a lot of it going on. But, um, I do know that you could go out some days and it was like stuff was getting in your nose, in your pas-- in those passages and all of that. Um, because we did, we would sit out a lot in Ridley Circle.

Um, we had, initially we had the, the trash cans that line in your back (laughing) back door and everybody would come out in the evenings and we would be sitting around and, and, um, you know, like I said, we had, we had a lot of environmental stuff going on because along with the coal dust stuff that we had over here, the lumber yard had a big, giant tall incinerator over there where they would burn, I guess the coal.

The, not the coal That's the, um, sawdust from the woodworkers and stuff that they were doing. This may not have been a good idea. All of this traffic! (cars whoosh by in background)

[00:21:58] **Adrian:** Oh, it's, it's nothin'.

[00:22:00] **Yugonda Sample-Jones:** That, that just to, um, put the idea where that, um, the lumber yard was, it is in between 14th and 12th Street on Jefferson, right?

[00:22:12] **Jannie Bazemore:** It was, it was between 16th and 12th Street.

- 16th, 15, 16. Lemme see. Um, yeah, let me get the bearings again. 'Cause it was, oh, it looked strange to be over there.
- [00:22:25] **Yugonda Sample-Jones:** So where we were parked, that was at 14th Street.
- [00:22:28] **Jannie Bazemore:** That was 14th. So going back would've been 12th Street.
- [00:22:33] **Yugonda Sample-Jones:** 12th Street. Okay. And that was the huge incinerator that, is that the one that caught on fire?
- [00:22:41] **Jannie Bazemore:** No, it didn't, it didn't really catch on fire. You're talking about prob, you're probably talking about those gas containers.
- [00:22:49] **Yugonda Sample-Jones:** I'm not sure. When we were at the tea party today, and some elders were talking about the fire and gas....
- [00:22:56] **Adrian:** They, yeah, they were talking about gas tankers.
- [00:22:58] **Jannie Bazemore:** The Exxon tanks that were down there.
- [00:23:01] **Adrian:** Really? Of course it was Exxon
- [00:23:02] **Jannie Bazemore:** Caught on fire. 1958. 1958, I think. Um, it burned for several days. I'm thinking almost a week. Um, that scared us to death because they kept talking about it getting to one of the bigger tanks. And if it did and it would explode and the stuff would probably come into the neighborhood and I was just telling us of all kind of stuff that wouldn't let me sleep at night. At eight years old.
- [00:23:36] **Yugonda Sample-Jones:** Was there ever any type of remediation or did after it happened, did anyone ever come to you to talk to you about the health effects or what-- it-- you know, why it happened? Or just --
- [00:23:50] **Jannie Bazemore:** I-- not to my knowledge because like I said, I was eight years old at that time. Um, but I, I don't recall and I was a little nosy child, alright. When they would say, this is adult conversation. I'm like, "Oh boy, let's get the goods." So, but, but I don't recall anybody ever coming to say anything. Um, as you know, as far as, because it was, it was just, um, flues of black, black smoke that was all over the neighborhood. But the incinerator, um, basically I would say is from where we lived, I would say the middle of that

block from our house. Was this big, tall incinerator. Um, and at night you could see the, the fire, 'cause it was like a screen on the top, so you could see the, the redness of the fire. [00:25:00] And on top of that you could see ember, the embers coming out, um, or whatever else stuff was flying, coming out of those, um, those screens.

So, like I said, we had a lot of environmental issues over there. Mm-hmm. But, um, I know there were some, there were some adults in the, in the area that were having, uh, respiratory issues. I can, I can remember about three or four adults that would be coughing and, um. You know, I just kind of, "Ugh."

Um, but, you know, whether or not they were smokers or anything else, I don't know. But I know that they, you know, would have these coughs and stuff like that.

[00:25:56] **Adrian:** What about like heart disease and COPD?

[00:26:02] **Jannie Bazemore:** Um. I don't know whether, whether these folks that I'm talking about had COPD or not. I mean, it was, wasn't a term that I knew back then.

[00:26:11] **Adrian:** That's fair.

[00:26:13] **Jannie Bazemore:** Um, so, you know, most of the time they just said they got a upper respiratory, um, infection or something like that, they would call it.

So,

[00:26:25] **Adrian:** and it would, um, the coal dust affected, like your laundry, you talked about that.

[00:26:33] **Jannie Bazemore:** Um, yeah, people would, people would hang out, um, you know, especially like, uh, they would, they would hang out the clothes.

We didn't have, we didn't have dryers and people hardly had washers, but we didn't have dryers in that, in that complex.

Um, so I mean, it was routine to hang out your laundry. And especially your whites, like your, your sheets and stuff like that.

Sometimes you could see the, see some of the soot on it from the, you know. I, we say soot, but it was, it had to be the, uh, coal particles. That was probably getting on your, on your clothes.

[00:27:16] **Jannie Bazemore:** And most of the time they would shake 'em out and. Dust them off and fold them up. That was it. You can go back and rewash 'em.

So, but yeah, it would, it would affect that as well.

[00:27:33] **Adrian:** So in your dream world, um, if, if anything was possible, what would you like to see done about the coal dust?

[00:27:49] **Jannie Bazemore:** Well, I don't think it's gonna go away. It hasn't gone away in all of this time. Um, so there, there has to be, um, some kind of shields or something that they could put there to keep, to try to keep it confined, you know. It-- we are, we're not talking about the distance of miles from where the homes are. So, and um, before they tore down Harbor Homes, those houses were pretty much right up almost against the, couldn't have been more than a block from those homes.

