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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Leonard Martin

COLLECTION: 4700.0281

IDENTIFICATION: [1908 -] Lifetime resident of Four Corners; great-grandson of slave; sugarcane farmer

INTERVIEWER: Adrienne LaCour,

SERIES: Adrienne LaCour - Four Corners

INTERVIEW DATE: 10 February 1993

FOCUS DATES: 1915-1950

ABSTRACT:

Tape 391, Side A

Account of great-grandfather's purchase as slave; childhood education; father's career as first black schoolteacher in area; work in sugarcane; his teenage years; discussion of Alice LeBaude, merchant and dance-hall operator; discussion of buggy, jumper and surrey; white maternal greatgrandfather married Indian; hospitality of white uncles; account of his long and successful marriage

Tape 391, Side B

Work in Texas during slow time on sugarcane farm; life in same house with his father; drugs in Four Corners; desire to return to the old times at Four Corners; memories of All Saints Day; religious affiliation

TAPE: 1 (T391)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour, 30 minutes

PAGES INDEX: 4 pages

RESTRICTIONS: None.