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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Ella Mae Parker

COLLECTION: 4700.1616

IDENTIFICATION: Louisiana native; Deaconess at First Emmanuel Baptist Church; President of the Progressive Matron Social Club

INTERVIEWER: Cindi Edwards

SERIES: McKinley High School Oral History Project – Social Organizations

INTERVIEW DATES: June 18, 2002

FOCUS DATES: 1950s, 2002

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Born January 30, 1931, in Gonzales, Louisiana; she worked at Louisiana State University for thirty years; graduated from Donaldsonville High School; she had a son and a daughter and was married to Ben Parker, who is now deceased; has lived in South Baton Rouge for fifty-five years, feels that the area is still prospering; is a member of the First Emmanuel Baptist Church, the Progressive Matron Social Club, and the Women Auxiliary; the Matron Social Club has been around for forty years, started with twelve members, is now down to six; club used to have parties, now they mainly have dinners and socialize; the group members are like family after so many years; she was one of the founders of the club; club now meets to socialize, but they used to go on trips and have parties; she was the president of the club; during the holidays, the club gives things to needy people; most organizations in the community have stopped functioning; First Emmanuel provides clothing to people in need; church is preparing to build classrooms; her advice is to put God first in your life, don't worry about things; conclusion.

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TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 17 minutes

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 9 pages

OTHER MATERIALS: Correspondence; Inventory; Biographical Sketch; Processing Checklist; Ella Mae Parker Obituary; Dorothy "Dot" Sanders Obituary; Shirley Weathers in 1940 Census

RESTRICTIONS: None