

**Wiregrass Black History Project, RG 298**  
**Robert “Cookie” Potter Interview Transcript**

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**Biographical Sketch:** Robert "Cookie" Potter lived in the Southside neighborhood of Dothan, AL, from his birth in 1946 until the city razed Southside in an urban renewal project c. 1960. Potter played baseball for Carver High School then entered the Negro Leagues (playing for the Indianapolis Clowns) and the minor leagues (Cincinnati Reds). He pitched against a number of baseball legends, including Satchel Paige.

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**Scope / Content Note:** Video interview transcript, Robert “Cookie” Potter discusses his childhood in Dothan, AL's Southside neighborhood, including his substandard family house, community, education, and recreation. He talks about his career in baseball's Negro Leagues and minor league as well as comparing children's discipline between today and his childhood.

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**00:00:01 Mit Kirkland**

OK, give me spell your name for me.

**00:00:05 Cookie Potter**

R-O-B-E-R-T P-O-T-T-E-R. Robert Potter.

**00:00:12 Mit Kirkland**

OK. All right. Robert Porter, do you give us permission to use this video for the [Wiregrass] Archives and for other promotional . . . video?

**00:00:25 Cookie Potter**

Yes, I've may.

**00:00:29 Mit Kirkland**

All right, I know you're Cookie.

**00:00:32 Cookie Potter**

Yeah, [my nickname] is Cookie. Yeah.

**00:00:35 Mit Kirkland**

OK. Could you tell me about what was life was like on the Southside?

**00:00:41 Cookie Potter**

Life was like on the Southside? I mean, we were pretty good about playing with the fellas and ball and things. But one thing about it, you got to be at home before it get dark, if you don't, you wish you had to.

But reality. Living on the Southside. And where I know now, I couldn't go back that way. Because the simple reason . . . you can sit in the house and count the chickens on the floor, at night you can see the moon rising.

But some people had [electricity and electric] lights, some of them, didn't. We the fortunate ones that we had lights. But also had an outdoor bathroom, but we also had an indoor bathroom.

And when we coming up, our parents would never go outside and use the bathroom, they go out there.

One day I was sitting in the in the on the porch about dark, I see my Mama come out of the house running, and I said, “what's wrong with *you*?”

“Oh,” [she said] I ain't gonna tell you what happened. I feel I feel the *hand* crawl across me.”

I said, "well, what you do?"

"I was out in that bathroom . . ."

I said, "what you doing out in that bathroom? You got one inside the house."

"Well, you know how it is, son. You be used to that, so, you know . . ."

I said, "I don't know. You tell me about it."

She started telling me about the old times and the good time when they were coming up, that's all they knew was the outdoor bathroom.

I said, "what?"

I start looking at her, kinda funny looking, then it throw me off a loop. I thought, "whoa, man," I said, "what?" I said, "y'all had it mighty rough."

She said, "Son, you just don't know. We have a time coming up."

I said, "you couldn't have as bad a time as we have coming up now."

"Yeah, we're a little better now."

I said to myself, "when I get older, I don't want to live like this."

I thank the Lord. He brought me a long ways.

#### **00:03:22 Mit Kirkland**

Let me let me ask you this, what was the neighborhood like?

#### **00:03:27 Cookie Potter**

This neighborhood is, everybody got along just like sister and brother.

#### **00:03:32 Cookie Potter**

If you if you pass by the street and don't speak to the elderly lady, you speak next time 'cause both of 'em whup ya.

She'll tell your Mama, "you know your son come out here and he didn't say good evening, how y'all doing . . . nothing.

He said, "we'll drag him home and I'll ask him about it."

When you get home . . . "that lady said you didn't speak to her."

I said, " yes, I did."

"No, you ain't. No. You ain't tell no story."

I said, "uh-oh . . . uh-oh. Yeah, I did. Yes, I did speak."

She said, "no, you didn't."

I said, "Mama, I'm going to tell you the truth. I didn't speak."

"Well, come on back here."

"What's you going to do?"

"Go get me a switch."

You go out and get one of those small switches.

