

MRS. STREAMER: What period of time would you say that your father was involved in the Ku Klux Klan; in their meetings?

MR. TURNER: In and around '25.

MRS. STREAMER: 1925?

MR. TURNER: Yes, 1925.

MRS. STREAMER: Now you say you did; you did take him to several meetings?

MR. TURNER: I took him to several different towns: Mt. Vernon, New Harmony, Stuartsville, Owensville, Fort Branch, I took him to Owensville last.

MRS. STREAMER: Was he speaking at these meetings?

MR. TURNER: He was speaking to the Kluxers on the Ku Klux and the Catholics.

MRS. STREAMER: But you didn't know it in the beginning?

MR. TURNER: I didn't know it until I found it out there. He said that I was under sound advice, that he didn't know anything.

MRS. STREAMER: And that, you decided you wouldn't take him anymore?

MR. TURNER: Was he speaking against the Catholic Church then; there wasn't any Negro's in that county; they had to be against something, so it was against the Catholics.

MR. TURNER: It was against the Catholics and the Negroes, they used to live here too.

MRS. STREAMER: Oh, the Negroes too.

MR. TURNER: Oh yeah.

MRS. STREAMER: But you didn't have any Negroes in this community did you?

MR. TURNER: No we didn't have any but he had them in his head.

MRS. STREAMER: Oh he did, he had it in his speeches. Did you listen to his speeches?

MR. TURNER: I listened to some, I don't know.

MRS. STREAMER: Did he have large crowds at them?

MR. TURNER: Oh, very big crowds.

MRS. STREAMER: Big crowds.

MR. TURNER: He was a good speaker.

MRS. STREAMER: Oh, he was a good speaker and he had a lot of people to speak to is that right?

MR. TURNER: He had a lot of people to speak to any place he went.

MRS. STREAMER: Did they have marches like they did, like the one I remember in Poseyville? Did they have them in any other place?

MR. TURNER: Yeah, they burned that salted cross.

MRS. STREAMER: Why did they burn that cross?

MR. TURNER: I don't know.

MRS. STREAMER: Did they burn them in front of peoples houses?

MR. TURNER: No, I seen them put them in different places.

MRS. STREAMER: Oh, you mean out at the edge of town.

MR. TURNER: Out at the edge of town.

MRS. STREAMER: They burned huge crosses?

MR. TURNER: Big crosses.

MRS. STREAMER: But as far as you know they didn't do anything, any harm against anybody.

MR. TURNER: Not that I know of.

MRS. STREAMER: Did they as a group do any good that you know of.

MR. TURNER: Not that I know of.

MRS. STREAMER: They just met?

MR. TURNER: Yes, they had a bunch of them, Yeah they used to tell me I had to join. I said " I'll never join and cover my face.

MRS. STREAMER: Oh, they told you you'd have to join?

MR. TURNER: Yeah.

MRS. STREAMER: There was that many in Poseyville?

MR. TURNER: Oh yeah, there was twenty-five- thirty of them.

MRS. STREAMER: In a town that small? Did they have anything to do with politics as far as you know?

MR. TURNER: Not that I know of.

MRS. STREAMER: Not that you know of. Well, what effect did they have on their town, outside of just their meetings?

MR. TURNER: I don't know of any effect they had on the town.

MRS. STREAMER: They were just having a good time meeting?

MR. TURNER: They were just having a good time.

MRS. STREAMER: They really must not have been against the Catholics to much, cause I can remember my grandfather, his best friend was his next door neighbor, Grandfather

Nix, and he was one of the leading Catholics.

MR. TURNER: He was a Virginian though, he was going to take over the governor.