

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mrs. Willie Robinson was born in 1915, in the southern portion of Clinton, Mississippi. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Bradley and Mr. William Bell.

She attended Sumner Hill School until eighth grade. After completion of her eighth grade education she attended Lanier High School in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. Robinson was a school bus driver in 1967. She is presently employed as a loving mother and housewife. She is active in the Clinton Community (especially the Dickey Survey Area). She is a member of the Mississippi Federated Women Club and worked with the Clinton Election Commission in the last national election in Novemeber of 1976.

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ORAL HISTORY MINI - WORKSHOP III

MRS. WILLIE ROBINSON

Interviewed

by

Mr. Curtis J. Franks

on

June 3, 1977

Length 60 minutes

Place

809 Neal Street
Clinton, Mississippi

SUBJECT INDEX

Interview: Mrs. Willie Robinson

June 3, 1977

Tape I

Side I

- 00-08 Mrs. Robinson gives a brief biographical sketch and and she tells the interviewer about her great great grand mother Sally Lee.
- 00-10 Talks about the Dickey Survey Area and the origin of it. The Dickey Survey Area located in Northwest Clinton - Land purchased for establishing of black residents.
- 00-12 Mrs. Robinson tells about her mother, Mrs. Mary Bradley attending the Dickey Institute.
- 12-14 Mrs. Robinson talks about Dickey Institute and some of the duties that the students performed in order to make the Institute self-sufficient.
- 14-16 Mrs. Robinson talks about her birth place, which was on the South side of Clinton, where today some of buildings of Mississippi College is located. The interview talks about her family's change of resident - from South Clinton to Northwest Clinton.

- 16-22 The interviewee discusses the growth in Clinton during her lifetime. The interviewee compares growth in the Black Community with growth in the White Community. Discusses the growth of subdivisions in Northwest Clinton owned by whites being sold to black. The interviewee also discusses the scarcity of white families in Northwest Clinton (Dickey Survey).
- 22-30 The interviewee talks about the formation of the Clinton Separate School District of 1970 and talks about the effects this separate school district has had on other schools outside this district. The interviewee goes into details somewhat about the black white ratio at Summer Hill High School.

Side II

- 00-03 The interviewee talks about the things in which white families in Northwest Clinton do to avoid sending their children to schools that are predominantly black.
- 03-06 The interviewer explains the inadequacy of the sewer system in Northwest Clinton, which is the area blacks reside.
- 06-09 Mrs. Robinson explains the lackad-asical attitude of blacks in Northwest Clinton to get sewer improve-

ments.

- 09-12 The interviewee talks about the fear she has for the insanitary conditions due to lack of Sewer System.
- 12-16 Mrs. Robinson discusses the efficiency of the Health Clinic in Hinds county and the services rendered.
- 16-19 Mrs. Robinson dicusses the efficiency of the police department in the past and at the present time. She emphasize the fact that the police department is hetter today and that the policemen harass blacks less today.
- 19-24 Mrs. Robinson speculates what the growth pattern of Clinton will be in the future in turns of the black community.

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INTERVIEWER AGREEMENT

I, Curtis Jerome Franks, in view of the historical and scholarly value of the information contained in the interview with MRS. ANNIE LAURA ROBINSON knowingly and voluntarily permit Jackson State University, Jackson the full use of this information, and hereby grant and assign to Jackson State University, Jackson all rights of every kind whatever pertaining to this information, whether or not such rights are now known, recognized or contemplated.

Curtis Jerome Franks
Interviewer (signature)

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Interview Number

July 28, 1977
Date

Note: Mrs. Annie Laura Robinson & Mrs. Willie Robinson ^{are} ~~at~~ one and the same person.

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INTERVIEWEE AGREEMENT

You have been asked for information to be used in connection with the Oral History Program at Jackson State College; 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 College, Jackson, Mississippi. Other institutions or persons may obtain a copy. These materials may be made available for purposes, of research, for instructional use, for publications, or for other related purposes.

I, MRS ANNIE LAURA ROBINSON, have read the above and, in
(Interviewee, please print)

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 College, 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 College, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs Annie Laura Robinson
Interviewee (Signature)

7-27-77

Date

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Interviewer: Curtis J. Franks, 24 years old
Interviewee: Mrs. Willie Robinson, 62 years old

Subjects discussed: Growth in Clinton (past and present)
Adequacy of health services, education, sewer treatment in Northwest Clinton, (the Dickey Survey Area). The police department past and present).

This was the second time I interviewed Mrs. Robinson. Due to mechanical problems the first interview was somewhat of a failure. The second interview found the interviewer and the respondent in a very relaxed mood. This in effect provided a very conducive atmosphere for the conducting of this interview.

The interview was conducted at 3:30 P.M. June 3, 1977. I interviewed Mrs. Robinson at her home and her address is 809 Neal Street Clinton, Mississippi. The interview was completed without any interruptions whatsoever.

The interview lasted 60⁴⁵ minutes. Prior to beginning the interview Mrs. Robinson shared a family photo album with me. In it was a picture of her great-great grandmother, Mrs. Sally Lee, who was a cook for Sherman's troop during the Civil War. Mrs. Lee prepared meals for Sherman and his troop^s during the time that Sherman had head quarters in Clinton, Mississippi.

S U M M A R Y

My objective is to research the growth in Clinton, Mississippi. In pursuance of my objective I will delve into the vital factors and circumstances that has spear-headed the growth of Clinton from the time it was incorporated to the present.

I will also show the wide discrepancy in the growth pattern in areas where blacks reside compared with areas where whites reside. It will also be shown that Clinton has deviated very little, if it has deviated at all from a middle class town. In short, the planned growth in Clinton has become a haven for middle class folks and at the same time it has allowed the domicile of minorities to go down hill.

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→ which groups?