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## INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Charlie Wyatt Huddleston M/F male  
Address: P.O. Box 25 Baileyston, AL 35019  
Phone number(s): 205-796-2620  
Approximate age or date of birth: 07-08-22  
Mother's Name: Mattie Missouri Brown Huddleston  
Father's Name: Wyatt Hamilton Huddleston  
Places lived and when: Rabdolet Co. AL, Cullman Co. AL, Marshall Co. AL - army time  
Education: high school diploma + <sup>office management</sup> St. Bernards College (a while)  
Religion: Baptist  
Business, political and social memberships (past and present) VFW, church  
Present occupation: Retired Marshall Space Flight Center '94, NASDA  
Former occupations: Vocational agriculture teacher, Army - Redstone Arsenal  
Special Skills: farming, explosives operator in Army, missile building  
Major Accomplishments: building spacecraft  
National Events in which interviewee has participated: World War II  
Local Events in which interviewee has participated: improvements to Baileyston Park.  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alabama Farming From the 1930's to the Present  
As Told By Charlie Huddleston**

Interview Conducted By Elizabeth A. Wood On May 14, 1994

## Questions Used in the Interview

1. Tell me about your experiences with agriculture.
2. What is guyana?
3. Where did it come from?
4. Did your family plant cover crops to prevent erosion?
5. Tell me about sharecropping.
6. When did farm subsidies begin?
7. Why did your family leave Randolph County, Alabama?
8. How much land was farmed in Cullman County?
9. Did you use any pesticides?
10. What religious denomination are you?

## An Index to the Tape

Crops raised--cotton, corn, soybeans, and sorghum cane  
Farm equipment and methods of cultivation  
Cotton  
Corn  
Guyana--a fertilizer/ use of soda  
Thrift--the family saved seeds to replant  
Sorghum cane and syrup  
Terracing, cover cropping, and crop rotation for soil conservation  
Sharecropping and the move from Randolph to Cullman  
Leaving home--World War II, marriage, and farming  
Modern farm equipment and methods  
Differences between Randolph Co. and Cullman Co.  
Sharecropping and better income  
Use of manure as fertilizer  
Church and religion, ceremonies  
Old methods of bridge building  
Sweet potatoes and turnips  
Cabbages, collards, and onions  
Making lye soap  
The store in the 1930's  
Fishing and turtle hunting  
Diverting the creek  
Hunting opossums, squirrels, and rabbits  
Grapes  
Doing well during the Depression  
Outhouses and the Sears catalog!  
Old methods vs. the new  
Cotton farming and school  
Current job/ need for farmers