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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Joseph Delpit

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IDENTIFICATION: [1940-] Local Baton Rouge Area Business Man

INTERVIEWER: Nedra Carter and Khary Carrell

PROJECT: McKinley Highschool Oral History Project

DATES: July 1, 1996

FOCUS DATES: 1937-1996

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Tape 1025

Delpit's birth date and family information; how his father started the family business the "Chicken Shack"; details and memories of other businesses, spatial locations of businesses, names of businesses, and owners names of businesses in the south Baton Rouge area at the same time as the Chicken Shack; Joe Cassio an owner of a hardware store who help blacks become plumbers; local hangouts that Delpit remembers frequenting including the McKinley Theater, the Lincoln Theater, and the Lincoln Bakery; the doctors and dentist that Delpit went to; the class and pride of the neighborhood during Delpit's youth; celebrities that performed at the area and stayed in the Boulevard Motel; Delpit's opinion as to why some of the businesses no longer exist in the community; the impact of integration and desegregation on Black businesses; Delpit's business philosophy; view of crime in the community and the need for community members to take an active role in rebuilding the community; the impact of technology on business; description of a typical day at work; Delpit's view of the need for black owned businesses; verbal descriptions of photographs and newspaper clippings included in transmission under other materials; other individuals that Delpit recommends to the students for more information.

TAPES: 1025

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: Approximately 1.5 hours

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 45

OTHER MATERIALS: Narrator Release Form, "Through The Years With Joe Delpit" staple bound booklet; photocopy of add showing McKinley Highschool students in the Chicken Shack; postcard with interior shots of Chicken Shack and Joe Delpit; picture of Joe Delpit receiving an award.

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