

Interview Data Sheet

Collection/Project name: Black Families of Yalobusha County

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Interviewee: Ethel Morgan

Interviewee occupation(s): Retired Educator

Contributor: N/A

Interviewer: Jaimee' Mitchell

Date of interview: March 26, 2021

Location of interview: 901 S Robinson Street, Water Valley, Mississippi 38965— home of Ethel Morgan.

Interview context:

During the interview someone used the kitchen sink and running water can be heard in the audio. Halfway through the interview the house phone rang until the caller hung up.

Recording equipment: Zoom H1 Recorder

Recording Settings

bit-depth: 24

sampling rate: 48 kHz

Length of interview: [52:43]

Note about sound quality: Due to Covid-19, the interviewer and interviewee practiced social distancing by wearing a mask and sitting on opposite sides of the living room. The interviewee removed her mask early in the interview. Regardless, the sound quality of the interview is clear.

Interviewee biographical information

Gender: Female

Age: 75

Birth Date: March 23, 1946

Birthplace: Coffeeville, MS

Residence: Water Valley, MS

Education: Davidson High School (1965), Alcorn State University (1969), University of Mississippi (1973)

Abstract:

In this interview, Ethel Morgan reflects on her life in Water Valley, Mississippi. Morgan was born in Coffeerville, Mississippi and at the age of nine her family moved to Water Valley where she would spend most of her life. At a young age she knew the meaning of hard work, service, and the importance of education. Morgan graduated as class valedictorian of Davidson High School in 1965. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economic Education from Alcorn State University in 1969. In 1973 Morgan furthered her education by earning a Master of Arts degree in Home Economic Education from the University of Mississippi. Ethel Morgan is a retired Home Economics educator. She taught at Water Valley High School, worked as the Coordinator of Site Training at the University of Mississippi, and as an administrator for the Family and Consumer Education Program with Mississippi State University. Morgan talks about life in the Jim Crow south, and her experiences with racial discrimination as a child and in her career. This interview was conducted as part of the Black Families of Yalobusha County Project through the Mississippi Hill Oral History Collective.

Subjects and Key-words:

Names: N/A

Organizations: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society; Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges; The Home Economics Club.

Events: Integration of University of Mississippi, segregation in Yalobusha County

Topics: education, sharecroppers, family background, farm work, community service, career, religion, economic independence, segregation, death, cancer, cooking, home economic, traveling, fishing

Geographic: Coffeerville, MS; Water Valley, MS

Temporal: 1946-2021

Related Documentary Materials:

Number of photographs: 12

Format: Digital

Description of photograph: Three of the photographs included were taken the day of the interview, March 26, 2021. Other than Morgan's high school class picture, she did not recall when/where the photographs were taken. The pictures are of Ethel, Ethel's parents Alex and Onia Hudson, Ethel and her siblings, and Ethel with her husband and children (from their childhood and adulthood).