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## WHAT'S MY STORY?

### I IDENTIFIED A WAR WORKER.

Everyone had a part to play in World War II. Society encouraged white, married, middle class women – never really part of the work force – to get a war job to help end the war and bring the men home. For many people, like Virginia Keith Snawder, it was a time of economic improvement made possible by wartime production and the resulting increased demand for workers. Snawder's family left Gravel Switch and moved to Shively in Jefferson County in the 1930s. Her father, a truck farmer, died in 1937. The family was large, and poor. War work at the Reynolds Metal Co. provided her mother – and then Virginia – a means of financial support.

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