

Oral History Interview Metadata

Name of Interviewee(s)	Melvin Robinson
Birth Year of Interviewee(s)	1935 X Exact <input type="checkbox"/> Estimate
Name of Interviewer(s)	Mary Kranz
Date of Interview	4/14/2018
Location of Interview	Robinson's house
Total Length of Interview	47:13
# of Audio Files	1
File 1 - Length & Format	47:13 (mp3)
<i>Add more lines as needed for multiple audio files</i>	

Abstract

Melvin Robinson was born in Louisa County in 1935 and lived in a log cabin with his 12 siblings during his childhood. He loved school and attended Cuckoo School until 7th grade. Mr. Robinson started working at a sawmill at the age of 13. He decided to go into business for himself and started out with one truck and one chainsaw loading the wood by hand. He briefly moved to Maryland but eventually returned to Louisa County in 1956 when his daughter was born. Mr. Robinson remembers picking fruit for extra money, catching the bus to watch movies in Charlottesville, and Jim Crow-era segregation, which felt like a "touch of slavery."

Subjects:

Businesses, Clothing and Goods Stores
Businesses, Gas Stations
Businesses, Grocery Stores
Churches, Specific
Community Life, General
Community Services, First Responders
Discrimination, Racial
Domestic Life, Family
Domestic Life, Gardening
Domestic Life, Home Farming
Domestic Life, Labor
Economy, Local
Education, General

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Education, Primary School
Employment
Employment, Wages
Healthcare, Diseases & Illnesses
Healthcare, Doctors
Industry, Sawmill
Politics, Voting
Race Relations
Recreation, Dating
Recreation, General
Recreation, Hunting
Recreation, Movies
Religion, General
Shopping
Technology, Heating
Technology, Plumbing
Technology, Radio
Technology, Television
Transportation, Alternative
Transportation, Cars
Transportation, Public Transportation
Transportation, School Bus