Um, but if there's a way to shield that coal dust, because the sprinklers. Although they may have kept it down, some, it still was not, it's still not doing the job of keeping it confined. So I would, I just know it's not gonna go away because there's money involved.

(chuckles)

[00:29:02] **Jannie Bazemore:** So I think that, that in the dream world, uh, they would have something that could actually contain it and keep it there instead of it flying all over. 'Cause here we are, we on Hampton Avenue now and we are, what is it, four blocks that way? Uh, four or five. I'd say no more than about seven blocks going that way. Um, and then maybe over a few blocks, but we get a lot of the residue right here on Hampton Avenue.

So that, I think is, is what would help as far as the residents and all are concerned. Because it, you know, like my mother said back there 40 years ago, she said, "If this is getting on our [00:30:00] window sills if it's, it's getting in our houses, it's getting in our lungs, you know, and you know it's right."

So it just wasn't, uh, I don't think, I don't know that anybody was ever diagnosed with black lung disease in this area. Like the coal miners.

[00:30:24] **Adrian:** You know, we actually did hear one story of somebody who had that di, her sister had that diagnosis. (Note: This is in the Uneita Scott testimony.)

[00:30:29] **Jannie Bazemore:** Really?

[00:30:30] Adrian: Really. Yeah. 14 years old.

[00:30:32] **Jannie Bazemore:** Really?

[00:30:32] Adrian: Yeah. A child, a 14-year-old child.

[00:30:35] **Jannie Bazemore:** Oh, my stars! Okay.

[00:30:36] **Adrian:** Had a, she said she had her lung amputated. She had, she had a lung taken out. As a 14-year-old.

[00:30:45] **Jannie Bazemore:** Well, I do know my, my girlfriend's, um, sister, um, she basically grew up around this area, but she was further down, um, 22nd street and she ended up with a lung disease. Um, I don't-- they, they didn't call hers black lung or anything like that.

And I don't know that it was affected by coal dust or whatever, but it was a lot, a lot of folks around the area, um, deal with, um, I heard of people dealing with what, sarcoidosis or something like that.

[00:31:27] Adrian: Sarcoidosis.

[00:31:30] **Jannie Bazemore:** Yeah. And they, and some of the people that, that I knew that dealt with, that lived over there on 16th Street across from Dunbar School. And they were in that area. So, um, I don't think they ever really did any kind of study or anything to see if people were affected or how they were affected. Because they didn't, they didn't care. It was, it was money being made. And so what collateral damage.

I mean, that's, that's the way the folks in the money feel about things. You know, I guess it's why I don't have money. 'Cause I don't want to feel like that. But it, I mean, basically that's it. They don't, it's as long as money is being

made, um, you know, somebody's gotta suffer the consequence. And in this neighborhood it is, this is mostly the African American or Black or whatever people call themselves.

I call myself American. Um, you know it, that's the area where all of this is, is conjugated. That's it. So, so what, that's kind of how people feel. <u>Unfortunately.</u>

But this lady (gesturing to photo of her mother) was a fighter. And anything in the neighborhood, they say, "Take it to Ms. Bazemore, take it to Miss Bazemore." <u>So.</u> yep. She was one of those quiet advocates for everybody.

[00:33:29] **Yugonda Sample-Jones:** Mm-hmm.

[00:33:31] **Jannie Bazemore:** And, um, she saw, she saw a need for things and she went out and, and fought for it. So unfortunately, they tore up the parking lot that she had the, she, that she eventually got the tenant, the, the Redevelopment and Housing to put in Ridley <u>Circle.</u> Because all we had was this little street parking where, you know, cars parked on both sides and then everybody had to squeeze through. So she finally got them to take a d that was over there and build a parking lot. So don't tell anybody that it was my idea, (laughing) but, um, yeah, I just, I just hope to, to see them be able to do something to confine the dust. So. If that's feasible.

[00:34:35] **Adrian:** If your mom was still here, what do you think that she would have to say about it?

[00:34:44] Jannie Bazemore: Well, um.

I guess you would probably say the same thing that I've said. As long as there's money involved, you not all--, you're not gonna always get what you, [00:35:00] you know, what's good for the people. So, um, she basically had not stopped-- uh, my mom passed when she was 86. And she was still under her own power and she pretty much, she had just started to kind of have maybe some dementia. But before it, before all of that, she was still, even after we moved here, she was still very active in, um, trying to get things done.

So. And I, she wanted to be a foster grandparent because she always wanted to get her hands on children at a young age to try to develop their minds and make, make it positive, you know? Um, because she would always say that no matter what circumstances you come out of, changes could be made if you got in there and did the fight.

Mm. So, yeah, and I, I think about that a lot because, um, she was, she was all about the youth. Although she would run Michael Vick out of the, what she would say, "I don't know why you always wanna come in front of my door with that football."

So, um. But yeah, she did. She was the, the kind of that, the younger you get 'em, the better. You know, because you can shape those young minds and everything. And, um, I mean, we, we would see people, especially the children that, um, that she would, uh, have contact with, and we would see people out in the shopping centers or the stores or whatever, and. And it was always "Grandma Bazemore," <u>um,</u> and "I'm so glad to see you" and, and "Thank you," and yeah. You know, kind of thing.

[00:37:25] **Adrian:** That's beautiful.

[00:37:27] **Jannie Bazemore:** Mm-hmm. Yep. But I had a sister like that too. Well, I had, yeah. Both of my sisters were like that. Because they, my sister served as scouts for over 30 some years before they passed away.

And so I guess that kind of rubbed off from mama that if you can get 'em and shape 'em at an early age, you know, but, um, yeah, family of fighters, so, and I just, I, I know that she would basically say, I cannot believe. That they haven't done something more about the coal dust, you know. But.