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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Judy Montgomery-Gauthia

**COLLECTION:** 4700.2465

**IDENTIFICATION:** Judy Montgomery-Gauthia was a lifelong resident of Mossville, Louisiana. Her parents ran the popular Paradise Club nightclub.

**INTERVIEWER:** Kathleen Donner

**SERIES:** Mossville History Project – Oral History Day

**INTERVIEW DATE:** January 24, 2015

**FOCUS DATES:** 1950s-1960s

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**Tape 4401**

Gauthia was born in Lafayette, Louisiana on June 14, 1950; names parents and grandparents; father worked at Conoco as a janitor; also owned Paradise Club and dance hall, and had vacuum truck, hydroblasting and cleaning businesses; mother worked with him in businesses; parents came to Mossville with forty dollars, a horse, and a mule; memories of neighbors; house full of family members; enjoyed swimming pool and baseball games; last graduating class from Mossville High School; looked forward to graduating, but then found adult life drudgery; attended Saint John Bosco Catholic Church in Westlake; community leaders; she's never moved far from Mossville; stayed close to parents all her life; to her, home means quiet, safety, where you can leave the door open; parents always took people in; father Valery is currently eighty-nine years old, mother is deceased; Gauthia is excited to sell property to Sasol; father partially responsible for sewage and water upgrades for Mossville; currently lives with her father; father loved politics; Gauthia refers her cousin for an interview.

**TAPES:** 1 (T4401)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 12 minutes

**# PAGES:** 2 pages index, 12 pages transcript

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

**RESTRICTIONS:** none