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Interviewee Background Information

Name Aaron Vashti Terry M/F F

Address 406 Westwood Dr. S.W. Decatur, AL 35603

Phonenumber(s) (205) 353-0230

Date of Birth 1918

Mother's name Para Lee Hill

Father's name John Riley Hill

Places lived and when Lawrence Co, Morgan Co, Alabama
Panama City, Florida

Education 9th grade high school

Religion Baptist

Present occupation Retired

Former occupations Burner (WWII) Retail Sales.

National born U.S. citizen Yes

Naturalized Yes / No

Additional Information was a "Rosie Riveter" (actually a burner)

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Mrs. Aaron Terry
by
Stephen L. Claborn
3-29-95
Decatur, Alabama
World War II

I. The Early Years

A. Childhood

1. Was the oldest of twelve children
2. Grew up during the Great Depression
3. Lived on a farm, responsibilities relating to farm life.
4. School
 - a. Only went through the 9th grade
 - b. Played basketball for the school(only one boy in the school could

out run her)

B. Marriage

1. Married at age seventeen in 1935, at the height of the Great Depression
2. Husband, Grant Lee Terry. worked at the Ingels Shipyard in Decatur, Alabama.

II. The War Years

A. After the war began, Mr. Terry was transferred to Panama City to work as a ship-fitter.

B. Mrs. Terry gets a job as a burner.

1. Earns 55 to 60 cents an hour.
2. Treatment as a female in the workforce.
3. Keepers of her children.
4. Housing while working in Florida.

C. Conditions during the war.

1. Stamp rations.
2. Blackouts.

D. Conditions after the war.

1. Had saved enough money to return to Decatur, Alabama and buy a grocery store.

2. Mrs. Terry worked from then on in the workforce. Was truly a "Rosie Riveter" (or maybe a "Rosie Burner"). Never returned to being a housewife.

NOTE: Mrs. Terry also tells many stories relating to these experiences.