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INTERVIEWEE Dr. Leon Marsh

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QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW

PERSONAL/BACKGROUND

1. When and where were you born?
 - A. What was the town like?
 - B. Where did you spend most of your life growing up?
2. Who are your parents?
 - A. What did they do for a living?
 - B. How many brothers and sisters did you have?
3. Where did you receive your education?
4. Did you serve in the Armed Forces?
 - A. Were you drafted or did you join by choice?
 - B. What was the war like from your own personal viewpoint?
 - C. Did it make you more religious?
5. Who is your wife and how did you meet?
 - A. How many children do you have?

LIFE DURING HIS YOUNGER DAYS

1. What did the family life revolve around?
2. What were the main sources of transportation?
3. Describe the schools when you were growing up?
 - A. Was religion emphasized?
4. What was the main industry?
 - A. What effect did the Great Depression have?
5. How were minorities treated?
 - A. Did religion affect this opinion?

RELIGION AND THE CHURCH

1. What was religion like when you were a child?
 - A. Was there a good deal of parental emphasis?
 - B. How involved were the children in the church?
2. Describe the physical appearance of the church?
3. What were that actual services like?
4. Which one of the religious denominations seemed to have more influence? (explain)
5. What was the overall impact of the church on society?
6. Was the preacher looked upon as an important community figure? (explain)
7. What kind of impact did the church and religion have on you?
8. What made you go into the ministry and what made you make this decision?
9. Why did you decide to pursue a degree in Theology instead of something else?
10. Concerning the church, what is you most memorable moment or fondest memory?
11. If you had to change one thing about the church or religion, what would it be?

CHRONOLOGICAL SHEET FOR DR. LEON MARSH

- 1922 - Dr. Marsh is born to his parents, Albert and Ethel Marsh
- 1928 - Marsh family purchased first car
- 1935 - Marsh family moves to Auburn
- 1939 - Dr. Marsh graduates from Lee County High School
- 1942 - Dr. Marsh enlists into the Navy
- 1946 - Graduated from Auburn, moves on to Seminary
- 1952 - Received Doctoral degree from Seminary, moves to Abilene, Texas
- 1956 - Began teaching at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas
- 1991 - Retired and returned to Arab, Alabama
- 1992 - Interim pastor at Arab First Baptist Church
- 1993 - Interim Pastor at Oneonta First Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama
- 1994 - Mrs. Ruth Marsh had open heart surgery

Chronological Sheet of National Events

- 1922 - Ku Klux Klan is revived in Georgia
- 1929 - Panic of 1929 (Stock Market Crash)
- 1933 - Establishment of T.V.A.
- 1939 - World War II begins - U.S. says it will remain neutral
- 1941 - Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
- 1942 - Declared War On Japan
Germany and Italy declare war on the U.S.
- 1945 - Formal end to World War II.
- 1954 - Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas
- 1955 - Montgomery bus boycott
- 1962 - Cuban Missile Crisis
- 1963 - John F. Kennedy is assassinated
- 1965 - Martin Luther King, Jr. leads march from Selma to Montgomery
- 1968 - Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. are assassinated
- 1972 - "Watergate"
- 1973 - Cease fire in Vietnam
- 1980 - Reagan elected President
- 1988 - Bush elected President
- 1991 - Beginning of Gulf War

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Leon Marsh M/F Male

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Approximate age or date of birth: 72 yrs old

Mother's Name: Ethel Cox Marsh

Father's Name: Albert G. Marsh

Places lived and when: Archa (1922-1935) Auburn (1935-1946)

Ft. Worth, Tx (1946-1952) Abilene, Tx (1952-1956) Ft. Worth, Tx (1956-1991) Archa (1991 -)

Education: Lee Cl. High School (1939) Auburn B.S. (1946) Southwestern Seminary (MRE, BD, DRE, MA, Ph.D)

Religion: Baptist

Business, political and social memberships (past and present) U.F.W., American

Legion, Kiwanis Club, Physiological Society

Present occupation: Retired

Former occupations: Professor - Southwestern Seminary (40 yrs.) Dean - Hamlin-Summers (Graduate School)

Special Skills: _____

Major Accomplishments: Authored Text Books, who's who

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: Janet Calhoun

Additional information: _____
