

## **Edna Hall Terrell**

### *Part 2*

This recording is part two of the interview conducted by Dr. Alvin Jackson of Mrs. Edna Hall Terrell. The interview took place on January 30, 1993, at Terrell's house in Youngstown, Ohio. Topics covered in this interview include the lynching of Reed and Cato, in Statesboro, GA, 1906, as well as continuing the discussion of family genealogy and speaking of family members who appear in photographs at Terrell's residence.

EDNA HALL TERRELL: I think he died...

ALVIN JACKSON: We're talking about Mr. Rufus Saturday, the one that lived in Cincinnati, Ohio?

TERRELL: Yeah, in Glendale.

JACKSON: OK, he died recently?

TERRELL: No, he's been dead about... maybe he's dead about eight years, maybe. He might -- 'cause she called me when he died.

JACKSON: Who, his wife?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Is she still living?

TERRELL: I don't... I believe she's still living.

JACKSON: Now, who did he marry?

TERRELL: He married somebody from out 'round Pulaski.

JACKSON: Was it the McCraes?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Was it Cousin Vanna McCrae's daughter?

TERRELL: Yeah, the oldest one, and I done forgot her name.

JACKSON: Is her mind good?

TERRELL: I imagine so.

JACKSON: She's be a good person to talk to.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: She might know a lot of --

TERRELL: Well, she would know a lot, maybe, that he'd been talking to her that I don't know.

JACKSON: That's true. I'm going to drive down to Cincinnati and see some of them, and go do that.

TERRELL: Yeah, 'cause they used to tell me, say, "If you want to know anything, ask Cousin Rufus, he can tell you." Yeah.

JACKSON: And he knew a lot, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: And Cousin Rufus was, what, a Cousin Saturday, or was that his brother?

TERRELL: Adolphus.

JACKSON: Adolphus Saturday, OK.

TERRELL: 'Cause the baby boy, he died real early. And I said, "If I have a known when he died, I would have went to the funeral," so that's why -- his wife's named Hattie -- so, she called me when he died. But I went to -- I went to Cousin Huck's funeral. They were brothers.

JACKSON: Huck and Saturday and --

TERRELL: And Rufus were brothers.

JACKSON: -- were brothers. They both lived in Cincinnati?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, Rufus, you said, married the McCrae girl. Who did Hudson marry?

TERRELL: He married one of the Halls, I believe.

JACKSON: He married a Hall?

TERRELL: I believe he married -- he married Remna Hall, one of his daughters seemed like.

JACKSON: Oh, one of Cousin Bud Hall's sisters, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Oh, OK. I don't know.

TERRELL: Well, I'm not sure, 'cause I -- you know, I can't think that quick.

JACKSON: But you're doing real good, there. Doing real good.

TERRELL: But I'm not sure. Now, you have to...

JACKSON: OK, so you were saying that -- let me just recount this, you said that in a tornado of '29, my grandmother's house was destroyed.

TERRELL: Yes.

JACKSON: Mr. --

TERRELL: Huck Saturday's house.

JACKSON: -- Huck Saturday's house was destroyed.

TERRELL: That's right.

JACKSON: Did you know any other peoples whose house was destroyed? And you were saying that one of Hudson Saturday's children who's still living now was crippled, was that his child?

TERRELL: Oh, a girl.

JACKSON: Was that Hudson Saturday's daughter?

TERRELL: Yeah, and the boy, that his head was in the wire, they found it alive. And just like I say, he'd been over here quite a bit. But I -- I don't -- I think he's still living now. One of them died after Emory Hall died, and he always said -- he died real suddenly.

JACKSON: OK.

TERRELL: And -- 'Cause he said he didn't want to be put under the grounds so they'd be able to --

JACKSON: Something on top of the grounds.

TERRELL: Yeah, he's in a house.

JACKSON: Who's that, Emory Hall?

TERRELL: No, that Saturday boy.

JACKSON: Saturday boy?

TERRELL: Yeah. He's in (overlapping dialogue; inaudible).

JACKSON: Hudson Saturday, or it --

TERRELL: Boy, his boy.

JACKSON: -- his boy, OK. Now, where is he buried?

TERRELL: Somewhere in Cincinnati.

JACKSON: In Cincinnati, OK.

TERRELL: I don't know whether it's the same place where my brothers -- 'cause I got three brothers buried over there. One on my mother's side, and then Rabanell and Theodore, from the Halls.

JACKSON: Now, Rabanell is your brother?

TERRELL: Yeah. He was the baby of my daddy's first wife, and the Brannens raised him.

They raised him.

JACKSON: They raised him, but he is your brother?

TERRELL: Yes.

JACKSON: OK.

TERRELL: He's my daddy's son.

JACKSON: Now --

TERRELL: Baby son from the first marriage.

JACKSON: OK, now, who did [05:00] Rabanell Hall marry?

TERRELL: He married a girl up there named Blanche.

JACKSON: Blanche?

TERRELL: And she dead.

JACKSON: He didn't ever marry anybody from Statesboro?

TERRELL: No.

JACKSON: OK. That was Rabanell Hall.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK, now, what was Rabanell Hall's mother's name? His daddy was Ben Hall, but was -- Ben Hall was his brother?

TERRELL: Yeah. Ben Hall was his daddy.

JACKSON: OK, Ben Hall is your daddy, so Rabanell is your brother?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK. And he -- Now, who is his mother? Y'all don't have the same mother?

