

## Oral History Interview Metadata

Name of Interviewee(s)	John Thurston
Birth Year of Interviewee(s)	1931 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exact <input type="checkbox"/> Estimate
Name of Interviewer(s)	Karleen Kovalcik
Date of Interview	August 30, 2019
Location of Interview	1895 Courthouse Rd, Louisa, VA 2309
Total Length of Interview	64:47
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File 1 - Length & Format	64:47 (mp3)

### Abstract

This interview focuses on the interviewee's experiences in Louisa County during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. John Thurston was born in 1931 and was raised by his parents - Stanley and Elizabeth Thurston - along with nine siblings. He attended Peach Grove School and the Louisa Training School, before majoring in industrial education at Saint Paul's College. He fought in the Korean War and worked in the construction industry. He was a teacher at various schools in Louisa County for 18 years. He reflects on segregation in Louisa County, as well as what it was like to work as a teacher after integration.

#### Subjects:

Businesses, Clothing and Goods Stores

Businesses, Traveling Sales

Civil Rights

Community Organizations, Specific

Discrimination, Racial

Domestic Life, Family

Domestic Life, Gardening

Domestic Life, Labor

Education, General

Education, Teaching

Employment

Healthcare, Childbirth

Healthcare, Diseases & Illnesses

Healthcare, Hospitals

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Industry, Agriculture  
Industry, Construction  
Military  
News, National  
Politics, Voting  
Race Relations  
Real Estate, Domestic  
Recreation, Movies  
Recreation, Music  
Religion, General  
Religion, Weddings  
Segregation, Public Spaces  
Technology, Heating  
Technology, Plumbing  
Technology, Radio  
Technology, Television  
Transportation, Bus  
Transportation, Cars  
War, Korean