

GH1 – Gilberto Hernandez, “East Side of Bridgeport, 1950’s”

Transcript: pp. 3-4

Time-Line: Decade VI, Local and National Events, 1955, “5,000-7,000 Puerto Ricans are living in Bridgeport.”

GH: Everywhere, everywhere was, you know you could walk at night, any hours midnight you just walk, I used to walk from, when I worked in Avco - first started, I used to --my Aunt used to take care of my daughter, you know, Father Panik Village, I used to come in Father Panik Village 12 o'clock at night you know, when we use to go dancing with my wife whenever she used to take care of my daughter. I used to walk, downtown that's when we were living on the other side of town. This city was beautiful. We used to sleep --we didn't have money for an air conditioner, we used to sleep with doors open, the windows open. So this was a beautiful city so, way back, you know, in the 50's.