"What'd you get that for?"

That's alright. I going . . . [she went] and got with them limbs out there . . . oh, she gonna work on you.

"Next time you learn to speak to her."

"Yes, ma'am. I know how to speak."

And back then. Not like the kids here today. Back then, parents could whip you and your neighbor could whip you, won't nothing be said.

These days, this generation, you said something to those kids, their Mama wanna whoop you.

I don't know, everybody on the Southside got along pretty good, just like the neighborhood, like community. Everybody knew one another.

#### **00:05:14 Mit Kirkland**

Now, do you think the discipline that was in the community had a lot to do with the way that you grew up and the man you became?

#### **00:05:25 Cookie Potter**

That's true. It sure did. It taught me . . . when we was coming up, ain't no such thing as a time out. It's the belt. It's the belt.

Well, one day I was sitting there, I got mad. I want . . . everybody went to the movie. I was small, won't go to the movie [unintelligible]. I'm so mad. We had this fireplace, I got mad and threw the quilt in the fireplace. I wish I hadn't did. I would never do that no more.

My grandma told me, "I'm going to tell your daddy."

"I don't care. Tell it." You know, smart. I wish I would never say that. That man broke a belt on me. He broke a belt on *me*. A leather belt. I said, "I never do *that* no more."

And the time now . . . back then and now . . . you know, there was no such thing as a time out, that's why children so bad now. They spare the rod . . . and spoil the child . . . you spoil the child, you spare the rod.

So we, we, everybody in our neighborhood got along. If the neighbor didn't beat you, your Mama will. If you go outside do something wrong, and the neighbor don't like to see what you're doing, "I'm gonna whoop you, I'm gonna whoop you and tell your Mama to whoop you and you get another one when you get home.

**00:07:02 Mit Kirkland**

What did what did you? I know you all played in Minor League Baseball, OK? What did y'all do for fun in the neighborhood?

**00:07:12 Cookie Potter**

See, back then, what we did is a bunch of the Grises [Two families named Grice lived on S. Bell St.], the Taylors, her [to Ms. Taylor, in the room] brother, Chip.

All we did, we had a baseball team. On Sunday . . . on Sunday evening we go over there on Saturday and every day we get a chance, we go up, we have our baseball at school, the old school over on Southside [Southside Elementary, 715 S. Alice St.] had a baseball field.

So we get together, all of us, and play baseball until Old Man Hawk, owned the funeral home, they got a Little League team up. We had to go from the Hawk, we had the [Amazon] club, the Elks club, and two more teams.

So what we did . . . Old Man Hawk bought some uniforms on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July . We had a pretty good baseball team then, nobody could beat us.

**00:08:32 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

They sure wouldn't. What we do, we playing to the center down there . . . on the center? We had to walk from Southside to the Lincoln Community Center just to play baseball.

So me, my cousin Buie . . . Blue, Curly, Chip. I was the only good thing out there. I was about 5 or 6, I was running around. I thought I was doing something. I was big.

Man. Some big old boys out there . . . I was playing third base, Bluegrass out there playing right field. They said . . . I said, man, baseball, I said, "you ain't got no glove?"

"I don't need no glove." Out there playing barehanded, he was catching the ball barehanded.

I said, "man . . ."

Now, that was the days. That was the days back then. We had to walk to go up to that center. You have to walk one side of town to another.

On Southside, we didn't have nothing to do. But we yeah, have a baseball team. All we on the baseball team on Sunday. We get back there practicing behind the school. We made it a field.

And then back then there were two white boy, named Jerry . . . what was the other white boy named . . . named Jerry . . . I can't call his name and they were two of them brothers. They'd come back there and play with us on Sunday evening. They lived down on Dusy Street.

So the school would have a fence separating us from the white folks.

So we're comin' out down there. We play and they come out and play with us. We treated them just like brothers.

Well, I saw. I saw Jerry the other day. He told me that his brother had passed away. He and he was in New Orleans. I said, "Lord have mercy." But every time he sees me he hollas at me.

