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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Shirley Andrus and Carolyn Marshall

**COLLECTION:** 4700.2505

**IDENTIFICATION:** sisters, both born in Mossville, Louisiana

**INTERVIEWER:** Chelsea Arseneault

**SERIES:** Mossville History Project - Second Meeting

**INTERVIEW DATES:** March 27, 2015

**FOCUS DATES:** 1960s-1980s; present

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**Tape 4426**

Shirley Simien Andrus and Carolyn Simien Marshall born in Mossville, Louisiana to parents Lawrence James Simien, Senior, and Beatrice Hardy Simien; Marshall born May 21, 1956; grandparents; earliest memories of Mossville; community's family-oriented nature; father's grocery store; food prices growing up; attending Sacred Heart Catholic School in Lake Charles; most of Mossville is kin; father took sick, so mother started working as a cook; family moved to Lake Charles in 1965 for convenience's sake; Andrus's childhood fear of chickens; "mark of the rooster"; outhouses; opinions on city living versus country living; experiences as grandmothers; legend of a phantom horse that lived in the woods; home-grown food superior to store-bought; gardening; butchering; church leaders; father was Knights of Peter Claver; graduated from Marion High School; Marshall started a family after high school, while Andrus attended McNeese State University for two years; parents raised them to help people; Marshall's experiences working as a substitute teacher; dancing zydeco; girls never stayed home alone; boys had to work, but girls had to follow parents to the dances.

**TAPES:** 1 (T4426)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 28 minutes

**#PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 35 pages

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

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

**RESTRICTIONS:** none