

Businesses

Blue Cellar Restaurant

"dark...had all those Hungarian women working there," 040Q0:25:30

Brunswick House Tavern

trouble, "negative influence," 040Q1:17:30

Budapest Bakery

"busier those days than Harbord Bakery," 040Q0:12:00

"man that owned the Budapest, owned a lot of Bloor Street" etc., 040Q0:24:00

Corner stores

"everybody shopped at corner stores," 040Q0:16:00

"Italian store...sold smelly cheese...way too weird," 040Q0:12:30

Greenspan Butchers (Colman)

Jewish kosher butcher, 040Q0:12:30

Harbord Bakery

"a Jewish institution...the bakery of bakeries...only place with prune buns," 040Q0:12:00

Honest Ed's

"prices unreal...door-crasher specials," 040Q0:43:30

Kensington Market

"best places to buy appliances or food," 040Q0:11:00

has become very bland now, 040Q1:23:00

Kwong Chow Restaurant

"stayed...didn't get expropriated by City Hall," 040Q0:07:30

Other

changes to stores over the years, 040Q1:07:00

neighbourhood stores then and now etc. and "a well-known chicken shop," 040Q0:12:30

Sai Woo Restaurant

"stayed...didn't get expropriated by City Hall," 040Q0:07:30

Children & Youth

Playing & games

"adults around...but didn't supervise us...we did whatever we wanted," 040Q1:01:00
in house, "didn't like kids to come into house...embarrassed...taking turns ironing" etc etc, 040Q0:47:30

"rivalries...had a slingshot fight...had to stay in your block," 040Q0:59:30

Working & jobs

"basement in a restaurant peeling hundred pound bags of potatoes," 040Q0:42:00

father's laundry business in basement

"standing on a pop crate and ironing like a hundred shirts" etc etc etc, 040Q0:40:00

"we're kind of messed up...we don't know how not to work," 040Q0:49:30

City Hall & Other Governments

Expropriation of Chinatown

"didn't want tourists to see questionable cleanliness," 040Q0:07:00

"discouraging us from buying (houses)...we want you to leave" etc etc, 040Q0:29:00

Education

Central Tech

"big school...75% Italian," 040Q0:19:30

Discipline

"I did badly in school so my mother used to beat me a lot," 040Q0:51:00

English as a Second Language

"failed Grade one because I couldn't speak English very well" (born in Guelph but parents spoke Chinese exclusively at home), 040Q0:27:00

Lord Lansdowne Public School

building, "round school...cutting edge...didn't catch on," 040Q0:01:00

parents reaction to child's name change "they were compliant with school system," 040Q0:31:00

teacher changed Chinese name from Wai Sun to Wilson, 040Q0:04:30

"when I went to school...all WASP, white, Anglo-Saxon...some Jewish kids," 040Q0:03:00

Teachers

treatment "holding your ear...had to walk on tiptoes...humiliate you...was a hyper kid...they didn't care in those days," 040Q0:45:30

University of Toronto

"neighbourhood influenced by...businesses that cater to students," 040Q1:19:30

Ethnicity & Culture

Chinese community

education, attitude to "push to excel in school," 040Q0:50:30

education, Canadianize ethnic groups (at school) changed my name etc., 040Q0:04:00

immigrated in 1949..."first time they opened the doors to Chinese women," 040Q0:32:30

Chinese names changed; comparisons with Jewish community; racism; school discipline; laundry; accident; real estate prices; expropriation of Chinatown

