

Shopping in Vienna and Tysons Corner

VH: Along with the growth idea, do you remember what Tysons used to look like?

JS: You know, that's interesting because—and you can look this up—when we moved here, I said 'alright, where am I going to go shopping for clothes for the kids?' You know, pretty much, that was it, 'cause there weren't really any children's clothing in Vienna. I would go to Seven Corners, or I would go over to Montgomery Mall, which is kind of a hike. When we moved here, we drove out up 123 and here was this complex. It was just bathed in that parking lot light, you know, and it was Tysons. They were just opening when we moved here. It was just the Tysons—the original Tysons was there. The stores gradually opened and then I could shop there. It was interesting.

CG: But in the beginning, Tysons was mostly clothing stores—department stores?

JS: There were some movie theaters, maybe a few restaurants. But mostly clothing, I think, probably, yeah. And I don't think any of those clothing stores are there now that used to be there. I mean, Macy's used to be, oh...anyway, they've all changed names now.

VH: Are there any—well, I'm sure there are probably lots—but are there any businesses, restaurants, or other places that used to be here that you would go to that are now gone?

JS: There were several women's clothing stores that were here that were really good to go to. And gift shops. All of a sudden, we're missing gift shops that were here. I just hate to—I just hate to have to drive out of Vienna to go shopping. It seems that I've got to find it right here. Usually you can, but there's certain things that you can't. We used to have some shoe stores, mostly I guess clothing-type, retail. I think that's where online shopping comes in handy. (All: Yes.)