[Unintelligible]

**00:10:53 Mit Kirkland**

All right, Cookie. You went on to play in the minor league, correct?

**00:10:59 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Yeah, I played. Yeah. I played. Nowadays . . . Yeah. First of all, start off with this. People understood. First, I started off in the Negro League. Every . . . every year they have some. This year they have some.

**00:11:15 Mit Kirkland**

Hold up. [six-second pause] OK, OK. [stage direction] OK, look over that way, Cookie. Alright.

All right. You went on to play baseball in high school and in the Negro League and professionally. So. So tell me about that.

**00:11:37 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

OK. When I went to play at the high school, my senior year, we won the state champion[ship]. That . . . there was some little town called Pine Level, Alabama. There's some school up there. I don't know what name of school was, it's been so long. I don't know.

So but then, after I finished school, I went to Philadelphia, I went to Philadelphia. I was sitting in my living room with my grandmother. This dude from New Jersey called me wanted me to play in the [summer ; time = 12:19] League.

So I played that for a while and then I said, "they ain't gonna stop me." So I went there and joined the Indianapolis Clowns in the Negro League. I played with Satchel Paige. I played there a couple of years with Satchel Paige.

Then then I went to spring training for the Cincinnati Reds and I made the team. And I played two or three years down there. I played two or three years down there.

And, uh . . . messed around . . . this old leg I hurt playing football starts giving me trouble. So I leave that alone. Then I come back to Dothan, and I played for the Dothan Tigers down there, [I] played shortstop.

**00:13:26 Mit Kirkland**

OK, tell tell me about your experience playing, the team you played for, and your experience playing in the in the minor leagues.

**00:13:34 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

My experience playing in the minor league, I had a lot of experience. [Unintelligible] Back then, when we were coming up they didn't teach us the rules of baseball. All you got to do is get a glove out there and go play. But I when I got down there, I was so behind on a lot of stuff. I had to catch up.

Back then in the 60s, you had two or three strikes against you. You got to be way better than people you play with. Especially coming out of the South.

They're not, they're not . . . They kept the equipment, they kept the [gate]. It's . . . it's a very expensive thing that I did, that I thought I should have known about when I was going to high school. But I learned a lot of stuff now down there. How to be a [unintelligible], how to take care of, you know.

One thing about it, they didn't let you go hungry down there. You get . . . you eat 3 or 4 times a day.

I got in trouble one time. The coach . . . listen, I'm going to tell you something I got in trouble for. The coach said, "y'all off today. You're off tomorrow. Y'all ain't got to come to practice tomorrow. Y'all be in the bed by ten, eleven o'clock." No, I'm gonna slip down on Central Ave. Ohh boy, I got in trouble. I got . . .

He says, "man (when I got back to home), you just came out here, someone been calling you all evening." I said, "who's calling me?"

"Some woman calling you since you been . . ." I said. I said, "what?"

Ohhhh! Then that's [unintelligible]. The hotel man had told the coach. Lord, lord. We're in trouble then. There were a bunch of us. We're gonna go out there and party, we were gonna party.

**00:16:01 Mit Kirkland**

OK, let me ask you this. How long did you play in the minor leagues?

**00:16:07 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

I played in about 5 or 6 years.

**00:16:09 Mit Kirkland**

Say "I played in the minor leagues."

**00:16:10 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

About 5 or 6 years I played from '68 to about '70, '70-something. I think I played. It's been so long ago. I don't really don't know, but I played a while down there. Yeah.

**00:16:25 Mit Kirkland**

Was it? OK, let me ask again. You can just tell me approximately, you don't have to tell me exactly how many years you played in the minor league. I want to know what it was like to go from Southside, living . . . you know, you talked about how you could look through the roof and through the floor and outdoor restroom. To go from there to being able to play professional baseball, how did that feel?

**00:16:54 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Oh man, that's going to tell you how that feels. That feels great, I said, I imagine I was sitting there . . . sometime I'll be sitting in . . . [thinking] you know what? I came a long way.

And I say, I tell 'em . . . if it weren't for my daddy teaching me how to play, he taught me how to play. [He] said, "you gonna catch this ball, [or] I'm going to whup you."