<p>living in community "I assumed the world was Jewish and Italian," 040Q0:36:30</p> <p>"most Chinese went to Orde St. School...previous to that...basically the only Chinese family in our area," 040Q0:03:00</p> <p>racism, war veterans "upset that there were Chinese" mistaken for Japanese, 040Q0:06:00</p> <p>"we were seen as heathen...without religion or God," 040Q0:21:00</p> <p>Hungarian community</p> <p>"number of Hungarian families lived on Brunswick near Bloor," 040Q0:23:00</p> <p>Immigration waves</p> <p>Italian community wave after Jewish community began to move away, "huge influx," 040Q0:18:30</p> <p>Italian community</p> <p>immigration wave after Jewish community began to move away "huge influx," 040Q0:18:30</p> <p>"Italian fathers worked in construction...mothers at home," 040Q1:03:00</p> <p>in those days "Italians married Italians; Chinese married Chinese; Jews married Jews," 040Q0:20:00</p> <p>"very dominant in our area," 040Q0:22:00</p> <p>Jewish community</p> <p>moving away but "some of them never sold their houses" etc., 040Q0:17:30</p> <p>moving away "like it happened in a year or two," 040Q1:07:00</p> <p>neighbours, "didn't really have negative experiences with them...lot of similarities" etc., 040Q0:09:00</p> <p>Language</p> <p>Chinese, "my parents never learned English...spoke Chinese exclusively with my parents" etc., 040Q0:27:00</p> <p>Chinese, "new Chinese immigrants expected very poor English...taken aback that I could speak well," 040Q0:35:00</p> <p>Historical Events</p> <p>Rochdale</p> <p>"where everybody got drugs," 040Q1:28:30</p> <p>World War II</p> <p>war veterans "upset that there were Chinese" mistaken for Japanese, 040Q0:06:00</p>	<p>Houses of Worship</p> <p>Synagogues</p> <p>"every fifth house was a little Jewish synagogue...very religious," 040Q0:02:30</p> <p>Housing & Home Life</p> <p>Bathrooms</p> <p>"kids...had to wash in the laundry tub," 040Q0:39:00</p> <p>Pets</p> <p>didn't grow up with pets...foreign thing, 040Q1:13:30</p> <p>Porches & verandas</p> <p>"spent a lot of time on the porches...played games," 040Q1:00:30</p> <p>Tenants</p> <p>"multiple family houses...made ends meet...we had little space to ourselves" etc., 040Q0:37:00</p> <p>Laneways</p> <p>Conditions</p> <p>"they were very primitive...weren't paved...mud," 040Q0:59:00</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>"bad experience...local bogeyman," 040Q0:58:30</p> <p>Names</p> <p>Joe the Junkman</p> <p>"Jewish...colourful...fascinated," 040Q0:10:30</p> <p>Quan, Mr. (father of Wilson)</p> <p>immigrated in 1937...wasn't allowed to take wife, 040Q0:32:00</p> <p>Quan, Mrs. (mother of Wilson)</p> <p>immigrated in 1949..."first time they opened the doors to Chinese women," 040Q0:32:30</p> <p>Quan, Wilson (interviewee)</p> <p>accident..."Star paper box smashed me onto the road...Star truck rolled over my leg...walk in winter with crutches" etc etc, 040Q0:52:00</p> <p>"failed Grade one because I couldn't speak English very well," 040Q0:27:00</p> <p>name changed from Wai Sun to Wilson etc., 040Q0:04:30</p> <p>read lots after accident...became top student in high school, 040Q0:55:00</p> <p>talks about family, siblings, moving from Guelph etc., 040Q0:33:30</p> <p>Wong, Charlie (well-known Chinese cook)</p> <p>"taught my mother how to cook," 040Q0:48:00</p>
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Neighbourhood & Community

Chinatown

lived there...that's just what you did...didn't
move into a white neighbourhood,
040Q0:28:00

Crime

robberies, "my son got mugged on College,"
040Q1:18:00

Gentrification

"don't like living around rich people...too
much for me," 040Q1:23:00
"second hand stores disappeared...rent went
crazy...taxes are unreal," 040Q1:21:00
"we're no longer a down to earth
neighbourhood," 040Q1:24:00

Neighbours & neighbours' relations

living within Chinese, Italian and Jewish
communities etc., 040Q0:20:00

Rochdale

"where everybody got drugs," 040Q1:28:30

Safety

old days...safe...now...random violence,
040Q1:14:00

Scott Mission

homeless made racist remarks to Chinese,
040Q0:06:00

Occupations & Finances

Finances

families, "parents were frugal...pop
bottles...only money we got,"
040Q0:42:30
father partially deaf...couldn't hold down
regular job, 040Q0:40:00
"kids that lived here...can't afford to live
here...rents outrageous," 040Q1:24:30
poverty, teacher reaction to poverty/his
clothing "you don't deserve to be with
other people...go to the back of the
class," 040Q0:44:30
poverty, "went to school without
breakfast...one time made a sugar
sandwich...tattered clothes,"
040Q0:44:00
"will become a haven for people to have a lot
of money...feel sorry for kids...they won't
experience the diversity...become
upscale" etc, 040Q1:25:00

Joe the Junkman

"Jewish...colourful...fascinated," 040Q0:10:30

Laundry

"business didn't do very well (in Guelph) so
we moved to Toronto...Chinatown,"
040Q0:32:30

father ran a laundry business out of the
basement, 040Q0:40:00

Restaurateur

Wilson's mother ran Chinese-Canadian
restaurant, 040Q0:48:30

Real Estate

Costs

"we don't have a middle class in this area
anymore...older people can't afford the
taxes in this area...rent to make ends
meet," 040Q1:08:30

Other

"unless their families kept their home, they
can't live here...won't be able to afford,"
040Q1:10:30

Prices

"house on Robert St. sold for 1.5M,"
040Q1:24:00

"only way to stay in area...if house passes
from family member," 040Q1:27:00

Rent

rental properties being rented to students in
60s/70s, 040Q1:04:00

Streets & Intersections

Brunswick Ave.

"actually a funny book 'Everybody lives on
Brunswick Street sometime,'"
040Q1:05:00

Brunswick Ave., 68/70

"90 year old Jewish woman...wanted to see
her house that she grew up" etc,
040Q0:17:00

Brunswick & Harbord

"a very, very busy place," 040Q0:14:00

Dundas & Spadina

how Chinatown came to that area,
expropriation by city, 040Q0:07:00

Lippincott St., 207

where Wilson Quan's brother lives,
040Q0:34:00

Yorkville

"wasn't like it is now...rented..20 of us to a
room," 040Q1:28:00