

Oral History Tape Recording Release

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INTERVIEWEE Mary Anne Lewis

INTERVIEWER Anna C. Russell

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DATE OF AGREEMENT 8/2/93

SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWEE

Mary Anne Lewis

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Mary Anne Lewis

Male/Female: Female Phone #: 404-449-5838

Address: 3774 Meadow Rue Lane

Norcross, GA 30092

Date of birth: August 19, 1941 Age: 52

Mother's name: Mary Jackson Smedley

Father's name: Jesse Albert Smedley

Places lived and when: La Grange, GA: 1941-1959

Atlanta, GA: 1960-1990

Columbus, GA: 1990-1992

Atlanta, GA: 1993-Present

Education: Two Years College

Religion: Baptist/Presbyterian

Community organization memberships (past & present):

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Church Choir, Committees, Youth

Group Coordinator, Garden Clubs, Special Ed.

Political affiliation: Democrat

Present occupation: Accounting

Former occupations: Payroll, Accounts Payable, US Steel,

Property Manager-Shopping Centers, Accounting

Special skills: Arts & Crafts, Computers, Special "Insight

with Kids"

Major accomplishments: Rearing four children as a single

Parent. Becoming Self-sufficient

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National Events participated in: Political Parade (JFK local  
parade, LaGrange, GA), Dan Quayle held rally in Columbus, GA  
last fall 1992

Local events participated in: Olympic Walk-a-thon  
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National born citizen? yes

Place of birth: LaGrange, Georgia

Naturalized citizen? YES / NO      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Country from which emigrated: \_\_\_\_\_

Documents, photographs and artifacts in possession: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Individuals recommended who might be candidates for an oral  
history interview: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### LIST OF PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are your fondest memories from the 1950's?
2. What are your fondest memories from the 1960's?
3. During this time did you find yourself maintaining the same political beliefs or did your political beliefs change?
4. Did the civil rights movement effect your life in any way?
5. How did you react to "the bomb"?
6. What is your favorite movie/movie star from this time?
7. How would you describe yourself in the 1950's/1960's?
8. What were you doing during the Vietnam War? Were you for or against American intervention?
9. Did any books or authors have an impact on your life during this time? Did they influence your thoughts and beliefs then and now?
10. What was the first election you voted in and who did you vote for?

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June 20, 1993  
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- 1950      POLITICAL  
\* Truman authorizes building of Hydrogen bomb  
\* Joseph McCarthy launches anti-communist campaign  
\* Julius & Ethel Rosenberg arrested as atomic spies  
\* McCarran International Security Act  
MILITARY  
\* Korean War begins  
WORLD  
\* Asociacion Nacional Mexico-Americana established
- 1951      MARY ANNE LEWIS  
\* MAL gets a television  
POLITICAL  
\* Supreme Court upholds Smith Act  
\* Rosenbergs convicted of espionage  
MILITARY  
\* MacArthur dismissed from Korean command
- 1952      POLITICAL  
\* Dwight D. Eisenhower elected president  
\* Republicans win control in congress  
MILITARY  
\* First H-Bomb exploded
- 1953      POLITICAL  
\* CIA supported coup in Iran  
\* Earl Warren appointed U.S. Chief Justice  
\* House Concurrent Resolution 108  
MILITARY  
\* Korean truce signed
- 1954      POLITICAL  
\* Army-McCarthy hearings  
\* Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka  
WORLD  
\* Fall of Dienbienphu; Geneva conference
- 1955      CULTURAL  
\* Salk polio vaccine developed  
\* James Dean stars in Rebel Without a Cause  
\* Montgomery bus boycott begins  
WORLD  
\* First postwar U.S.-Soviet summit meeting
- 1956      POLITICAL  
\* Eisenhower reelected  
CULTURAL  
\* Alan Ginsberg, Howl