I had to catch it. So he taught . . . he taught me how to play.

All the short story about growing up on the Southside to the Major League was a whole lot different. That's where we learn how to play back then, my daddy taught all of 'em how to play.

I used to . . . I used to get out there. I was a small kid. Just get out there and play on Southside. Me and the fellows. My partner Blue, and Curley, we used to get in there and play on the Southside, you know what I'm saying.

And I said . . . I said to myself, "somebody gonna make it out of this group." I didn't . . . I didn't know it would be me. I just figured it was going to be everybody because that's all we know how to do, was to play baseball. We had a . . . that's all we know.

We got to the . . . when I got to the minor league. They ain't called me . . . They ain't . . . Ain't call me Cookie, they called me **Big Gip, Bully Ball**.

They called me **Bully Ball, Big Gip**. They called me all kinds of names. What else did they call me? They ain't call me by my real name. They'll call me some or another nickname that they give me.

So I enjoyed playing with them. We had different people from all over, Venezuela, all the Dominican Republican.

I'd enjoy playing with them, but one day I was coming down there, this Puerto Rican, 'cause I wouldn't know about no Spanish, I heard he come up [and said] "hey, Niche. What's up, Niche?" "What do you mean, by niche?"

One guy said "you know what you mean, don't you?" I said "no. I don't know what you mean." He said, "What's up, my nigga?" "What's up, my nigga?" [chuckling] Lord have mercy, I'm learning something new every day.

I enjoyed playing with them, they they are really nice people to play with. I enjoy living with them, they play. But then back then, we had to furnish our own apartment, we had to pay for our own apartment.



They get enough money to pay for your rent, groceries, and all that. I was making about \$1000 a month. We had plenty of money back then.

Yeah, you know.

Check every month [unintelligible at 20:14] . . . take the rest of it.

We had about four or five staying in the house together, so we chipped in, paid the rent, water and light bill. It's it was the time, man. I enjoyed it. But it was a time.

Then I left, then I left then.

**00:20:35 Mit Kirkland**

OK, let me ask you this, alright. If it was one thing that you had to say about growing up on the Southside, what would it be?

**00:20:49 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

One thing I can say about growing up on the Southside, when we were coming up, we learned a lot of places . . . the thing about Southside was what Southside meant to us is a community. Everybody in the community got along together. There was no fussing and fighting. There wasn't no shooting and going on with no knives because black folk back then can't even pull it to a gun [time 21:19] so they fight, then they'll be back friends next day.

I had a partner named Blue, David Grass, used to fight and hug, and the next day we'd be hugging one another. Nowadays, these day now, you hit one now, now you gotta be wake up, stay up all night 'cause they coming at you.

So I, I enjoy Southside, when I was coming up. But you had to go when you had to go.

I sure had to. Well, in a way, it benefits us for a rea . . . Everything happens for a reason. The reason, the reason, I know it had to be another reason [for] what happened. Why they sold out over there. . . I don't know who sold out. I don't know. Ms. Elmaree say . . . what do you call it?

**00:22:24 Elmaree Gordon**

Urban Renewal

**00:22:25 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

What?

**00:22:26 Elmaree Gordon**

Urban Renewal

**00:22:27 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Urban renew? I ain't never heard that before. Have you Miss Delois [Lee]? Have you heard of urban renewal before?

**00:22:36 Elmaree Gordon**

[It was called that in] later years

**00:22:37 Robert "Cooker" Potter**

Oh, later years. Oh, OK. All I know. All I know is you got to get up and go. Oh, all I know. And move and move.

I I enjoyed from South . . . I enjoyed Southside, 'cause, you know, because we didn't have no activities over there, the only activity we had was behind the schoolhouse. We'd either play or we'd go go down to Lincoln Community Center [near Carver High School]. We got to walk all the way over there and we weren't going to walk over there at our age, so we . . . we had to walk through the night when we were playing Little League, we had to walk through there . . . downtown, we're taking a chance then.

**00:23:17 Mit Kirkland**

Marty, do you have any questions?

