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542 Polk Street Rockmart, Georgia

on the date(s) of March 19, 1995

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Charlene Cooke

Interviewee's signature

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Date March 19, 1995

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INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Charlene Cooke M.F.

Address: 542 Polk Street - Rockmart, Georgia

Phone number(s): 404-684-0874, 404-684-5335

Approximate age or date of birth: 1-28-44

Mother's Name: Josephine McGregor Williams

Father's Name: Bob J.L. Williams

Places lived and when: Taylorville, Rockmart, Ga.

Education: Father (Little) Mother (8th grade) (Ed. 6) me Early Univ

Religion: Baptist

Business, political and social memberships (past and present) _____

Present occupation: ~~Teacher~~ Teacher 22 yrs.

Former occupations: Same

Special Skills: None

Major Accomplishments: Ed. 6

National Events in which interviewee has participated: None

Local Events in which interviewee has participated: any
community affair

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: _____

After the Introductory Questions

1. What do you remember most about childhood in the 1930's?
2. I will ask one or two questions from the previous answer.
3. What types of hobbies did you have?
4. What ~~was~~^{were} your parents occupations?
5. What age did you start helping with chores?
6. What role did the changing of seasons and the weather have on what needed to be accomplished? *were they farmers?*
7. How did you receive important information about what was going on in the world?
8. Who was the President?
9. Was school important for the family? *why?*
10. How did the law of Browns vs. Board of Education effect the surrounding communities?
11. *Religion??*
11. *Is this a Black woman?*

- memories of segregation
- did she live in city or country? Ask about that?

I have a set of questions prepared by Civil Rights Museum for interviews for this time period. Do you want a copy?

Wayne Kent
History 202

Charlene Cooke
March 19, 1995
Rockmart, GA
"Growing up Black"

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 - a. Requirements
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- 3) President's accomplishments
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 - a. Governor Wallace
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- 5) College life experiences
 - a. Issues then which are still prominent
 - b. Effects of Civil Rights
 - c. Importance of the Affirmative Action Policy
- 6) Other Issues
 - a. Diseases
 - b. Sharecroppers

13. Did you go to jail? What were the circumstances of your arrest? How long did you remain?
14. Did others in your family participate? Go to jail? Etc....
15. If you were school age, did you leave school and were you suspended?
16. How did other family members react to your participation?
17. What church were you a member of? What was the level of involvement of your pastor and church?
18. What benefits did you, your family, and community realize as a result of the Movement?
19. If you were in control of the movement and could go back and change some things, what would you change?
20. What is your assessment of the Birmingham Movement? How successful? What were its accomplishments? What were its failures?
21. Is there anything else you would like to add that we have not dealt with?
22. Do you have any items related to the Movement or to the development of Birmingham that you would like to donate to the Institute?

A group of additional questions will be developed for specific persons in specialized areas, based upon research to be carried out by the interviewer preceding said interview.