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**INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Name: Madara Rainey M/F Female

Address: P.O. Box 628 Talladega, AL 35160

Phone number(s): (205) 362-4738

Approximate age or date of birth: Age: 74 - D.O.B - Oct. 5, 1920

Mother's Name: Nancy Britt

Father's Name: Joe Britt

Places lived and when: Pickens County (1920-1930)

Talladega County (1930-present)

Education: 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Religion: Baptist

Business, political and social memberships (past and present) \_\_\_\_\_

Present occupation: retired

Former occupations: powder lines, cotton + sewing mills, flourist

Special Skills: flourist

Major Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

National Events in which interviewee has participated: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Events in which interviewee has participated: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral history interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

Modera Rainey  
Interviewer - Chelsy Rainey  
March 28, 1995  
Home of Modera Rainey  
Life in Rural Alabama  
1920-1953

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SCHOOL LIFE - New Hope School

GAMES IN SCHOOL - "stealing sticks", dodgeball, etc...

A TYPICAL DAY IN LIFE - chores, types of work, and crops planted

GOING TO GORDO - frequency of visits, types of stores, lived 10  
to 20 miles from town

SHILO BAPTIST CHURCH - who went, how often, activities relating  
to worship

"Luxuries" - places never visited

CHILD'S VIEW OF DEPRESSION - how children felt about the Depres-  
sion

HOW LIFE WOULD HAVE DIFFERED FROM BEFORE THE DEPRESSION TO AFTER  
THE DEPRESSION - hard to live through

JOBS - availability to teenagers, types of jobs, wages, men and  
women, blacks and whites, any discrimination

MARRIAGE --similarities and differences to parents' life, jobs,  
and activities (with children)

CHURCHLIFE AFTER MARRIAGE - how it changed, rural and city dif-  
ferences

CHRISTMAS - gifts, how celebrated

THANKSGIVING - grandparents visited, foods

EASTER - religious holiday, easter egg hunt

BIRTHDAY - weren't celebrated

MORE ON CHURCH - no vacation Bible school

WAGON RIDES TO TOWN AND CHURCH - narrow roads, long trips,  
conversing with neighbors

## QUESTIONS

1. Describe school life.
2. What activities were done at recess?
3. What was "stealin' sticks"?
4. Describe a typical day in childhood life.
5. How often was town visited and what occasions?
6. Describe church life.
7. What were considered luxuries back then?
8. Describe a child's view of the Depression - Before and after the Depression.
9. What were some available jobs?
10. What jobs did she have?
11. What was a "spinner" in a cotton mill?
12. What was done on the "powder Lines"?
13. What was average pay?
14. Was there any discrimination on the powder lines?
15. What was the age at marriage? Similarities and differences to parents' marriage?
16. What were some of your after marriage activities?
17. Average costs of movies?
18. How did church life change after marriage?
19. What are some differences in holidays such as Christmas Thanksgiving, Easter and Birthdays, now from when you were a child?