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Jackson, Mississippi

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

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historical and scholarly value of the information contained in the  
interview with Minnie Wallace, knowingly and  
(Interviewee, please print)  
voluntarily permit Jackson State College, Jackson the full use of this  
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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, Minnie M. Wallace 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.

Minnie M. Wallace  
Interviewee (Signature)

March 17, 1977  
Date

## Class Project

Mrs. Minnie M. Wallace age 66, was born in Winston County Mississippi on March 10, 1920. She has four brother and three sister. She came to Yazoo County in 1929 with her father who a preacher, who after her mother death remarriage in Yazoo City Mississippi.

Her childhood was a happy one, out of which she had to follow her three brother, which she think was good because it made her tough. Her education came about in many ways, because she had to work part of the school year and the other part she was out and in. Her working days as a child was hard because her family was in sharecropping, but because her stepmother was a teacher and her father a preacher and the whole family being of a religion background this made life a joy to them.

She now live at 325 Maynie St., Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Mr. Henry Jackson was born in Yazoo County in 1914. He went to school in a Church, one room divide by a curtain. He only went to the fifth grade because his family was poor and he had to work.

His childhood was a happy one, where he use to roam the wood and Hill. He had three brother and two sister. They use to go hunt raddit and other animal with stick.

When he grew up he became a driver where he would haul people to the field, and got paid 25¢ for each person he brough. 50¢ a day for shapen the hoes, and 50¢ a day for watching over the people so that they would work good. The same things ~~app~~ went along when they were picking cotton.

He still live in Yazoo County.

Minnie M. Wallace  
~~Memo~~

Henry Patterson  
Transcript

H. I would like to know your name and age.

M. I am Minnie M. Wallace, age 66.

H. Could you tell me where you was born?

M. In the town of Louisville, Ms. in ~~the~~ Winton county; 1910.

H. Can you tell me when did you first come to Yazoo City?

M. Yes, I came in 1925, March 10.

H. What brought you to Yazoo County?

M. - My father was a Min and he was transferred over here to latter Chapter a Baptist church and he re-marriage while he was over here and he came <sup>back to</sup> and get his children

from Louisville

H. Could you tell us some of your childhood memories?

M. - Yes, I was born down in Louisville, Ms, well out from Louisville and we use to play in the water of Nemevama Creek, and we would try catching fish in a log and things like that, I was sort of the tom boy type, I was the only girl and use to follow my brother.

H. How ~~my~~ many sister and brother did you have?

M. - Well, I would say seven because it was four on my mother side and I was the only girl, then he had three girl and one ~~boy~~ boy, so I would say that it was eight of us.

H- How did you get along with them?

M- Well we got along fine, because we was what you call a conience family because my father was a preacher and my mother was a teacher

H- What kind of game did you play as a kid.†

M- We played hopscotch, and playing horse, you know get the stick and ride, race see who would win, seesawing and cut down trees and put them on the seesaw, that was flying jennie as we call it.

H- What school did you attend?

M- Well I attend when I was in Louisville, Mo. down in the rural school it was in a church and I am trying to think of the name of that church, I think



its was Anna York

H. How many room?

M. Well it was one big room room in a church and it was divide off, like in seat you sat one class over here and one over there, we was all in one room.

H. How far was the school from your house, and how did you get there?

M. Well we walk about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ~~three~~ three and half miles a day, about seven miles going and coming in our early day.

H. At your school in Anna York, how many was in a class?

M. Well about 45.

H. Did you play any sport in school?

M- Well I played and just like a tom boy I loved to play baseball.

H. Could you tell me about some of your education in Yazoo County?

M- Yes, when I first came to Yazoo County, my stepmother wrote a letter to the six grade teacher, because in Louisville we didn't go to school that long, ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> month out of a year.

H. did you finish school?

M- Yes in 1932 and got my B.S. from Jackson State in 1943.

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Patterson, Henry

Additional information on life of Minnie  
M. Wallace. (Class Project,  
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Henry Patterson

Significant dates

5<sup>th</sup> Century B.C. — Herodotus — Greek

1938

1948

1952

1840

1870

1971

1963

1966

Names

→ Allen Nevins

Dean Albertson

Student - pen & pencil

1<sup>st</sup> editor of News Letter

→ Elwood Maunder - forest Hist. program

→ Lyman Copeland Draper ← 486 volume

State Hist. Soc. of Wisconsin → Frederick Jackson Turner

→ Hubert Howe Bancroft - Bancroft Library grander pioneer

Albert Lasker - American Heritage - 1954

→ Book - Gateway to History ←

→ Lake Arrowhead

→ Wesserman Bibliography on Oral History

Studs Terkel

William Montel

Tape recorded literature

Book - Fox fire - Oral History at High School level

Harry Koch - 8<sup>th</sup> grade