

Being Southern

VH: We talked to Mayor Seeman. We asked her if she felt that Vienna felt Southern when she moved here from Kansas. You've lived here pretty much your whole life. Did you think of yourself as a Southerner?

SM: Yeah.

AS: I did.

SM: I had cousins in Ohio. I didn't consider myself as having any accent. They said 'Say that again.' I said 'What?' They said 'What you just said!' I said 'Why?' 'Cause you've got that accent!' I said, 'I don't have any accent!' 'Yes you do!' They took me to school with them and made me talk.

AS: When would that have been?

SM: It was about 1939 probably.

AS: So yes, you were Southern. You are Southern.

SM: Yes, I consider myself Southern.