

Freedom Riders Oral History Collection Digitization Project  
Log Sheet

Name of Interviewee: Joan C. Browning

Name of Interviewer:

Date: November 9, 2001

Place of Interview: Jackson, MS

**Log of Topics/Names/Events discussed:**

**0:00-2:00**

Grew up in Georgia, lives in West Virginia; writer/ lecturer; father's family from South Georgia, Methodist; mother's family from mountains of Georgia, father Baptist preacher

**2:00-4:00**

Parents divorced; county she grew up in run by Talmadge Faction (1926-1980); mother part of "New Crowd" progressive politics; participated in sit-ins before participating in Freedom Rides

**4:00-6:00**

Weekend nonviolence training with Reverend Lawson; sit-in in Augusta, GA with students from Payne College in Augusta

**6:00-8:00**

Participation in sit-in; Freedom Ride to Albany, GA; family reaction to participation

**8:00-10:00**

Reaction of those she knew from home, college to participation; kicked out of college

**10:00-12:00**

Albany Freedom Ride attempt at enforcement; Jim Forman

**12:00-14:00**

Feelings during ride; only 19 at time of ride and only white female in jail

**14:00-16:00**

Further involvement in movements in Albany, Atlanta; trial after arrest

**16:00-18:00**

Returned to Albany for hearing

**18:00-20:00**

Worked in library at Emory University and took night classes at Georgia State; decision to move to West Virginia

**20:00-22:00**

Other participants of Freedom Ride; higher education and work

**22:00-24:00**

Impact of participation on her life

**24:00-26:00**

Freedom Song “Before I’ll Be a Slave, I’ll Be Buried in my Grave”

**26:00-28:00**

Sharing her experience; [sound goes out but holds up letter]

**28:00-30:00**

Reads letters from time in jail written to Jim Forman on paper towels

**30:00-32:00**

Reads letter from Lenore

**32:00-34:00**

Reads letter from Danish journalist (Pier Larsen?)

**34:00-36:00**

Hunger strike during time in jail; Bernard Lee

**36:00-38:00**

**38:00-40:00**

**40:00-42:00**

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