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Q. Go ahead now and tell me.

A. So my father got my sisters and brothers in the car and took them over in Cook's Addition, where my grandmotehr lives.

Q. Were you scared

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A Yes. So when my father got back he and my mother were just standing there watching the creek. We still hadn't got out of the house or anything because we didn't believe it. Then he made us get in the car and took us up Proctor Hollow to park the car out of the way of the water.

We came back down to the store to watch, to see if the water would get up. When we got down there my mother made me go in the store and buy a big jacket because it was real cold that morning and after I came back out my mother had remembered the little boy -- his mother had taken him to the house next door -- as because she and her husband were separated and she had taken him to the house the night before to spend the night there. lyly mother was afraid she had her other little children there,, so she sent my father back to tell her to get out and warn her about it.

So when my-father got up to the bridge, me and -my mother were standing there at the foot of the steps at the store and we could look straight up the road and see our house and all the other houses in the bottom where we live.

My mother had turned around or something and I was looking up there -- by this tilme my father had

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seen the water coming when he got to the bridge -- he didn't get to go to that house. He turned around and started running back. I looked up there and saw our house move. It just picked up and moved over next to our next-door neighbor's house and that's all I remember seeing because it seems like I just went deaf completely.

I couldn't hear, I couldn't see, I couldn't do anything. I stood there screaming and that's when my mother saw the house moving. My father grabbed me and my mother and my cousin came down there with us too, and my father made her get in the car and come with us. Vanessa Wiley.

Q. Let me interrupt you. When you saw the flood pick your house up and move it, where were you standing or were you in a car?

A. No. We were standing right at the foot of the Island Creek Store., of the steps.

Q. And how far would you say that was from your home?

A. I don't really know. It's just a little ways. It's within walking distance. It doesn't take you about five minutes to walk from that store up to where we lived.

Q. And were you standing down in the bottom or

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up on the hill?

A. We were standing down in the bottom, down next to the highway.

Q. And where was your automobile at that time?

A. It was up Proctor Hollow. It was away from the water.

Q. What did you do when you saw your house moving?

A. I just started screaming and crying and everything. I guess I just broke down completely.

Q. Where did you go then?

A. My father made us start up Proctor Hollow. He had to drag my mother. He pulled her up Proctor Hollow and when we started running up the hollow the power lines and things started breaking and I was almost up to our car then. But my father had to drag my mother back down the hollow away from the wires so they would not fall on her and before they fell completely to the road, they quit breaking.

By this time we made it completely up to our car. My father said he could hear the screaming and houses breaking and everything, but I didn't hear anything. I was completely deaf. I couldn't hear.

Q. How long did your deafness last?

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A. Until the waters went down completely.