

## **Transcript of Interview with La Verne Wimberly by Kayla Phillips**

**Interviewer:** Kayla Phillips

**Interviewee:** La Verne Wimberly

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**Location (Interviewee):** Tulsa, Oklahoma

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**Abstract:** Mini oral history with La Verne Ford Wimberly from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Kayla Phillips 0:03**

My name is Kayla Phillips, and I'm an undergraduate student at ASU enrolled in History 494. The date is April 21, 2021, the time is 9:06AM, and I'm speaking with La Verne Ford Wimberly. I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience. But before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 Archive. The COVID-19 Archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

**La Verne Wimberly 0:37**

Yes.

**Kayla Phillips 0:38**

Thank you. First, can you tell me your name, age, race and where you live?

**La Verne Wimberly 0:46**

Dr. La Verne Ford Wimberly. I live in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and I'm 82 years old.

**Kayla Phillips 0:51**

Okay, thank you. Now, I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020, and many have been negative and disruptive. But perhaps, it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

**La Verne Wimberly 1:09**

There has been a coming together of various people by way of Zoom, I think, connect-- being connected by Zoom has really enhanced relationships with families, friends, and of course, other organizations that you might be associated with.

**Kayla Phillips 1:27**

Okay, what are the benefits that you've noticed personally with Zoom in your life?

**La Verne Wimberly 1:33**

Well, I have had an opportunity to reach further with family members that live out of state in Atlanta, Georgia, and also Arlington, Texas, and around the area where I would not have had a regular every Sunday Zoom time at five o'clock like I've had this year. Usually we kind of get together three or four times a year, but nothing on a weekly basis. So having come together on a weekly basis has been very inspirational to me and very informative, and I've loved it.

**Kayla Phillips 2:05**

That's good. It's always good to keep family connections because family is a very important thing in people's lives.

**La Verne Wimberly 2:10**

It is, yes.

**Kayla Phillips 2:13**

Thank you for your time today.