

Project: **'Memories of Seven Lochs' Communities: A people's history'**.

Respondent: John Duffy

Year of Birth: 1959

Age: 63

Connection to project: Born in Garthamlock

Date of Interview: 11/04/23

Interviewer: Tina Blakely

Recording Agreement: Yes

Information & Consent: Yes

Photographic Images: No

Length of Interview:

Location of Interview: The Pantry - Ruchazie





Recording Equipment: Zoom H4n (internal mics)



Time (from: mins/secs)	Description	Transcribed Extract (from- to: mins/secs)
0.00 – 0.33	Interviewer confirms that respondent has grown up in a Seven Loch area (Garthamlock)	
0.41 – 1.22	Respondent tells us what his parents did for work. He also tells us that their family were Catholics.	
	“My dad used to be the janitor of St. Thenogs in Garthamlock, and then we moved over to Ruchazie and he was the janitor of St. Phillips Primary School, he left there, we left about 1967 to move down to the southside.”	0.45 – 1.02
	“Chores in the house, just a housewife, know what I mean, did all the chores, kept all of us going, my 4 brothers and 3 sisters”	1.12 – 1.19
1.26 – 1.50	Respondent tells us about the houses that he grew up in.	
	“When I was born in Tullycairn Rd it was tenements, that’s what I can remember, but when I moved to Ruchazie it was schoolhouse because my dad was the janitor of St. Phillips. 3 rooms up the top, 1 room at the bottom, living room, kitchen and a window let, a window that goes into the kitchen.”	1.26 – 1.46
1.53 – 3.04	Respondent describes the community at the time that he was growing up. He talks about the games they used to play on the streets as kids. He also remembers watching the local gangs fighting	
	“No worries, know what I mean? All the kids played in the tenements, played round the dykes, you know the back walls, chasing each other, running up and down the street with poles, standing on our heads against the walls you know, on our hands, seeing how long we can do that, and just running around the streets. Playing football, kicking the can about and kerby.”	1.54 – 2.15
	“When I stayed here, a Saturday night I was always up at the top of the hill, in St. Phillips primary school up where the pitch was, and I used to look across the road at the waste ground and I used to see the gangs fighting on a Saturday night, I didn’t bother with the telly, nothing on the telly, so that was my Saturday night and then my mum and dad would shout on me, ‘Right John, time to come in!’”	2.16 – 2.37
	“Or Garthamlock, I think Ruchazie and Garthamlock, it was the YY’s and the Tolls, and they used to cut through the school at night when my dad	2.42 – 3.04

	used to be shutting the gates at 10 o'clock at night and they'd say, 'You alright Mr D?', my dad would be like, 'Alright lads, c'mon I'm locking up.' And they would be like, 'Sorry, sorry sir, sorry sir.' You know and they would just cut through the school at night and my dad would lock the gate and they would chat away to my dad."	
3.10 – 3.35	Respondent recalls issues at the time, he talks about how there was a lot of poverty in the area	
	"Everybody was poor, you know the level of poverty was, was rife through the community, you know what I mean, but nobody bothered, they were all, they were all enjoying themselves, not a care in the world, you know what I mean? As I said, it was poverty, you know what I mean, 5 people living in one wee end tenement, as I said, but we didn't care, we all just grew up and we got on with it."	3.12 – 3.35
3.38 – 6.15	Respondent tells us that he didn't go to nursery, he also reminisces about his primary school days. He recalls a specific moment where Adam West, batman, came to visit his school. He talks about which subjects he preferred at the time. His most vivid memory is when he split his open at school.	
	"I loved St. Phillips and especially in 1966, we actually got a visit from Adam West, who at the time was batman and he was over in Scotland at that time doing a promotional safety, road safety things with all the kids, and he actually came, he drove into the school with his batmobile, and you know 'Is that batman?' and we loved it, you know what I mean, I just wish I had a camera and I was a bit older to get his autograph at the time, but it was actually Adam West, No robin. Just Adam West, no Robin, just Adam West coming up with his batmobile and he was giving the school a lecture on safety, you know. Then he went into Glasgow and did a few promos about safety and all that. The real batman Adam West, always remember the big batmobile coming up the road."	3.46 – 4.34
	"I liked all the teachers, right? Headmaster, I can't remember all their names, I got on alright and they got on alright with me because my dad was the janny, you know what I mean? And even if I was off, on the sick one, if I was ever off on the sick, the headmaster would come across and chap the school door, you know, the house, and how was I keeping and all that and everything. I couldn't dog it or nothing, I couldn't dog it."	4.38 – 5.04
	"I liked history, not bad at that, I liked history, don't think we had modern studies at that time but em, it was mostly history. I liked English, English was alright aswell you know, but I was into art, I loved art, my sister was in art, she did all the painting and stuff like that, aye I liked art."	5.09 – 5.26
	"Splitting my head open, in St. Phillips school we had the low playground and the high playground, and just before the steps at the high playground, there was a wee wall. Obviously where the stairs were, it was icy and we were all daring each other. 'Dare you slide.' You know, we called it a wee man at the time, right, you went down on your, well your hunkers, I don't know, obviously your hunkers, you went down basically crouched down and you tried to slide along the ice. So I tried this, and all the 'aw do it, do it, do it.' So I'm going along, I took a big runny and I went down on my hunkers and I slide and I went and flipped forward and smashed my head against the wall, and I got, I think it was 3 stitches."	5.30 – 6.11
6.20 – 9.05	Respondent remembers his favourite toys that he used to collect when he was younger. He talks about his die-cast car models, action men and his comics that he used to have. He also recalls his dad letting him and his friends go into the school at weekend to play football in the gym.	
	"I've still got my die-cast cars from here, I used to get them, there used to be a place up in Hogganfield Rd, where Hogganfield Loch is, just up the	6.22 – 7.15

