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Father's Name: Albert Robinson Dooley

Places lived and when: Cherokee County + DeKalb

Education: High school

Religion: Methodist

Business, political and social memberships (past and present) Methodist Church
Womens League

Present occupation: N/A

Former occupations: Sales Clerk / Store Owner

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lived in
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Potential Questions for Interview

Early Years

When were you born?

What city and State?

Where you born in the hospital or at home?

Are there any special memories or stories connected to your birth?

How old were your parents when you were born?

Did you have any brothers or sisters?

What is your earliest childhood memory?

Describe the first home that you remember. was it big ...did it have a yard?

Do you remember a special toy or blanket?

Was your family close?

How would you say your childhood differed from today's?

Is there anything you would like to change?

School\Homelife

What is your earliest memory of school?

How old were you?

How did you get to school?

Where was your school?

What did it look like?

What did you wear?

Did you know any of your class mates from around your home?

Were the boys and girls in the same class?

Were the boys and girls allowed to play together?

What games did you play?

Did you have a best friend?

Share a memory from that time.

After school what did you do?

Was your mom home when you got there?

Were there chores to be done. explain.

Was your mom a good cook?

What was a typical evening at your home like?

When did you have to go to bed?

Where did everybody sleep?

Teenage Years

You were a teen in the 20's it must have been very hard with all the changes going on inside yourself. and the world outside, what did you think of yourself?

How did you look at life during this era?

Around what age do remember becoming aware of your sexuality?

Did you notice different worlds for boys and girls?

Were boys interested in you?

At what age were you allowed to date?

Did you ever get in trouble for smoking or drinking?

How did you feel about your parents during these years?

What was your first date like?

Do you remember who it was with?
What were the restrictions placed on dating by your parents?
Were the rules the same for your brothers?
How did people dress?
What type of music did you listen to?
What did teens do for entertainment?
Depression
In 1929 stock market crashed, what do you remember ?
What was your family's means of transportation?
Did you understand what was going on?
How did your parents react?
What was the sentiment of your community?
Marriage (1930)
How did you meet your husband?
Tell me about your first date.
Do you remember your first kiss?
How long did you date before he proposed?
Was it an instant attraction?
Would you say your relationship was along a normal path?
What was your families reaction to your choice of mate?
When and where did you marry?
Weren't you scared because of the depression?
Were there any surprizes to married life?
Explain.
How did you adjust to your new "position" in life?
Describe the three most satisfying events in your marriage.
Did you ever quarrel?
Who made the decisions?
Did you consider your marriage successful?
Children
What did you think of instant motherhood?
Was that a very hard transistion?
Did the children accept you?
Were there any problems with the kids or any of the other
extended family?
What advise would you have for other mothers out there
struggling to raise a family?
War
How did you feel about the war?
Did you understand what was going on?
What was the feelings of the community, and nation to the
war?
Do you remember the rations?
Did you follow the war on the radio?
Did you have loved ones in the war?
Where were you when they announced the war was over?
Did you celebrate?
What affect did the war have on your life?
Work
How old were you the first time you went to work?
Why did you decide to work?
What type of work did you do?
How much were you paid?
Did the women get treated different than the men?

Did you enjoy working?

Do you think women should be given total equality?

KKK/Southern attitudes

I know that you had great respect for President Kennedy.

Where were you when he died?

Why did you support him so strongly?

Did you know about the KKK in this area?

do personally know of any KKK movements?

How did that make you feel?

What did you think of the Civil Rights Movement, and Martin Luther King?

Did the Montgomery bus Boycott affect all people of Alabama?

Did you see any similarities between the blacks struggle for freedom and the women's movement for equality?

Miscellaneous

Tell me about having to start your life over after your husband died, What was that like?

What hardships did you face?

What were your strenghs?

What period of your life did you find most rewarding?

What part did religion play in your life?

Explain its significance.

How active were you in the church?

Do you know any other stories that have been handed down to you that you would like to pass along?

