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1814 Rudolph, Anniston, AL 36801

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Date March 24, 1996

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INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Thearthur Aaron M/F: Male

Address: 1814 Rudolph, Anniston, AL 36201

Phone number(s): _____

Approximate age or date of birth: 76 of year 1919

Mother's name: Lorrie Jones

Father's name: Leandor Aaron

Places lived and when: Lawrence County, Alabama in 1919

Education: fifth grade

Religion: Baptist

Business, political and social memberships (past and Present): _____

Present occupation: retired

Former occupations: worked in ore mines, foundries, pipe shop^(union)

Special Skills: _____

Major Accomplishments: helped hold the bridge near Coldwater up and helps people in their time of need.

National Events in which interviewee has participated: _____

Local Events in which interviewee has participated: He takes up collections for people who have lost love ones.

National born U.S. citizen? Yes / No Naturalized Citizen: Y / N

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: _____

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This is Kimiko Ware interviewing Mr. Thearthur Aaron at 1814 Rudolph on March 24, 1996. The subject of this interview is Focusing on the early 20s to the 60s.

I. Identification

Nickname: "Red Cap"
Born: In 1919 in Lawrence County, AL
Parents' Name: mother-Lorrie Jones father-Leandor Aaron
Spouse's Name: Lillie Mae Murphy (deceased)

II. Education, Jobs, & Etc.

A. Highest level of schooling-Fifth grade
Because of working on the farm
Getting back in school was very lost and found no use for it.

- B. Had many jobs:
- (1) Ore mines in Montgomery- where he made candy and peanut oil; paid \$28 (made most money)
 - (2) Union foundry worker
 - (3) Pipe shop
 - (4) Oil mine
 - (5) Help hold the bridge near Coddwater
 - (6) Help fill car batteries

Was laid off and also retired; ~~from~~^{from} the ore mines and made about \$300 a week.

C. Being in Service

Couldn't be in service because of his education (not enough)

III. World War II

- He talked about people coming back from the war.
- His feelings towards the war.
- There was always noise from the war that made him uneasy. Heard them practice near the airport of Montgomery.
- He could find a place to work during WWII. "he was always lucky"
- He was glad that he didn't have to fight during the war.

IV. Great Leaders

- A. Malcolm X* was a good leader, was very rough in his tactics, fought for what he thought was equality, and used violence to ensure equality.
- B. Martin Luther King, Jr.- was great leader, believes in justice and equality, was peaceful in his decision of doing things, was anti-violent. March to Selma, ~~Montgomery~~ Alabama
Thearthur's best saying from MLK: "Going to the mountain top"
Thearthur said, "It did me some good to hear Martin Luther King, Jr. speak"
His wife cried when Martin Luther King, Jr. and JFK died. He talked about how a good president Bill Clinton is. His life changed after MLK's assassination. He's trying to live a better life and live right.

For his own benefit, he talked about disobedient children, kids robbing people blind, and how young men can't get a job with their pants sagging down.