

**T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History Collection**

**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** McKenneth Edwards

**COLLECTION:** 4700.2577

**IDENTIFICATION:** Mossville resident

**INTERVIEWER:** Jamie Digilormo

**SERIES:** Mossville History Project - Oral History Day

**INTERVIEW DATES:** September 24, 2015

**FOCUS DATES:** 1950s-70s

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 4520**

McKenneth Edwards born at Saint Patrick's Hospital in Lake Charles, Louisiana in 1950; raised in Mossville, Louisiana by parents McKeever Edwards Senior and Thelma Prater Edwards; grandparents origins; grandmother Middy Braxton Prater raised in Saprack area off Evergreen Road; grew up on the Old Spanish Trail and Moss Avenue; childhood activities, such as swimming and playing baseball; part of last graduating class of Mossville High School in 1969; community started changing after integration; record hops, baseball teams, and other recreational activities; sold blackberries on Highway 90 for a dollar a gallon; swimming lessons with Philip Broussard; TV brought his siblings together, everyone wanted to watch Tarzan; memories of the old movie theaters, like the Midway Drive-In; "Mossville was a swinging spot".

**TAPES:** 1 (T4520)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 18 minutes

**#PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 19 pages

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