

T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History Collection

ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Charles T. Smith

COLLECTION: 4700.0646

IDENTIFICATION: McKinley High School graduate (1948) and Pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

INTERVIEWER: Shawnda Hollins and Carmen Posey

PROJECT: McKinley High School Oral History Project: History of McKinley High

INTERVIEW DATES: June 29, 1995

FOCUS DATES: 1940s - 1995

ABSTRACT:

Tape 936

Born May 26, 1932 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Dudley & Hattie Smith; attended McKinley from 1944 to 1948; explains the importance of academics and athletics at McKinley; lists his role models; sings McKinley's Alma Mater; lists inspiring teachers and memorable moments in competitions; discusses fashions and the rivalry with Southern Laboratory School; describes his life after graduation; was in the last eleventh grade graduating class at McKinley; explains McKinley's impact on education, politics and civil rights in Baton Rouge; maintaining a sense of self-esteem for the African American community; explains the need for aspiring graduates to restore pride in the community and pride in McKinley; McKinley prepares students to compete and excel at anything they do.

TAPES: 1 (T936)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 32 minutes

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 15 pages

OTHER MATERIALS: Interviewer's notes and word list

RESTRICTIONS: None