

Oral History Tape Recording Release

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INTERVIEWEE JEROME ROBINSON

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Jerome Robinson

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT PROPOSAL

Jerome S. Robinson born 22 November 1924 in Birmingham, AL

Parents: Charlsie and William Robinson

Siblings: James Robinson

Date of Marriage: 7 April 1944

Education: Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of
Alabama
Master of Arts in Education from the University of
Alabama
Doctorate in Pastoral Ministry from the Luther
Rice Seminary

Jobs: paratrooper in the United States Army, molder for the
Central Foundry in Birmingham, pastor at Mount
Olive Baptist Church, pastor at Skyland Boulevard
Baptist Church, currently pastor at Hargrove Road
Baptist Church

Children: daughters, Sheila and Deborah

CHRONOLOGY

1924: Calvin Coolidge was elected President of the United
States
oil scandal in the United States
economy begins to decline in the United States
1944: World War II

suffered through the Great Depression
paratrooper in World War II
pastor at Mount Olive Baptist Church when Kennedy was assassinated
pastor at Skyland Boulevard Baptist Church when the astronaut,
Neil Armstrong, stepped on the moon
pastor at Hargrove Grove Baptist Church when the Soviet Union
broke up

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who is doing
this project?

OUTLINE

- I. Early Life
 - A. Birthplace
 - B. Sports
 - 1. sports played
 - 2. keeping up with heroes
 - 3. collecting ball cards
 - 4. hearing first baseball game
 - C. Great Depression
 - 1. picked cotton for extra money
 - 2. lived off garden in spring
 - 3. fattened up hogs for winter
 - 4. few articles of clothing
 - 5. used milk from cow for sweet milk, butter milk, butter
 - 6. picked berries for jams and jellies
 - D. Schools (elementary and secondary)
 - 1. one teacher for two classrooms
 - 2. sent unruly students home
 - 3. teachers used paddles regularly
 - 4. constantly aggravated teachers
- II. Later in Life
 - A. Schools (higher level)
 - 1. three degrees
 - a. bachelor's and master's degree from Alabama
 - b. doctorate from the Luther Rice Seminary
 - 2. ran into atheists at Alabama
 - B. Racism
 - 1. grew up playing with black children
 - 2. remembers first black athlete at Alabama
 - 3. remembers George Wallace's stand at the university
 - C. World War II
 - 1. at church day Pearl Harbor was attacked
 - 2. drafted out of high school
 - 3. eloped before leaving
 - 4. got physical at Fort McClallan
 - 5. trained as paratrooper
 - 6. stationed at various forts before going to europe
 - 7. fought and was injured in the Battle of the Bulge
 - 8. one of first soldiers back in states
 - 9. received Purple Heart and Bronze Star

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: JEROME STANCEL ROBINSON M/F MALE
Address: 4330 BASS DR.
Phone number(s): (205) 553-7640
Approximate age or date of birth: ~~7 APRIL 1914~~ 22 NOV 1924
Mother's Name: CHARLIE ROBINSON
Father's Name: WILLIAM ROBINSON
Places lived and when: BIRMINGHAM, AL; CLANTON, AL;
TUSCALOOSA, AL
Education: B.A., M.A. UNIV. OF AL, DOCTORATE LUTHER RECESNA
Religion: SOUTHERN BAPTIST
Business, political and social memberships (past and present) SOUTHERN
BAPTIST CONVENTION
Present occupation: PASTOR AT HARBAGE RD. BAPTIST CHURCH
Former occupations: PASTOR, PARATROOPER U.S. ARMY, CENTRAL FOUNDRY
Special Skills: _____
Major Accomplishments: STARTED & PASTORED FOR 27 YEARS THE
SKYLARK BOWLING BAPTIST CHURCH
National Events in which interviewee has participated: WORLD WAR II

Local Events in which interviewee has participated: _____

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:

Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral
history interview: _____
Additional information: RECEIVED PURPLE HEART, BRONZE STAR