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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAMES: George Braxton, Velma Carheel **COLLECTION:** 4700.2507

IDENTIFICATION: Mossville natives; Braxton worked in Conoco management for 40 years

INTERVIEWER: Douglas Mungin

SERIES: Mossville History Project - Second Meeting

INTERVIEW DATES: March 27, 2015

FOCUS DATES: 1950s-1970s

ABSTRACT:

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Braxton born February 11, 1953 in Sulphur, Louisiana (in later interview he has realized he was actually born in Lake Charles); Carheel born February 19, 1957 in Sulphur; names of parents and grandparents; Braxton's early memory of seeing ghost at Josh Rigmaiden's funeral; Carheel's early memory of having serious illness which might have been diphtheria; Braxton describes his childhood home in Mossville; proximity of family living all around in Mossville; town so quiet, you could wait hours for a car to pass; closeness of Mossville community; great-grandfather founded Mount Zion Baptist Church; businesses in Mossville; everybody was your cousin; frequent conversations about lineage; Mossville school central to Mossville community; Mossville was self-contained; Braxton reads his prose on love of family; he and his mother were mainly responsible for family garden; sitting on porch at night; he and his mother bought 100 laying chicks but they all turned out to be roosters; Carheel was more sheltered since she was female, worked in the house canning, cooking, cleaning; swimming in community pool; games girls played, such as hopscotch and jacks; boys hunted, fished, climbed trees, shot marbles; family loves to fish; favorite fishing spots; exploring down the Brimstone railroad track as children; family had fruit trees; Braxton and Carheel define "home" and "community"; annual Mossville parade.

TAPES: 1 (4428)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 37 minutes

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 31 pages

PHOTOGRAPHS / PHOTOGRAPHER: Four photographs taken during interview at the Rigmaiden Recreational Center for the second Mossville Oral History Day. Photographer Kyle Tanglao.

OTHER MATERIALS: Biographical data form; Interview questions (2 pgs); Correspondence

RESTRICTIONS: None