

Oral History Tape Recording Release

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INTERVIEWEE Willard N. Hill

INTERVIEWER Frank P. Hines II

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SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWEE/DONOR Willard N. Hill

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Willard Neil Hill M F Male
 Address: 724 Dolphin Drive Weaver, Ac 36277
 Phone number(s): 820-5177
 Approximate age or date of birth: 63
 Mother's Name: Ethel
 Father's Name: William M. Hill
 Places lived and when: Portlock, Virginia 1940-46
Jacksonville, FL 1930-? Winokur, GA 1934(?)
 Education: 11th Grade (H.S. diploma thru Army)
 Religion: Catholic in the Army → 1957 became Baptist
 Business, political and social memberships (past and present) NAT Association for Machinery
V.F.W., ~~Baptist~~ local Baptist Church, Boy Scouts of America (web 10) (Leader)
 Present occupation: Retired
 Former occupations: Tool & Die maker (ANAD), Army NCO
 Special Skills: Master Machinist
 Major Accomplishments: Raised 2 kids, paid for a house,
married 40 years, Fought in Korean + Vietnam Wars,
 National Events in which interviewee has participated: Korean and Vietnam Wars
 Local Events in which interviewee has participated: mostly church activities
 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: _____

Nahunta, GA 1937(?)
 Arcadia, FL 1937(?)
 (Farm)

1946 Marine Corps SMO → kicked out because underage
 1946 ^{Portlock} ~~Arcadia~~, FL VA
 1946 moved to Key West, FL
 Dec 1947 Joined Army

CHECK LIST

tape recorder
microphone
batteries
extension cord
plug adapter
tapes
note pad
pens
release forms
information sheet

prepared outline
prepared notes and questions

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Tape heading for recording:

Put on Tape
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This is an oral history interview with _____ conducted by _____
on _____ at _____. The subject of this interview is _____.

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- Race relations
- Rebellious Youth
- Aftermath of WWII

Williard Hill Chronology

- 1930 13 Feb, Williard Neil Hill is born in Jacksonville, Florida
- 1934 The Hill family moves to Winokur, Georgia.
- 1937 The Hill family moves to Nahunta, Georgia.
The Hill family moves to Arcadia, Florida.
- 1940 The Hill family moves to Portlock, Virginia.
- 1941 Dec, Williard's brother, William, enlists in the Army.
- 1946 July, Williard joins the Marines
Nov, Williard is discharged from Marines for being underage.
Dec, Williard's parents are layed off their wartime jobs.
- 1947 Jan, Williard's parents move to Key West, Florida.
Feb, Williard moves to Key West, Florida.
Dec, Williard enlists in the Army.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE PERIOD COVERED IN MY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

1933-35:-FDR proclaimed a national emergency and introduced extensive reforms to overcome the economic crises which all fell under the umbrella of the New Deal. Key measures of the New Deal: Agricultural Adjustment Act, Tennessee Valley Authority and the National Industrial Recovery Act.

1935-41:- 2nd phase of the New Deal. The measures were intended to strengthen the position of workers and farmers and deprive the opponents of the New Deal of influence. The Works Progress Administration, National Labor Relations Act and Social Security Act were introduced.

1941:-Roosevelt proclaimed the four freedoms: freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear.

-March, The Lend-Lease Act empowers the President to supply war materials to any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States, and without immediate payment.

-December, Japanese attack Pearl Harbor and the U.S. declares war against the axis powers.

1942:-The government places over \$100 billion in war contracts.

-December, the War Food Administration assumes direction of the nation's food program. Shortages in meat, oil and rubber.

-November, Anglo-American Forces enter North Africa.

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1943:-May, Axis soldiers surrender in North Africa

-Allies invade Italy

-Allies take island of Tarawa in November

1944:-Allies invade Normandy

-Allies secure islands of Phillipines, Guam, Saipan and Peleliu.

-August, Paris is liberated.

-December, Battle of the Bulge.

1945:-April, FDR dies, Truman is President.

-May, Unconditional surrender of Germany

-August, Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

-August, Japanese surrenders

ORAL HISTORY QUESTIONS

Was your family affected by the depression?

How?

Did WWII improve the financial intake of your family?

How did WWII affect your family?

What was the mood of your community before Pearl Harbor?

What was the mood after Pearl Harbor?

How did your community view WWII? As a just war?

Did your family have to ration certain items during WWII?

Did your family suffer because of the rationing?

Did you know any blacks during WWII? If so, how were they treated?

How did your family/community view FDR? Harry Truman?

What kind of movies did you watch during WWII?

Did any of your brothers go to war? If so, did they survive? If they survived, what, if anything, did they tell you about their experiences?

*Since you're
also researching
electricity - ask that too.*