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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Noble Roberts was born in 1925 to Newman and Emma (McCallum) Roberts, at his grandmother's (Hernando Roberts) home on the Graysonia Road. He grew up in the Clark County, Arkansas, and Desha County, Arkansas, areas. In 1942 he graduated from high school in Watson, Arkansas. During World War II, Roberts was a Signalmen third class (1943-1946) in the United States Coast Guard. He was a crew member aboard the LST 793, which saw duty in the North China Sea and the Philippine Islands. In 1951 Roberts earned a baccalaureate in biology and chemistry from Ouachita Baptist College. While in Arkadelphia, he helped establish Third Baptist Church. Roberts was ordained as a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Watson on August 7, 1955; the church's pastor at the time was Frank Hickingbotham. Noble Roberts later earned a doctorate in biology and chemistry.

Roberts worked as a junior and senior high school teacher and administrator. His professional life also included higher education teaching and administration and public health administration. By 1955 Roberts owned and operated a farm supply business and grain elevator in Watson, Arkansas, along with two other men, E.L. Craig and C.B. Harrod. They promoted the growing of pink tomatoes among the farmers of the region, built a receiving and processing facility, graded and packaged produce farmers brought in, and shipped tomatoes on large tandem reefer trucks to central and eastern markets.

Noble Roberts and his wife Frances Maxson Roberts live in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

Scope and Contents

Noble Roberts describes his Clark County, Arkansas, ancestors in this oral history collection. The materials include audio cassette tapes and a photograph album.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Noble Roberts, Shelbyville, Kentucky, 1998 and 2006.

Collection Inventory

Reminiscences		
REC.U3048. 2006 July 24, 23 minutes	Cassette REC.U3048	Disk REC.U3048
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Tape #1 contains Roberts's remembrances of his Clark County ancestors. Names included are Newman Roberts (1899-1976) and Emma McCallum (1900-1995). Present here is information about Arkadelphia Elementary School, Clark County Poor Farm, Graysonia Sawmill, Mill Creek, Davidson Campground, Clark County Road Equipment, Rob May Store and Key Building (used as a school).</p>		
REC.U3049. 2006 July 28, 31 minutes	Disk REC.U3049	Cassette REC.U3049
<p>Scope and Content</p> <p>Tape #2 contains Roberts's remembrances of his Clark County ancestors including Daniel and Hermand Devitt Roberts, David and Elizabeth Carmichael Cagle, Samuel and Julia Crane Balch, John and Lenotah Pierson Wilson, James and Amanda Bledsoe Cash, and John and Ellen Kinney McCallum.</p>		
REC.U3050. 2006 July 30, 27 minutes	Disk REC.U3050	Cassette REC.U3050
<p>Scope and Contents</p>		

REC.U3051. 2006 August 3, 13 minutes

On Tape #3, Roberts recalls John and Harriet Kinney McCallum and William and Lucy Wilson. He also talks about the Civil War service of William Kinney.

REC.U3051. 2006 August 3, 13 minutes

Cassette **Cassette**
REC.U3051 REC.U3051

Scope and Contents

Roberts's remembrances of Michael Devitt, Eliza Balch Devitt, Daniel W. Roberts, and Susan Cagle Roberts are included on Tape #4.

Photographs

Photo album, 2006

Scope and Contents

The photo album includes printed copies of photographs of Robert's family, grave markers, the DeGray Baptist Church, Graysonia buildings, Roberts during World War II, and the U. S. Coast Guard ship LST 793.

Photographs, 1908 and circa 1910

Scope and Contents

Photographs include printed copies of three photographs of Daniel W. Roberts, 1838-1903 (date of photograph unknown); Hickory Grove School Group (circa 1910); and DeGray School class (1908). Lists of class members are included. Photographs and documents were left in original order.

Photographs, 1862-1997

Autobiography, 1998

Scope and Contents

Additional photographs include a printed copy of a class photograph from Hickory Grove School (circa 1910) with a document identifying the people in the picture. Also includes either photographs or printed copies of Noble L. Roberts (1997 and 1943); Newman, Noble, and Emma Roberts (1925); Michael and Elisa Devitt (circa 1890); John and Ellen McCallum Family of DeGray, Arkansas (1901); William Kenney, great grandfather of Noble Roberts (1862); Daniel W. Roberts and his 2nd wife (circa 1901 or 1903); and Daniel Monroe and Hernando Devitt Roberts (circa 1915).

Autobiography, 1998**Scope and Contents**

This series contains a nine page autobiography of Noble Roberts, which includes stories from his family's history. Also contains a photocopy of a photograph of the railroad station at Graysonia, Arkansas.