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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Joseph M. Davis, Jr.

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IDENTIFICATION: [ca. 1940 -] Native of Four Corners; successful owner of trucking company; Police Juror for 20 years

INTERVIEWER: Adrienne LaCour

SERIES: Adrienne LaCour - Four Corners

INTERVIEW DATE: 10 March 1993

FOCUS DATES: 1960-1993

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Tape 343, Side A

Childhood work history; college career; involvement in trucking as family business; federal programs for minorities; involvement in politics; difficulty of breaking into the white monopoly trucking business; family values; work ethic; memories of Four Corners when he was a child (old structures and individual homes)

Tape 343, Side B

History of South Coast Plantation including early operations and purchase by Goldsby, then Prudential; life on plantation 3-4 decades ago; how his parents came to work on South Coast Plantation; discussion of pesticide *Proud* used on sugarcane; non-confidence in organic techniques for growing sugarcane; price of sugarcane decades ago when he farmed compared to today (21 cents per pound compared to 224-25); vision for Four Corners

TAPES: 1 (T343)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 45 minutes

PAGES INDEX: 4 pages

RESTRICTIONS: None.