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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Betty Nelson

COLLECTION: 4700.0733

IDENTIFICATION: Civic leader in Port Allen, Louisiana

INTERVIEWER: Brenda Morgan

SERIES: West Baton Rouge Remembrance Project

INTERVIEW DATE: November 20, 1996

FOCUS DATES: 1930s - 1990s

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Nelson was born in Port Allen; parents' occupations; segregated neighborhood; grandfather, Sam Caldwell, overseer at Cohn family's Carolina Plantation; Caldwell instrumental in establishment of school for black children in Port Allen; Henry Cohn donated the property for Cohn High School; men digging for treasure in Port Allen; Port Allen Colored Elementary School; teachers; Viola Logan; attending school in the 1940s; McKinley High School; ferry; shopping; Third Street; Rev. T.R. Provos; voter registration drive; church; World War II; Pearl Harbor; Leland College; family; oldest daughter one of the first students to integrate Port Allen High School; race relations; move to Los Angeles; decision to return to Baton Rouge; Judge Marino; political involvement; NAACP; police jury; parish council; community issues.

TAPES: 1 (T1062)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 90 minutes

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RESTRICTIONS: None