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interview summary

The interview with Warren A. Huddleston begins with a brief discussion of his background information, including his date and place of birth and his education. From there, a discussion of some national events in the late 1920s begins. This includes Warren's and his parents' reaction to the 1929 stock market crash.

The interview continues on to the topic of the Great Depression. Warren lived in Chicago and Pulaski, Indiana throughout the 1930s and has many stories to tell about such things as baseball, the movies, and Al Capone. This is interlaced with his and his father's opinions on such world events as Mussolini's invasion of Egypt, Hitler's rise to power, and the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby. Warren also discusses the many different opinions about Franklin D. Roosevelt that he was exposed to. This includes a lot about the WPA and CCC.

The discussion then turns to World War II. First, the events leading up to it are discussed alongside his educational predicament. General views on the bombing of Pearl Harbor are discussed. His participation in the Pacific theater is covered. His return to the United States is talked about as well as the things he did once he returned home. Throughout the aforementioned, Warren adds comments about such things as the rationing and how it affected life in rural Pulaski versus how it affected life in the big city of Chicago.

The interview concludes with a return to comparing rural Pulaski and urban Chicago during the Great Depression. Then, the atomic bombs used on Japan in 1945 and FDR's death are discussed. Warren concludes with a short discussion of how the war affected his life.

## INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Warren A. Huddleston M/F M  
 Address: 203 Macon Drive, Jacksonville, AL 36265  
 Phone number(s): (205) 435-1550  
 Approximate age or date of birth: d.o.b. May 15, 1923  
 Mother's Name: not given  
 Father's Name: not given  
 Places lived and when: Pulaski, Indiana 1923-1943,  
Chicago, Illinois 1923-1943 Wisconsin 1950s → Alabama (current)  
 Education: high school, business degree  
 Religion: Methodist  
 Business, political and social memberships (past and present) n/a  
 Present occupation: retired  
 Former occupations: U.S. Army  
 Special Skills: n/a  
 Major Accomplishments: 15 battle stars, U.S.S. Enterprise, WWII  
 National Events in which interviewee has participated: World War II, Great Depression  
 Local Events in which interviewee has participated: n/a  
 National born U.S. citizen?  Yes/No  
 Naturalized Citizen: Yes  No Date: n/a  
 Country from which he/she emigrated: n/a  
 Documents, photographs, and artifacts which are in the possession of the interviewee: n/a  
 Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral history interview: Glenna Huddleston (wife)  
 Additional information: n/a