

Jackson State University
Oral History Program
and Advance Projects

Jackson, Miss.

Class Projects Senior Citizen

1977 - 7

Interviewed by Napoleon Taylor
Mrs. Winnie Elson Taylor

on

April 4, 1977

Winnie Eloise Taylor, born
June 10, 1905 in Greensboro, Alabama
Route 1 Box 110. To Mr & Mrs Joe Louis.
The Louis had five children, consisting
of two girls and three boys.

Winnie Eloise Taylor is married
to Johnny B. Taylor, Sr.. They had
fifteen children and nine lived,
which of the nine children is my
father Johnny B. Taylor, Jr.. Who
is married to Willie Mae Taylor, my
mother. I'm Napoleon Taylor, who
is Winnie and Johnny B. Taylor,
Grandson.

Mrs. Taylor recalls her early
childhood days as a little girl
living on a plantation. Growing
up was hard work for Mrs Taylor
for she recalls working from
sun-up to sun-down.

Looking back into time Mrs. Taylor remembers good day such as going to the store on Saturday. She also put prices on such products as bacon, eggs, and other meats and believe me they are incredible. Example ten pounds of bacon for the price of a nickel. Believe that.

In the interview I ask Mrs. Taylor "how are you doing now?" She look up and said "beluf (that's what she call me) I'm doing as well as expected and I'm happy and thank god to be alive".

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You have been asked for information to be used in connection with the Oral History Program at Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi. The purpose of this program is to gather and preserve information for historical and scholarly use.

A tape recording of your interview will be made by the interviewer, and a typescript of the tape will be made and submitted to you for editing. The final retyped and edited transcript, together with the tape of the interview will then be placed in the oral history collection at Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi. Other institutions or persons may obtain a copy. These materials may be used for purposes of research, for instructional use, for publication, or for other related purposes.

I, A. Earl Cobbo have read the above and, in view of the historical and scholarly value of this information, and in return for a final typed copy of the transcript, I knowingly and voluntarily permit Jackson State University, Jackson, the full use of this information. I hereby grant and assign all my rights of every kind whatever pertaining to this information, whether or not such rights are now known, recognized, or contemplated, to Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi.

Napoleon Taylor
Interviewee (Signature)

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Date

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Napoleon Taylor
Interviewer (signature)

Interview Number

May 4, 1977
Date

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Interviewed by Napoleon Taylor
Mr. Aarl Cobbs
on

March 23, 1977

At the age of 77 Mr Cobbs lead a interesting life. Mr. Cobbs is presently residing at 1057 Deer Park with his son. As of today Mr. Cobb is retired from his work. Mr. Cobbs was married to Alice Cobbs who died at the age of 63. Mr. Cobbs took me back to his great-grandmother but was undecided on giving me their names. So I felt it at that. During the interview Mr. Cobb give good information about his early childhood and the types of games they played. Mr. Cobbs also remember some of the great educator in Jackson during his period, names like J. L. Reddix and some High School teachers.

My name is Napoleon Taylor
interviewing Mr. Cobb. He lives at 1827
Deer Park.

N. Mr Cobb what is your early
childhood memory like I would
say between ^{one} and ^{five} or 7 or 8
sit through ^{something} during that time

C. I remember moving around this
house about the first memory

N. ^{SP} will do you have any happy memory ^{SP}

C. all of them are happy

N. all of them?

C. yes something like that

N. How did you get along with your
brother and sister?

C. pretty good

N. What games did you play at home and school?

C. Played baseball, croquet^{SP}, at home.

N. do you recall any songs or rhymes from your childhood?

C. NO.

N. How would you describe yourself as a child.

C. I thought I got along pretty good as a child.

N. Did you have any pets?

C. yes.

C. dogs, goats.

N. Did you sing or play a musical instrument?

C. played saxophone.

N. Did you have a nickname?

C. no.

N. What style of food did you wear?

C. Regular clothes

N. When did you first remember ride in a automobile?

C. about 1910

N. Do you have any favor food?

C. not particular

N. Did you go to Sunday school?

C. yes

N. Do you remember anything in particular about Church or Sunday school or church?

C. Oh no more than the ^{Christmas} exercise and the Christmas exercise ^{and all of that} and no more than that you know, no big thing.

N. Who made the most influence on decisions pertaining in your family?

C. father and mother

N. did that ^{parent} have a happy relationship
in your opinion?

C. oh yes.

N. How did this affect you?

C. they got along ^{pretty} good,
brother and sister.

N. Do you think you brought your child
up to the value you were raised
on?

C. tried to.

N. As a child did you have any ^{SP} memorable
encounter with whites

C. NO especially.

N. were you taught anything about whites?

C. NO.

N. Have you any feeling about whites
or have they changed any ^{stays} the same?

C. ? ^{stays} the same.

Q. Did your family pass any story down about slavery? ^(?)

A. Talk about with grandfather and grandmother ^(?)

Q. Do you recall any fears you had? ^(?)

A. No ^(?)

Q. Were your family superstitious? ^(?)

A. No

Q. Were you told any legend or stories about your family or town? ^(?)

A. Don't know of any ^(?)

Q. Do you know of any famous black men and women as you were growing up? ^(?)

A. School teacher, ^{preacher} Church folks and all of that ^(?)

Q. Do you remember their name? ^(?)

A. Pro. Stanley Pcc. Loner, Pro. Martin Pro. Brendly ^(?)