

Oral History Tape Recording Release

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INTERVIEWEE Grace Camp

INTERVIEWER Roger W. Griffith

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SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWEE/DONOR Grace Camp

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Grace Camp M/F Female
Address: 2115 HORNES LAKE ROAD Talladega, AL 35160
Phone number(s): (205) 362-9217
Approximate age or date of birth: January 28, 1915
Mother's Name: ANNIE HORN POWERS
Father's Name: ROBERT E. LEE POWERS
Places lived and when: CHANDLER SPRINGS, ALABAMA

Education: GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL 1935
Religion: Baptist
Business, political and social memberships (past and present) AF of L / CIO

Present occupation: RETIRED
Former occupations: CLOTHING PRESSER
Special Skills: GARDENING COOKING
Major Accomplishments: PRESIDENT OF LOCAL UNION 13 years
PRES. RETIREE CLUB

National Events in which interviewee has participated: several NATIONAL UNION CONVENTIONS

Local Events in which interviewee has participated: RETIRED CITIZENS CLUB

National born U.S. citizen? Yes/No
Naturalized Citizen: Yes No Date: _____
Country from which he/she emigrated: _____
Documents, photographs, and artifacts which are in the possession of the interviewee: NONE

Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral history interview: NONE

Additional information: _____

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Prepared Questions for Oral History Interview of Mrs. Grace Camp

1. In what ways did the Great Depression affect your life?
2. Was work hard to find for your parents?
3. What type of work did your father do for a living?
4. What do you remember most about the depression?
5. Was the depression hard on your family?
6. How hard was it for you to get an education?
7. Were teachers plentiful during this time?
8. How many teachers did you have in high school?
9. Did you enjoy school?
10. How did you get to school?
11. What were the methods you and your family used to get news from the outside world?
12. Did the report of the stock market crash in 1929 worry your parents?
13. Did telephones play a part in your life?
14. What did you, your family, and friends do for entertainment?
15. Did your family listen to President Roosevelt's "fireside chats"?
16. What did President Roosevelt and the State of Alabama do to aid the people who were having financial problems?
17. In 1932 a tornado ripped through Alabama killing 315 people. Do you recall this incident?
18. Did it affect you or your neighbors?
19. Did you have chores to do at home?
20. What were they?
21. Did you get an allowance?
22. Was there any methods by which you could earn money for your own spending?
23. Was cotton farming big business?
24. Were there any tenant farmers around?
25. How did you travel?
26. How often did you go to town?
27. Did your family raise a garden?
28. Did it help in feeding the family?
29. What did you have to buy?

Chronology of Grace Camp's life between 1915 and 1971

- 1915- born January 28
- 1922- started school
- 1935- graduated high school
- 1935- married
- 1937- first child
- 1939- full time job
- 1943- moved to Georgia
bought farm in Alabama
- 1944- second child
- 1947- third child
- 1949- husband died
- 1950- started working at Palm Beach textile mill
- 1952- forced to join the local union at work
- 1955- first child graduated high school and went to college
- 1962- second child graduated high school
- 1965- third child graduated high school
- 1967- became president of local union at work
- 1968-1971 participated in State, Regional, and National
Union Conventions while continuing to work full time

Chronology of Alabama History 1919-1971

- (1919-1923) Thomas E. Kilby, Governor of Alabama
1919- End of World War I
1919- Automobile use on the rise
1922- Radio stations in Alabama
- (1923-1927) William W. Brandon, Governor of Alabama
1923- Alabama law providing for old age assistance
- (1927-1931) Bibb Graves, Governor of Alabama
1927- Road construction 2 cent tax on gasoline
1928- Convict lease system abolished
1929- New York stock market crashed
1929- Flood in South Alabama
1929-1931- 63 bank failures in Alabama
- (1931-1935) Benjamin M. Miller, Governor of Alabama
Budget Control Act- control state spending
1932- Tornado killed 315 Alabamians
1932- President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal
1933- Tennessee Valley Authority Act
1933- Agricultural Adjustment Act
1933- Federal Emergency Relief Administration
- (1935-1939) Bibb Graves, Governor of Alabama
1937- Bankhead-Jones Tenant Act
- (1939-1943) Frank M. Dixon, Governor of Alabama
World War II
Office of Price Administration established
Rationing boards
Selective Service Act
State Civil Service Started
- (1943-1947) Chauncey M. Sparks, Governor of Alabama
World War II and it's end
Education improvements
1943- Blood tests required
1944- Gilbertown Oil Field discovered

(1947-1951) James E. Folsom, Governor of Alabama

Anti-masking law

Farm to market road system

Wallace Act

Demopolis Lock and Dam

1947- First television broadcast in Alabama

(1951-1955) Gordon Persons, Governor of Alabama

1951- Women in state offices

1952- United States Federal Communications Commission

1952- Commission on Educational Television

1954- Brown v. Board of Education

1954- Demopolis Lock and Dam operating

Korean War

(1955-1959) James E. Folsom, Governor of Alabama

Hill-Burton Act

1955 and 1956- Martin Luther King Jr. and his Montgomery

Improvement Association

(1959-1963) John Patterson, Governor of Alabama

1959- \$148,000,000 for schools and colleges

1960- John F. Kennedy elected President

1961- Congress on Racial Equality (CORE)

1961- Floods- 15 Alabama counties declared disaster areas

(1963-1967) George C. Wallace, Governor of Alabama

1963- Civil Rights demonstrations in Birmingham

1963- Intergration of school systems

1964- Civil Rights Act

1964- Wallace in Presidential Primaries

(1967-1968) Lurleen Burns Wallace, Governor of Alabama

1967- College libraries received grants

1968- Her death resulted in concern for cancer research

(1968-1971) Albert P. Brewer, Governor of Alabama

1968- George Wallace ran for President