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BARNES, ANNETTEE (1905-) 0. H. 76.21

Former employee of S. H. Kress Store, in downtown Jackson. Recalls the "Good Old Days" as the times she can look back upon and realize that times were not as hard as they were then thought to be, especially when compared to now. Remembers vividly memories of many renown educators in the city, and many of the businesses in the downtown Jackson area, in terms of location.

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BARRON, ALPHONSO A. (1905-) 0. H. 76.05
Teacher - principal Moss Point School. Camp Advisor with the
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) 1938, under President F. D. Roosevelt's
administration and worked at Lawrence County Training School after
graduating from Alcorn College. Comments on black and white relations in
Jackson in the "Good Old Days."
Interviewer: Deborah Denard, (graduate assistant); Date: March 11,
1976; Length: 29 pp.; Tape: 1 hr.; Status: open

BROOKS, JULIA (1900-) 0. H. 76.09

Nurse's aid, State Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, at the age of 18.

Discussed life in Jackson, Farish Street, black and white relations.

Remembers the "Good Old Days" as those days centered around recreation such as ball games and pichics.

Interviewer: Shawn Knox, (student assistant); Date: April 19, 1976;

Length: 5 pp.; Tape: 25 minutes; Status: open

BULLARD, BOB (1905-) O. H. 76.22

Assistant to the Staff for the Senior Citizens Site. He recalls
the "Good Old Days" as the days he attended Poindexter Junior High School
and worked in his father's brick yard. Discusses his early life in the
forms of entertainment in and around the city of Jackson.
Interviewer: Kathryn B. Weathersby, (Urban Affairs Professor);
Date: August 12, 1976; Length: 52 pp.; Tape: 53 minutes; Status: open.

CHEATHAM, LULA (1903-) 0. H. 76.10
Private home maker. Remembers that the 'Good Old Days' were going to church. Recalls her first experience with the telephone, early livelyhood.
Interviewer: Shawn Knox, (student assistant); Date: April 7, 1976; Length: 5 pp.; Tape: 10 minutes; Status: open

COLLINS, ADLINE (1909-

O. H. 76.14

Domestic laborer, farmer, and employee - the Candy House. Remembers the "Good Old Days" as days during her early school days in Pocahontas, Mississippi. Discussed employee relations, race relations, church life, and courtship in the city of Jackson.

Interviewer: Tommy Johnson, (student assistant); Date: April 27, 1976;

Length: 16 pp.; Tape: 27 minutes; Status: open.

DAVIS, MAXINE (1907-

O. H. 76.15

Elevator operator, Wathall Hotel now the Downtowner, Jackson, Mississippi. Believes the "Good Old Days" are now. Discusses the black and white relations and their better times today. Remembers the use of coal and wood stoves and kerosene lamps and people growing their own food to get by in the "Good Old Days." Interviewer: Shawn Knox, (student assistant); Date: May 4, 1976; Length:

38 pp.; Tape: 60 minutes; Status: open.

DALLAS, NEWI (1908-) 0. H. 76.13

Former employee, V. A. Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi; the Crane Company on Gallatin Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Recalls the use of mules to pull many of the garbage carts or crates. Remembers prices being cheaper and \$80 - \$90 every two weeks being good wages. Remembers the 'Good Old Days' as those days one did nothing but work every day. Crank telephones, black dentist, Hale and McCory (1936) Farish Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Interviewer: Shawn Knox, (student assistant); Date: April 29, 1976;

Length: 24 pp.; Tape: 38 minutes; Status: open.

ELLIS, LEIA (No copy of birth certificate.)

Domestic worker. Built one of the first homes in Sub-Division No. 1,

Jackson, Mississippi. Remembers the "Good Old Days" when prices were
cheaper and when she could pick cotton and earn a living. Recalls her
most horrifying experience: A white man killing a black man in the Delta.

Interviewer: Shawn Knox, (student assistant); Date: March 9, 1976;

Length: 14 pp.; Tape: 24 minutes; Status: open

GARDNER, LIZZIE B. (1903-) 0. H. 76.07
Occupation: None. Her ideas about the "Good Old Days" centered around frolic and fun at school and church. Recalls fashion in the 1940's as being almost like it is now.
Interviewer: Shawn Knox, (student assistant); Date: April 1, 1976;
Length: 12 pp.; Tape: 34 minutes; Status: open.

CARY, JAMES () 0. H. 76.04
Real Estate . . . Wortman Mann . . . Capital Street Apartments,
Jackson, Mississippi. Recalls his wife to be the first "colored" woman
to work for Sears and Roebuck, Jackson, Mississippi. Remembers the
"Good Old Days" as being the days when big bands, such as Louis Armstrong
and Johnny Jones came to College Park when he worked there as caretaker
for fifteen years. Thinks age is between 73 and 76.
Interviewer: Deborah Denard, (graduate assistant); Date: March 9, 1976;
Length: 31 pp.; Tape: 77 minutes; Status: open.

GRAY, BETTY (1903-) 0. H. 76.11

Maid in private homes. She remembers the "Good Old Days" as a child growing up in the Jefferson Street area of Jackson, Mississippi when school days, games, family interactions all made for pleasant times. Good times also included going to the fair, playing ball and just playing with other children. Recalls seeing Booker T. Washington at the Fair Ground in her neighborhood.

