

## Interview Transcripts with Minnie Evans, by Nina Howell Starr and Celestina Ware, 1962-1973

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NHS. Well yes, I would love to hear about that.

MRS. KELLY. The children use to come there to play and she was there to my grandmother's

NHS. Grandmother Rachel? Grandmother Rachel?

MRS. KELLY. Yes, there on Market Street between 10th and 11th and she be playing in the yard and directly she jump and the other children ask her say[[strikethrough]]ing[[/strikethrough]] Minnie what you looking at and they would laugh at her. She say I see some [[strikethrough]]campbells[[/strikethrough]] camels [[strikethrough]]Campbells?[[/strikethrough]] camels? Ah, Minnie say she [strikethrough]]Campbells[[/strikethrough]] camels? All, will the say she see [[strikethrough]]Campbells[[/strikethrough]] camels. We don't see none. She say I see[[strikethrough]]th[[/strikethrough]]'em, marching, and one got behind the other and got his tail in his mouth holding just like you see them marching.(NHS yes) They look and say oh we don't see no [[strikethrough]]campbells[[/strikethrough]] camels. So I went out there. Some of the children [[strikethrough]]made[[/strikethrough]] said something or the other at me. I say what is you doing? Talking about what you see? I don't know what the woman's name now was Setting down [[strikethrough]]resting[[/strikethrough]] there. now She says you left that child alone. You don't know what's in her . I said no . Well you let her alone and she would play awhile and look in the sky to see and at night her grandma said she was in her bed . after She put her in the bed and she would be kicking and crying and say what's the matter? She'd say I can't sleep . I can't sleep. She say as soon as she would doze off she said two or three old men would have her and this one would throw her to that one and the other would would throw her to [[strikethrough]]that[[/strikethrough]] the other one + catch a[[strikethrough]]nd say[[/strikethrough]] "you needn't be afraid. We ain't gonna let you fall," and just throwing [[strikethrough]]her[[/strikethrough]] and pitching her like that till grandma then taken her and put her in her bed behind her and she wold get close up under grandma.

NHS. Was that your mother? Your mother or your grandmother?

MRS. KELLY. Grandma

NHS. Your grandmother?

MRS. KELLY. Yes, and so she say she be sitting down in school and instead of studying her lesson she be noddin[[strikethrough]]g[[/strikethrough]] and the teacher asked her what [[strikethrough]] he matter and she told her what was the matter and so she got at grandma and them about it, couldn't they do something for her . She say she just couldn't rest things picking at

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her, picking at her, and when she be out playing she'd suddenly take attention and be looking in the sky to see things and the children be laughing at her. She say well I see it. 'No you don't cause we don't see it.' No, but I see it [[strikethrough]] and that's[//strikethrough]] all+ she'd see in the sky growing, growing, and some nights now she don't rest. Then I gets at her and giver her Night [[strikethrough]] all[[/strikethrough]], Nervine and stuff to get her to sleep, to rest and I say then in the morning

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