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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Willie Jackson

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IDENTIFICATION: [1889 -] Lifelong resident of Four Corners, an unincorporated community south of Franklin, La.; grandson of slaves; lifelong worker in sugarcane fields

INTERVIEWER: Adrienne LaCour

SERIES: Adrienne LaCour - Four Corners

INTERVIEW DATE: 2 December 1993

FOCUS DATES: 1895-1930

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Tape 392.1

Childhood memories of working in the fields with parents; description of early Four Corners before any commercial buildings were in place and when it was owned by one white man; baptism in Bayou Teche; early transportation in boats before installation of float bridge; life on Sterling plantation; difficulties of childhood and early adulthood; contrast of freedom of African Americans then and today; his marriage and how he “stole” his wife; different pay for men and women; accounts of slavery era when people were bought “just like a horse or cow”; activities associated with sugarcane harvest; early schoolroom in Four Corners.

TAPES: 1 (T392.1)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 45 minutes

PAGES INDEX: 3 pages

RESTRICTIONS: None.