If you could offer just one bit of advice to the generation of today, What would it be?

Source Outlines

- 1905 Working hour regulated
- 1908 Women try to form and utilize Unions to get a 10 hour day.
- 1909 NAACP is formed
- 1911 Triangle fire
- 1912 Uprising in textiles. 30,000 participate
- 1913 Wilson is President
- 1915 U boats sank by Germans
- 1917 April 6. America declares war on Germany
- 1918 German's last offensive
- 1919 Race riots
- 1919 Prohibition
- 1919-1920 The red scare
- 1920 New Morality
- 1920 Women's voters league
- 1923 ERA
- 1924 Coolidge elected
 - KKK
- 1928 Herbert Hoover elected
- 1929 Stock Market crash
- 1932 Franklin Roosevelt elected
 - The starving winter
- 1933-35 The 1st New Deal
- 1932 Veterans march to receive promised war bonus now instead of in 1940
- 1932 The nation begins to know Elenor Roosevelt
- 1935 2nd New Deal, Social Security
- 1941 December, 7 Pearl Harbor is bombed by Japanese
- 1945 May, VE day
- 1945 August 6, Hiroshima/Negosoki
- 1945 August 6, VJ day
- 1950 Koren war
- 1952 Eisenhower elected
- 1955-56 The Montgomery Bus Boycott/ Rosa Parks
- 1957 Civil Rights Act
 - Martin Luther King
 - Linden Bird Johnson

- 1960 John F Kennedy elected
 - The camelot era
- 1961 The Bay of Pigs
- 1961 Freedom Riders
- 1963 Birmingham church bombing
- 1965 Selma March for Civil Rights
- 1966 Riot summer

"Fun Line"

1909 The movies
1911 The car
1919 Women win the right to vote!
1920's
People believed there was a good life for everybody to be had.
Airplanes, "Living rooms in the sky"
Jazz music
Racketeering
Prohibition
Radio "story" shows
Influenza epidemic
TB outbreak
Stock Market crash
"Hungry Years"
New way of life
1930's
"Hungry Years"
Promised land, California migration
Daredevil Crooks
Machinegun Kelly and his Mrs.
Dillinger
Bonnie and Clyde
Hoover's influence
Franklin D Roosevelt
Nazi Movement in U.S.
Big Bands:
Benny Goodman
Tom Dorsey
Duke Ellington
The World's Fair
1940's
New dance craze
Car hops
The war
The enemy within
Submarine capers
Nazi subs on U.S. soil
"No Japs allowed"
War bonds
Rations
Women's work
Nurses
Changing fashion's "war clothes"
Sports. Joe Dimaggio
The invention of the strapless bra
1950's
Bomb shelters
Douglas MacArthur

Davy Crockett boom
Hula-Hoop \$1.98
Hair style: Poodle do
Music: pop to rock
Mood music
ELVIS! Ed Sullivan show 1956
Suburban lifestyles
Marilyn Monroe
Rebels
Television
1960's
Peace
Love
Drugs
Wild fashions: ty-dyed. natural
Love-ins
Woodstock
assassins
Miniskirts
Race issue
Vietnam war
TV and newspaper's influence
Draft dodgers
First man on the moon
Camelot era
1970's
Bell bottoms
President Nixon was forced to resign
Veteran return to hostile welcome
Disco
BeeGees
Fashion's change: men wear silk shirts
side burns, greased hair
1980's
Rock and Roll:
Kiss
AC/DC
Black Sabbath
The Republican era
An actor, Ronald Reagan is elected President
George Bush
Assassination attempts
Fashion again changes
Country music
1990's
Gulf War
The fall of the Berlin Wall
Unrest in many of the "Third World Nations"
The disintegration of the USSR



Linzie Dooley, Ethel Dooley
Children of
Albert Robinson Dooley
and
Emma "Tiny" Henderson Dooley

① Ethel Dooley, Linzie Dooley



③ Roland Dooley