

Interviewee: Leon Dixon Sr.

Interviewers: Gailyn Dixon/ Arianne Dupart

Date: 4/8/06

- 0:17** Intro- Location, Reason
- 0:24** Full Name: Leon Dixon Sr.
- 0:42** Nickname: Ninnie; Reason for nickname
- 0:55** Right spelling of name
- 1:19** Birth place: Bachelor, LA; in 1918; Age: 87
- 1:47** Where he grew up: Bachelor, LA and Pointe Coupee Parish; Parents names: Ida Green (from Pointe Coupee) and Napoleon Dixon (from St. Francisville)
- 2:29** Birth year of mother: 1827; Work status: farmers; Burial place: Mt. Mariah Baptist Church in Bachelor, LA
- 3:04** How many children in the family, his rank, the names of siblings.
- 3:29** Started working at a young age. The family was most proud of its history.
- 3:59** Grandparents Steve Green (from Virginia) Kate Green (from Pointe Coupee)
- 4:17** Grandmother was a midwife. Grandfather was a mill worker.
- 4:46** Grandparents buried at Mt. Mariah Baptist Church. His mother was a seamstress and made clothes for the family.
- 4:58** Favorite games: Sandlot baseball and cowboy games such as riding and roping.
- 5:24** Taught to play games by his brothers. He is most proud of his family.
- 5:45** Struggled to work hard to get where he could.
- 6:17** Liked to ride horses as a child and admired Joe Lewis.
- 6:42** Crisis lived through: The Great Depression of the 1930's and World War II in the 1940's.
- 7:24** Spent 4 years in North Africa and Europe.
- 9:32** Struggles during the Depression and World War II that he overcame.

- 9:56** The changes in the times now and when he was growing up for the better
- 10:31** How he enjoyed “Soul Food”
- 11:01** Variety of foods; beans, chicken, pork; special event foods were turkey and pork & beef roast.
- 11:47** Family sharing meals with each other and Sunday meals.
- 12:15** His mother loved to cook different meals.
- 12:38** His grandmother loved to make biscuits and cornbread.
- 12:50** Went to school until the third grade.
- 13:06** His school was in Bachelor. He had a close relationship with his parents.
- 13:56** He had a close relationship with his grandparents, brothers and sisters. They had dinner together, played together, and enjoyed life together.
- 14:53** He has two living siblings: Elmira Smith Dixon & Bessie Bridgewater Dixon.
- 16:07** Family bonding, jobs after farming: public work. How he started his own business hauling dirt for \$1.25 and eventually buying his own truck.
- 16:57** Lost a brother in Belgium during WWII in action. He is currently a widower.
- 18:35** His wife’s name was Sedonia Richard Dixon. He is the father of 9 children and his family has changed his life considerably. He gave his family everything that he didn’t have growing up.
- 19:02** Closing/ Final Thank You