	back and there was a newsagent and I used to get 10p, well 2 Shillings as pocket money, and I used to go up and buy a matchbox car which was 2 Shillings at the wee shop in Hogganfield Rd and then, that was my money spent all week and I've still got my cars that I bought since that day, you know obviously they're well loved right enough but I've got my diecast, basically what boys had, action men and all that. And I had 4 big black poly bags of DC Marvel comics which I took to a place in Tradeston and it was called Gedds brothers, and I got £3 for them and I wish I'd kept them cause they'd be worth a fortune now. And I got rid of the action men I had all the action men and all aswell, but I've still got my cars."	
	"Football, and I used to go in at the weekend, my dad would let us in the school and let us in the gym and me and all my pals would go in and play football, you know 5-a-sides, we'd go up on the pitch as well at the weekend."	7.18 – 7.30
	"Kick the can, just a wee can you kicked about the place and Kerby that was an old game that you had a ball and you'd fling it across the road and try and hit the kerb and if you hit the kerb right, the ball would bounce back to you and that was you, you got another shot, you know you'd have another shot. And that was our street games basically, and the other one was seeing how long you could stand on your hands with all your blood rushing to your head against a wall, you know how long you could last, you know what I mean, before you'd just collapsed. And you used to run up and down the streets with poles and all that and everything."	8.29 – 9.01
9.06 – 9.26	Respondent recalls his favourite food as a youngster which was the apple sauce that his dad used to make.	
	"My dad used to make apple sauce and I just loved apple sauce, with a bit of cold meat and tatties and all that on a Sunday, I always looked forward to it, even I would ask my da, 'are you just going to eat apple sauce?' and he was like, 'it's not Sunday yet.'"	9.06 – 9.22
9.30 – 11.12	Respondent talks about the holidays that he used to go on, he used to holiday in Shettleston. He remembers a holiday that he went to in London with his family once, he remembers hearing The Beatles recording their music once there. He also seen an actor who was in Coronation Street in London in the 60s, that was the first time he had seen someone who was on the telly. He sums up his childhood by saying he loved it.	
11.18 – 13.12	Respondent tells us what it was like being a teenager in his days. He tells us that when he was a teenager they moved to the Southside of Glasgow. He got his first job there. He talks about the responsibilities that he had in his first job. He then got a job in a wholesaler and he was there for 38 years. He used to enjoy going to the dancing, he tells us his favourite places to go dancing in Glasgow.	
13.14 – 13.43	Respondent talks about his memories of Christmas time when he lived in Ruchazie, his parents used to take him into Georges Square in Glasgow to see all the Christmas lights and he loved getting his Christmas shopping in while getting a Pick 'N' Mix.	
13.53 – 14.24	Respondent tells us about his own family. He talks fondly about being a grandfather.	
14.36 – 16.29	Respondent talks about issues affecting his work in the Southside, he recalls how they used to go on strike for workers pay on nightshift. He also didn't agree with the attitude of the management. He remembers how when the owners of the workplace changed that the attitudes in work changed.	

16.33 – 16.58	Respondent tells us about the changes that he has seen in Ruchazie from when he was growing up there compared to now.	
	“The last time I was here was 1962-67, it was just tenements, it was just tenements and dykes, the houses that were situating it. I’ve always got memories of the school, you know the school and the school house and the school and all that but it’s not there anymore, it’s just fields, but aye, it was tenements all round the place, it was just tenements everywhere you looked it was just tenements all over the place and it was brilliant.”	16.34 – 16.58
17.06 – 17.46	Respondent tells us his memories of Hogganfield Loch from when he was younger.	
	“Well, Hogganfield Loch, I loved Hogganfield Loch, I’ve always got memories of Hogganfield Loch, like when I fell in it, I couldn’t swim, there was a cyclist came by, pulled me out of the water, I was only there myself you know, I just took a, I just says I’ll go to Hogganfield Loch one day, just to walk about. I fell in it, don’t ask me how I fell in the water but I fell in the water, this cyclist pulled me up, pulled me out, wrapped a towel around me, put me on his handlebars and cycled me down the road to my ma and da’s house, down to the house, school house, I always remember Hoggie, it was, I loved Hogganfield Loch, now, you know what I mean, I’ve not been there since, I don’t know the changes and all that you know, but hopefully I can still reminisce.”	17.06 – 17.46
17.49 – 18.29	Interviewer thanks the respondent for his interview, he finishes saying he is glad to see the community work that is still happening in Ruchazie.	
	“I’m really glad that yourselves is actually trying to do something with the place now, I mean, there is a lot of places that is just left as wasteland, you know the Barrowlands you know and the memories have went with them, but when I come back here I’m glad that you’s are doing something with the place, you know not just leaving it derelict do you know what I mean? Like a lot of places.”	17.50 – 18.14
   		
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