**00:23:19 Marty Olliff**

This is . . . this is for the . . . to make sure we get it in transcript. What is your birthday?

**00:23:25 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

May 3rd, 1946.

**00:23:27 Marty Olliff**

1946, OK. And when y'all moved out of Southside it was approximately when? Do you . . . do you recall the move?

**00:23:38 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

I think it was in 1958. 1958 we moved over there on Atlanta [Street], a thing called the hole on Atlanta Street, an apartment.

**00:23:52 Marty Olliff**

And you lived there with your parents and you went to Carver High School?

**00:23:55 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Yeah, we went to Carver High School over on Lake Street. You had to walk.

**00:24:00 Marty Olliff**

When you were in school in Southside, the school over at Southside. I've seen pictures of it, it looks like it's a 2 room school.

**00:24:12 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

It was, it was 2 room school, school. It was first through the third [grade]. [Asking of the others in the room] Wasn't it first through third? Yeah, first through the third. And the fourth through the sixth, you had to walk over to Montana Street [School] over there.

**00:24:24 Marty Olliff**

OK, that was the next question. I was going to ask you. So the 4th through 6th was at Montana Street?

**00:24:28 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Then when you graduated from there you go to Carver High. It was 7 through 12 wasn't it [asking of others in room. Response "through 12."]. Yeah. OK.

**00:24:37 Marty Olliff**

Yeah, that really helps. So how long was it . . . and this is about your baseball career . . . how long was it after you graduated that you went into first the Negro League, and then into the minor leagues?

**00:24:55 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

It was about . . . it was about two or three years as I graduate. Then I went to Negro League before I went to the minor leagues.

**00:25:03 Marty Olliff**

What team in the minor leagues did you play for?

**00:25:06 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Cincinnati.

**00:25:08 Marty Olliff**

And where did you train when you were in the minors?

**00:13:56 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Sara . . . let's see. Where was it . . .

I think with Tampa . . . Tampa, Tampa. Then after we got through training, I went to Class A, I went to Sarasota.

Yeah, in Sarasota, we played . . . in Sarasota, we have a bunch of teams now, like the Cardinals. The Cardinals were in Clearwater, I think. The Cardinals, and the Indians, Saint Pete and all them, we in

Tampa. In Tampa was a Double A team in Tampa. So we trained in Tampa. In Class A we went . . . go to St. Pete, Sarasota, Clearwater, all them other teams like that.

**00:25:25 Marty Olliff**

Let me go back to Southside, do you remember your approximate address in Southside?

**00:26:00 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

710 S Alice. [Back and forth to establish the address and street]

**00:26:12 Marty Olliff**

That was very close to the school, wasn't it?

**00:26:14 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Yeah, right. Right at the school, right at around that curve the school that's in the . . . I live across in front of Miss Jo Helen Bishop. [Wallace and Jo Helen Bishop, 711 ½ S. Alice, per 1958 City Directory]

Miss Jo Helen Bishop and Mr. Ernest Kimble live across the street from us. [Ernest Kimble, 712 S. Alice]  
That name Mr. Who is it, Sam Duncan or Mr. uh? . . . What that old man's name?

**00:26:34 Elmaree Gordon**

You lived across the street from C. J.

**00:26:37 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

No, no, no. What the name? Kind of light skinned.

**00:26:41 Elmaree Gordon**

[Unintelligible]

**00:26:43 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Yeah. Yeah. Well, what, what that old man name? He had the house down on Stringer St.

[Crosstalk]

**00:26:52 Elmaree Gordon**

Mr. Leonard? My grandfather?

**00:26:56 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

No, I ain't talking about . . . I ain't talking about Mr. Leonard. No, no, he was an old man. He lived right across . . .

**00:27:03 Elmaree Gordon**

Mr. Wilson. You're talking about Mr. Wilson

**00:27:05 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Yeah, Mr. Wilson. Yeah, yeah, yeah. OK, yeah. [Lonnie and M. Vinnie Wilson, 715 S. Alice]

**00:27:14 Marty Olliff**

Church. Where did you go to church?

