

Introduction of Vivian Jones-Wright

A native of LaGrange, Ky. Vivian grew up in the segregated community of LaGrange, Ky. attending the LaGrange Training School for Black students. She was among the first group of Black students that attending Oldham County High School when the school integrated in 1963.

She is a retired Oldham County Deputy Sheriff and lived in the LaGrange community most of her life. She recalls times as a child in LaGrange when Blacks were forced to the balcony to watch movies at the local movie theatre and when local businesses did not allow Blacks in their restaurants or stores.

Vivian has spent most of her time volunteering at the Oldham County Youth Football League, the Oldham County History Center, attending church and exercising. For over 30 years she has served on the Board of Directors for the Oldham County Youth Football League.

As a volunteer at the history center, she has enjoyed learning more about her ancestors and community as she stated:

I never really understood or appreciated what slavery and the Underground Railroad had to do with my life and my ancestor's lives. Since being at the history center, seeing pictures and documents I had never seen before, I want to learn all I can. I hope this podcast reaches out to young people to show how important history can be to the gateway for our actions and the future.