1957

MARY ANNE LEWIS

- \* MAL goes on first double date

POLITICAL

- \* Eisenhower Doctrine announced
- \* Civil Rights Act (first since reconstruction)
- \* Little Rock school desegregation crisis

CULTURAL

- \* Jack Kerouac, On the Road
- \* Peak of "Baby Boom" (4.3 million births)

WORLD

- \* Soviet Union launches Sputnik

1958

MARY ANNE LEWIS

- \* MAL graduates from high school

POLITICAL

- \* National Defense Education Act
- \* National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) established

WORLD

- \* U.S. and Soviet Union halt atomic tests

1959

MARY ANNE LEWIS

- \* MAL meets her husband-to-be at St. Simon's Island

WORLD

- \* Fidel Castro comes to power in Cuba
- \* Krushchev and Eisenhower meet at Camp David

1960

MARY ANNE LEWIS

- \* MAL gets married
- \* MAL votes in first national election for John F. Kennedy
- \* MAL moves to Atlanta, GA

POLITICAL

- \* Second Civil Rights Act
- \* John F. Kennedy elected president

MILITARY

- \* U-2 incident

CULTURAL

- \* Sit-ins to protest segregation begin
- \* Birth control pill marketed

1961

MARY ANNE LEWIS

- \* MAL has first child

POLITICAL

- \* Peace Corps and Alliance for Progress created

MILITARY

- \* Bay of Pigs invasion

CULTURAL

- \* Freedom Rides

WORLD

- \* Berlin Wall erected

1962

MILITARY

- \* Cuban Missile Crisis

CULTURAL

- \* Rachel Carson, Silent Spring
- \* Michale Harrington, The Other America

1963

MARY ANNE LEWIS

- \* MAL has second child

POLITICAL

- \* Kennedy assassinated; Lyndon B. Johnson becomes president

CULTURAL

- \* Civil Rights demonstrations in Birmingham
- \* March on Washington
- \* Betty Freidan, the Feminist Mystique

WORLD

- \* Test-Ban Treaty between the Soviet Union and the United States

1964

POLITICAL

- \* Civil Rights Act
- \* Johnson elected president
- \* Berkeley Free Speech Movement (FSM)

MILITARY

- \* Gulf of Tonkin incident and resolution

CULTURAL

- \* "Freedom Summer" in Mississippi

1965

MARY ANNE LEWIS

- \* MAL has third child

POLITICAL

- \* Voting Rights Act

MILITARY

- \* Bombing of North Vietnam and Americanization of the war begin

CULTURAL

- \* Assassination of Malcolm X
- \* Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery
- \* Teach-ins to question U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam begin
- \* Watts Riot in Los Angeles
- \* Ken Kesey & Merry Pranksters stage first "acid-test"

1966

MILITARY

- \* Abolition of automatic student deferments from the draft

CULTURAL

- \* Black Panthers formed
- \* National Organization for Women (NOW) founded

1967

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- \* MAL has fourth child

CULTURAL

- \* Massive anti-war demonstrations
- \* Race riots in Newark, Detroit and other cities

\* March on the Pentagon

WORLD

\* Israeli-Arab six day war

1968

POLITICAL

\* President Lyndon B. Johnson announces that he will not seek reelection

\* Robert F. Kennedy assassinated

\* Violence mars the Democratic National Convention in Chicago

\* Richard Nixon elected president

MILITARY

\* Tet Offensive

\* Vietnam peace talks open in Paris

CULTURAL

\* Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated- race riots sweep nation

\* Students take over buildings and strike at Columbia University

1969

MILITARY

\* Nixon begins withdrawal of U.S. troops

\* Lieutenant William Calley charged with murder of civilians at My Lai

CULTURAL

\* Apollo II lands first Americans on the moon

\* Woodstock festival

1970

POLITICAL

\* Environmental Protection Agency established

\* OSHA created

MILITARY

\* U.S. invades Cambodia

CULTURAL

\* Students killed at Kent State and Jackson State Universities

\* Earth Day first celebrated