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We Betty W. Graves and Amy Williams
(Interviewee) (Interviewer)

Do hereby grant permission to Jacksonville State University to copy the tape of the interview conducted at Centre, AL on the date(s) of 10-18-95 for the oral history collection being compiled at Jacksonville State University.

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Betty W. Graves
(Interviewee's signature)

Date 10-18-95

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Amy Williams
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INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Betty Graves M/F F
Address: Rt 5 Box 170 Centre, AL 35960
Phone number(s): 205-927-3891
Approximate age or date of birth: 52
Mother's Name: Mary George Jordan White
Father's Name: Daniel Webster White Jr.
Places lived and when: Centre, AL
Education: B.S. ^{degree} from The University of Alabama
Religion: Methodist
Business, political and social memberships (past and present) _____
Present occupation: Teacher of math
Former occupations: _____
Special Skills: _____
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: _____

Word List

Oral history interview with Betty Graves, who was born on January 22, 1943 in Gadsden, Alabama and grew up in Centre, Alabama.

Mary George Jordan Waite
Daniel Webster Waite, Jr.
Centre, Alabama
Huntingdon College
dormitory
Shelton

Centre Middle School used to be Cherokee County High School
Cherokee County Area Vocational School used to be Hatcher
High School

1st year to teach at Cherokee County High-1965-66
Nin and Lone--ex-slaves that lived with her family

Ease Mama--Mrs. Graves' grandmother

Her mother was president of Farmers and Merchants Bank
in Centre.

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- University of Alabama (enrolled-1961, graduated-1965)
- Vivian Malone
- Atmosphere of campus
- Bomb scares
- Affect it had on her
- George Wallace
- Campus reaction to Wallace's stand
- KKK
- March in Selma
- Segregation as she grew up
- Actions from the 1960s compared to actions that are taking place now.
- Affirmative action
- Black students after integration
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Side B

- Introduction
- Family and childhood in relation to blacks (Nin and Lone)
- Lack of racial tension while she grew up
- Rules at University of Alabama while she was there
- Her interaction with Vivian Malone
- Her husband's perspective on blacks vs. her's
- John F. Kennedy
- Other notable things that happened while she was at college (1st man on the moon, Alabama as national football champions, Joe Namath, etc.)
- What she did after college
- Changes she has seen for women (pregnancy, working outside of the home, wages)