Interviewer: Deborah Denard, (graduate assistant); Date: April 11, 1976;

Length: 46 pp.; Tape: 53 minutes; Status: open.

Domestic worker and housewife. Recalls the "Good Old Days" as days when she was younger and didn't have to worry about anything. Talks proudly of white ancestry and the family feeling they had for each other. Interviewer: A. Harrison, (History Professor); Date: June 6, 1976; Length: 137 pp.; Tape: 2 hrs. and 59 minutes. Status: open.

JAMES, ARTHUR () 0. H. 76.24 Author. Conversation about black banks in Mississippi. Discusses

book he is writing on the subject. Talks specifically about the two black banks in Jackson, Mississippi in the early part of the Twentieth Century.

Interviewer: A. Harrison; Date: February 9, 1976; Length of Tape:

45 minutes; Status: open.

JONES, LAWRENCE () 0. H. 76.01
Instructor of Art, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi.
Talks about Mr. Cecil Stift, another black artist. Introductory interview.
Interviewer: A. Harrison; Date: February 10, 1976; Length: 17 pp.;
Tape: 35 minutes; Status: open.

JONES, REV. GEORGE (1903-) O. H. 76.20
Educator, teacher of Agriculture at Tougaloo College and the
Madison County School System. Speaks of the "Good Old Days," as they go
back forty years ago. Talks about the "Good Old Days," fashions, baseball
games, riot at Alcorn College (1929).
Interviewer: Deborah Denard, (graduate assistant), and Dr. Kathryn
Weathersby; Date: July 8, 1976; Length: 23 pp.; Tape: 68 minutes;
Status: open; Interview continued on November 29, 1976; Length: 9 pp.

MADISON, HENRY WHITE (1883-) 0. H. 76.08

Enocks . . . Employee Pridgeon's Grocery Store. Talks about his first voting experience and how he used that voting age today. Recalls the "Good Old Days" when he was a youth with his own band (Madison Band), playing baseball, and working for Pridgeon's Grocery Store, Jackson, Mississippi.

Interviewer: A. Harrison, (History Professor); Date: April 1, 1976; Length: 29 pp.; Tape: 60 minutes; Status: open.

MARTIN, BEATRICE (1904-) 0. H. 76.18

'Washer woman.' Recalls the 'Good Old Days' for her as going to church, and playing games with her father. Discusses the ways Blacks lived in the early days of Jackson, Mississippi particularly from 1920 to the present.

Interviewer: A. Harrison, (History Professor); Date: June 23, 1976;

Length: 88 pp.; Tape: 1 hr. and 37 minutes; Status: open.

SCOTT, BROWN (1912-)

Civil Engineering. Recalls the "Good Old Days" as a comparison between the good days today and the days of yesterday. They were good in the sense that people enjoyed them at the time, but what is good now is quite different. Talks about his dealings with labor people, life in Elkins, West Virginia, and the city of Jackson.

Interviewer: Deborah Denard, (graduate assistant); Date: May 4, 1976;

Length: 28 pp.; Tape: 58 minutes; Status: open.

Case worker. Recalls the "Good Old Days" as being when prices were small and goods were many, and long ago everything seemed to go well with people. Talks about black businesses with a certain amount of authority since she worked in several in the Farish Street area, Jackson, Mississippi. Recalls house rent parties, and other remembrances about the past. Interviewer: Deborah Denard, (graduate assistant); Date: June 23, 1976; Length: 56 pp.; Tape: 1 hr. and 25 minutes; Status: open.

STIFT, CECIL () 0. H. 76.02 Commercial artist, Jackson, Mississippi. Talks about background information on his life. Interviewer: A. Harrison, (History Professor); Date: February 18, 1976; Length: 61 pp.; Tape: 2 hrs.; Status: open.

TURNAGE, CLAYTON (1901-)

Employee with Mississippi Power Company, Mason. Remembers that the "Good Old Days" were quite different than they are now, especially such activities as stickball and hide-n-seek. Talks about the good days while at work at the Power Company, and the reputation of Jackson in its earlier existence.

Interviewer: Deborah Denard, (graduate assistant); Date: March 23, 1976; Length: 12 pp.; Tape: 23 minutes; Status: open.

WALKER, R. T. () 0. H. 76.25
Director of various vocal choirs in the Simpson County, Mississippi
vicinity. Talks about organization and functioning of vocal choirs
during the 1930's and 40's. Discusses his personal involvement in vocal
choirs, and vocal choirs vs. conventional church music - rationale for
existence. Includes tape recordings of the devotional services at
Pine Grove Baptist Church, D'Lo, Mississippi on Sunday, January 16, 1977
Interviewer: Dr. K. Weathersby, (Urban Affairs Professor);

WALTON, SERENA B. () 0. H. 76.14
Teacher in the Yazoo County School District. Recalls the "Good Old
Days" as being days of fun, misery and the everyday existence during the
1930's and 1950's. Discusses the history of Jackson State College during
Dr. Dansby's administration.
Interviewer: Tommy Johnson; (student assistant); Date: April 29, 1976;
Length: 25 pp.; Tape: 48 minutes; Status: open.

YOUNG, AURELIA () 0. H. 76.23
Professor of Music, Jackson State University. Informal discussion
about the history of Jackson. Talks about black businesses and entertainment
in the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's.
Interviewer: A. Harrison, (History Professor); Date: January 27, 1976;
Length of Tape: 50 minutes; Status: open.