

Interview Data Sheet

Collection/Project name: Black Families of Yalobusha County

Processor's name: Brian Foster

Interviewee: Thomas Brown

Interviewee occupation(s): Bishop (retired)

Contributor: N/A

Interviewer : Jasmine Stansberry

Interviewer Bio (including relationship to interviewee): Dr. Brian Foster works as Assistant Professor of Sociology and Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi. In the 2020, he joined Dr. Jessie Wilkerson, Ms. Dottie Chapman Reed, and a group of graduate students at the University of Mississippi on the Black Families of Yalobusha County oral history collection. Jasmine Stansberry also joined the Black Families oral history collection around the same time. Neither Jasmine nor Dr. Foster knew Bishop Thomas Brown prior to the completion of this interview.

Date of interview: March 23, 2021

Location of interview: Zoom Video/Web Conferencing and Webinars

Recording equipment: Zoom Video/Web Conferencing and Webinars

Recording Settings

sampling rate: 44.1 kHz

Length of interview: 52:10

Note about sound quality: The entire recording is audible, though there are several places where it is difficult to decipher what Bishop Brown is saying. This was made a little more difficult because the person who did interviewed Bishop Brown (Jasmine Stansberry) did not transcribe the interview (Brian Foster).

Interviewee biographical information

Name: Thomas Brown

Age: 70

Race: Black

Gender: Man

Birth Date: June 21, 1951

Birthplace: Oakland, Mississippi

Education: University of Mississippi

Subjects and Keywords:

Names: Medgar Evers; Fannie Lou Hamer; Aaron Henry; John F. Kennedy; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Wayne Johnson; James Meredith; Riley Swearngen; Jimmy Walker,

Organizations: Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Mississippi Industrial College, Mississippi Valley State, Ku Klux Klan, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Rust College, Social Elite/Socialites of Yalobusha County, University of Mississippi

Events: James Meredith's March Against Fear, Assassination of Medgard Evers, Assasination of John F. Kennedy, Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Geographic: Holly Springs, MS; Oakland, MS; Pope, MS