

Vienna's Rural Surroundings

CG: When you first moved here, there were those shops. What was outside of the town?

JS: Oh golly.

CG: We've heard mostly farmsteads...

JS: Well, actually, we had cows in Vienna. There were a couple of farms in the town of Vienna. One off of Nutley—you remember those cows down at the corner of Nutley and Courthouse Road? And then up at the other end of town, there were some cows, kind of a farm up there. Which was always kind of fascinating. If you missed your cows in Kansas, you could always go look at them there. What else? 66 was just opening in segments, so that kind of opened up...once you got on 66, there really wasn't much of anything really. You could drive all the way up from the Blue Ridge and not see any towns or anything. It was pretty much open country.

VH: Well, that certainly changed.

JS: Oh yeah. Oh, I know it. You have to drive all the way to the Loudon Line and then even a little further before you start feeling that you're in the 'country'.