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Oral History Transcript - Angela Oaks

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Interviewer: Hollie Oaks

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Interviewee: Angela Oaks (Interviewer's mother)

Oral History Interview

Where and when were you born?

- I was born in Decatur, Georgia on July 28, 1964.

Describe your family?

- In my family, there were parents and two boys and myself. My father was very strict. My mom was a stay at home mom most of my life, my brothers are 14 and 12 years older than me. Being the little sister I was always being picked on, in fact I still get picked on when we see each other. My father passed away when I was in 9th grade.

What languages were spoken in your home?

- English

What stories did you hear about your parents, grandparents, and other ancestors?

- I never heard any stories

Did your ancestors immigrate?

- Not as far as I know of

Describe a typical day when you were my age.

- I was already in High School so I was up early and in classes all day, then homework at night. I went to church youth group on Wednesday evenings. I went to church on Sunday mornings and evenings.

If married: How old were you?, How did you and your spouse meet?, Did you have children?

- I meet my first husband at church and we got married when I was 17. I had finished high school early and he was in the Army. We had 2 boys, now 25 and 22, Hollie's half-brothers. In 1995 I met Hollie's dad and we got married on July 4th in Las Vegas, he had 2 two children of his own, now 29 and 25. In June of 1996 Hollie was born.

What historical events had a strong influence on your life? How did they affect your life?

- September 11, 2001 – when terrorists slammed into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon. It has taught me not to take my family for granted, that they may not be there tomorrow

What types of food did you eat growing up? Did you grow food at home? Who did most of the cooking?

- Most Sunday's we went to my Grandmothers for lunch and we had fried chicken and mashed potatoes.

During the week we usually had some type of red meat and potatoes and a vegetable. Most foods were fried or had a lot of butter.

Have you moved throughout your life?

- I lived in the same area for the first 18 years of my life. My first husband was in the Army so we moved many times. We lived in Okinawa, Japan=oldest son born there, Georgia, Hawaii-youngest son born here, Virginia, Florida, Arizona, Texas

Describe the history of the property you live on now.

- The land used to be a citrus field.

What kind of technology did you have growing up?

- I had TV although it was not a color TV till I was a teenager. I had a simple clock radio, no iPod, or boom box; we had cassette tapes or records, not cd's.