

**Lagatha Paysinger: Barber Shop in Elkton**

LP: The next barber that I remember was Ernie Crabtree. And I don't know where Ernie came from to Elkton, but I vaguely remember that his barber shop was now what is the Boondock building. Mr. Henry McFarland had a little grocery store and the bus station was there. And the next door was the barber shop and Ernie Crabtree had the barber pole and I have learned, and you may go on the internet and validate this, that the barber's pole was collected, was I can't think of the words I want to use, the barber's pole was created the white for purity, the red for blood. Barbers were dentists and doctors and the pole represented the purity, the white was the purity, the red was the blood. That was like three hundred years ago. I don't know if it's still used now to indicate a barber shop or not. But you could go there and you could get a haircut, you could get a tooth pulled, or you could get fixed up whatever was wrong with you.