

# SEVENTH WARD SPEAKS

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EVERYONE USED TO BE INVOLVED. EVERYONE SAT ON the porch. You told stories, you listened, and you asked! “That’s so-and-so going down the street.” “Oh, what about so-and-so?” We knew where they lived. Right now, we still say, “Who’s your mother, who’s your father? Who’s your nannan and who’s your parrain?” We still make our family connections.

The end of the story—and the beginning—is the cemetery. You know, you walk through the cemetery, and say, “Oh, that’s Dee, he lived on Republic Street.” They’re still around. That’s where the stories are. I don’t take anything for granted because I know it can all be wiped out. Somebody can come along and make a decision, call it “economic progress,” and something is gone.



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