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Interview tapes and transcript/summary from the daughter of David Grant.

BOX 1

TAPES

August 25, 1977
November 12, 1982  Stories about school and life on the boat.
July 7, 1983  Slavery, Dread Scott Case, and the early Democratic Party in STL.
November 13, 1983 DM Grant interview by student.
DMG. Childhood and adult memories.
December 27, 1997 Early childhood home experiences 2620 Lawton.
December 30, 1997 2620 Lawton school experiences, Vaughn’s ELKS.
December 7, 1998 Bubbles. 2620 Lawton, people.
December 12,1998 Josephine Baker, Union.
August 19, 2001 Woolworth counter, Black Neighborhoods
August 19, 2001 Woolworth Co. Picket (daddy was jailed), Colored clerks circle, Black division of St. Louis
February 1, 2002 Bubble’s Tasks to do lists, interview with Bubbles starts with T. Smith Trans.
June 23, 2002 With mother in Rome discussing political activity in STL, also segregation.
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May 27, 2003 Interviewing mom.
October 30, 2004 Bubbles, Home Movies, Fighting for Dr. Pamela Peeke.
November 24, 2003 Bubbles. 2620 Lawton.

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Transcript and annotations:

Heart to heart stories El Bows Heart Hart Interview “Heart to Hart” 1555 word transcript.

Stories about working on the railroad club car serving cart, at the age of 15, having just finished high school. Quits after an incident and goes back to school. Also working on the riverboat and having his mom come visit him in Detroit.
His work with the school district in Hannibal Mo, over the rights of African American teachers who were paid less than White teachers. Involvement with NAACP Working the Boats September 4, 2007. Interview with daddy. Life on a riverboat. Daddy interview/Tape on Dred Scott, and Dem Politics. Talking about his early life, childhood, school, where he grew up. Married 1934-1942 Thelma Eubanks and 1944 to Mildred Hughes. Talking about standing up for his sister who didn’t graduate till 18 and fighting kids who were mean to her. His father dying in 1916 at the age of 43. His mother is left to take care of his 4 children. Vivian July 1897, Willie July 1898, Johnny November 10, 1900. Him born in January 1903. He tells us about his high school days and church.

Questions I already asked Margret Bush Wilson about growing up in the beginning in affluence in St. Louis.

People’s Finance Building, and how his law practice is there August 12, 2007 interview with my mother at her apartment December 27, 1997 what was it like growing up in St. Louis. Her mother was an embalmer, black lung, married Dave; she left for California when she was 12 years old. Talks about the people who worked for them, Douglass Harris who was the janitor for the funeral home.

Cass Whitfield Big Wills son. Nathaniel chauffeur, Oni housekeeper, Big Will nursemaid. Charlie and Jones were extras when needed to drive. Douglass, Oni, and Big Will lived in the home. Food they made when she was growing up. August 17, 2007 interview from Dec 13, 1998 Josephine Banker stories. Clara lived in Chicago and San Diego. Married to Lloyd White who was in the navy was previously married to Harry Robinson. Died of TB. Nathaniel driver. French Lick bath January 1, 1999 Jordan W. Chambers November 24, 2003 conversation between her Mom and her (Milissa).


August 14, 2007 interview with Mother December 9, 1998 in my apartment Rodman Street. More on 2620 Lawton, Josephine Baker, People’s Finance Building (PFB) how Chicago and St. Louis was different. And how Race relations in California where way different. Dance at the Kiel Auditorium August 26, 2002 Interview with mother at the Hilton Hotel in Rome Italy, June 23, 2002. What Professional life was like for African Americans. How she would help her husband at his law office cleaning and sorting files eventually doing some of the cases her husband didn’t want to work on like preparing the files for court.