**00:27:16 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

South, South St. [cross talk] AME

**00:27:26 Marty Olliff**

South Street AME. And there were two other churches in the neighborhood?

**00:27:36 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Yeah. There was New Bethel. Yeah, it was New Bethel and the Holiness Church. The Holiness Church was on Bell St. and New Bethel was on Alice St.

**00:27:45 Marty Olliff**

I've seen one . . . New Bethel was a Baptist Church, and I made a mistake about the about that, South Street was AME. New Bethel was Baptist and what y'all are calling the Holiness Church . . .

**00:27:57 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

The Holiness Church . . . that's a church that . . . yeah, the Holiness Church. They moved that church to Montana Street over there in Dothan.

[Crosstalk]. Yeah, the Church of God in Christ. I called it the Holiness Church. Church of God in Christ.

**00:28:12 Marty Olliff**

It closed in 1958. So it's like, so when you talk about Holiness Church . . .

**00:28:17 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Yeah. It's the same building as the Church of God in Christ, isn't it?

**00:28:21 Elmaree Gordon**

Church of God in Christ.

**00:28:22 Marty Olliff**

OK. OK. I I think that's all . . . hang on. Perhaps I can turn it off. Let's let's look at your your family situation in the Southside, again. How many people were in your house?

**00:28:38 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Well, my parents raised us, all of us. My cousin, all of them stayed there, their cousin. Just like . . . about, let me see, 1 . . . 2 . . . 3, about a bunch of us, here were a bunch of us.

My parents didn't have but one, and that was me. But my. . . she raised up my cousin's family. Sure did.

**00:29:05 Marty Olliff**

And did they . . . Did they live for any length of time in the house with you or were they in and out?

**00:29:11 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

You know they . . . they lived there 'til we moved. My cousin then went back . . . my Bouie went back to Indiana. Other cousin, they moved down on Bell St. after they left Southside.

**00:29:37 Marty Olliff**

Let me ask you one more question about your house. How many rooms were in your house?

**00:29:43 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Let me see: 1 . . . 2 . . . is it 1, 2, there were 3 of 'em. Three and a kitchen. And a bathroom.

**00:29:58 Marty Olliff**

OK, so 3 rooms, a kitchen and a bath. A bath inside. OK. OK, yeah, and that's it for me.

**00:30:06 Mit Kirkland**

OK, I'm I'm gonna ask you one other question, Cookie. What? What was? What was Satchel Paige like? What? What kind of guy was he?

**00:30:13 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

Satchel Paige. He was . . . he was a real man. He was a good guy. Satchel Paige. One thing about it, he talked a lot of junk, but he don't take nothing off you now.

But he . . . when he said, [unintelligible]. He said, "let me tell you something. I've been playing baseball for all my all my life." I said, "you don't want . . . you told me, I don't have a chance to make it to the bigs."

So I know, one day, one uh, me and him went with Chicago. Me and him pitchin'. I pitch on one side, he pitched for one side. Back then, they had two teams, they called the Black . . . Black Birmingham . . .

**00:30:55 Elmaree Gordon**

. . . Barons . . .

**00:19:40 Robert "Cookie" Potter**

No, you called the New York Stars. The Birmingham Barons? Yeah. Birmingham Barons was one of 'em. But we we are playing against the New York Stars and, uh, he was pitching for the New York Stars and I was playing for the Indianapolis Clowns. So this guy in Chicago told me . . . wasn't it . . . [Scout or Scott] . . . said, "I'm gonna get this money here." I said, "what, [Scout or Scott]?" You talking about getting his money.

I thought, you know. After then, after the season was over, this scout . . . old man Ed Hammon, he called me from . . . told me I'm going to Cincinnati [for] Spring training.

I said OK. I had to catch a plane. I called the plane out of Dothan [error, he means Dulles] up there. It was National . . . they called it National . . . So I took the plane. I left that Sunday. And I caught a cab to the motel we're standing in. So, it was history from there. I enjoyed it.

**0032:07 Mit Kirkland**

Okay, that's all . . .