TERRELL: No. His mother -- I think she must have died at Rabanell's death. You know some mothers die --

JACKSON: You mean at birth?

TERRELL: At birth.

JACKSON: Now, you don't know what his mother's name was? It was Ben Hall's first wife.

TERRELL: No.

JACKSON: You never heard of what her name was?

TERRELL: If I did, I done forgot.

JACKSON: OK, all right. So, let me see that... So, did you know any of the families that lost their house in the tornado of '29?

TERRELL: Well, there's some more houses up further, up out from Millen, there was a family...

And I think they had 10 children, and one of them was a teacher, so she came down to Statesboro to a teachers meeting. And the mother and father and all that family died.

JACKSON: The whole family?

TERRELL: The whole entire family. And Professor James -- was the name James? -- that had the school there --

JACKSON: Yes, ma'am, Professor James.

TERRELL: Well, anyway, he had an undertaker, too, at that time. And all of those people that got killed was in his undertaker. And I had a cousin, George Burns's sister, she was teaching the first grade. And they all went down and they say you couldn't tell what head belongs to what body, one arm, nothing. You couldn't tell -- they were just piled down on the floor.

JACKSON: You don't know who they were, though?

TERRELL: No. They didn't know whose it was. And my cousin, she wouldn't let me go 'cause, I don't know, something about death, it just kills me and I just falls out. And...

JACKSON: You don't know who the people's name was, though?

TERRELL: I can't remember the people's name.

JACKSON: But they live up near Portal, or you say Millen?

TERRELL: Yeah, out between Portal and... And then there was a man named George Brown. He was learning to be a teacher from the Church of God, the Saints' Church. And he lived out that way in a big house. And it just took all his hate and all the way, and he was just praying and standing to the door, trying to hold the door, and looked like the Lord just moved the wind away from the door. So, his family got saved. He had -- He said he could just feel like the wind was just -- and you know when they -- the wind is high and a door is open, that air just get in the house. So, him and his family and why -- they got saved.

JACKSON: That was a time, that, wasn't it?

TERRELL: Yeah, they say up there, there was a man... and a goat was dead. The man looked like was riding the goat, he just carried the man on top of the goat. It was really bad.

JACKSON: Did it kill the man, too?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Kill the man and the goat, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: You don't know who that was?

TERRELL: No. Well, you see, at that time, I was staying with my sister, and she lived out there by the convict camp, I think that's what you called it.

JACKSON: What sister was this?

TERRELL: Eulee.

JACKSON: OK.

TERRELL: I was at her family. When did you [10:00] leave --

JACKSON: Statesboro? Sixty-eight.

TERRELL: Oh, in '68...

JACKSON: But I've been back with a -- this one.

TERRELL: That's when my mother died, in '68. I was down when Cleveve died. I was down when all my brothers died.

JACKSON: You went to Cousin Mann's funeral, too?

TERRELL: Yeah. Went back to (inaudible).

JACKSON: You went to her funeral, too?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: She was a nice woman, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Did you go to Cousin Elnora's funeral?

TERRELL: I was down there. I lived down there, then. I'm going to school at Statesboro when she died.

JACKSON: What did she die from?

TERRELL: She had cancer.

JACKSON: What kind of cancer was it?

TERRELL: I think it was cancer 'cause her heart just kept -- it might have been heart trouble, but I think they said it was cancer. It must have been up there in, like, the chest somewhere. She suffered.

JACKSON: Now, let's change a little bit of the story: did you ever hear of the people down in Bulloch County talk about Reed and Cato?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: What did you ever hear about that story?

TERRELL: We lived right... Just like we lived down the street and up here is where they killed those people and burnt the house down. That's the first time I saw a spirit.

JACKSON: A spirit?

TERRELL: Yeah. But my brother, all the time, you know, he could hear something.

JACKSON: Which brother is that?

TERRELL: My oldest brother, on my mother's side, Henry Dukes. But Mann saw it that same night, too, that I saw it. But he saw a different thing. I saw a man, from here down, with no head, and then when Mann and mother come by that same place, Mann saw a big, like a shepherd dog, and he just disappeared right behind that tree, just like the man did. And I was just 12 years old then, yeah. I saw him until I came up here, and then, you know, I can hear them, but I haven't seen one, I can just hear them.

JACKSON: Now, what did you hear about that Reed and Cato?

TERRELL: Well... The man had went to Statesboro and sold a bale of cotton. And I guess they thought that he had a lot of money from the cotton. And they went there and got in the garage. And when the man come, they had a little girl, and when the man and his wife came home, and I think they let them get in the house, and then they went in and asked for all the money. And maybe they left the money downtown. I don't know whether they give them any money or not. And the little girl said that she had a nickel, and said that, "I'll give it to you if you don't kill my momma and dad," but they killed them. And I don't know whether they took the nickel from the little girl and now -- I can't remember whether they killed her too, or they just set the house on fire and burnt her up, too. But that was that. But we lived, you know, right down from that house.

JACKSON: Whose place was y'all living on then?

TERRELL: We was living on... in there, was the... I can't remember right now, the last [15:00] name. But it was a new house that we moved in.

JACKSON: Was it near Portal or Statesboro?

TERRELL: No, it would have been Statesboro route. The mail would have come through Statesboro.

JACKSON: What was the old white man's name they killed?

TERRELL: It wasn't whites that killed him, it was blacks.

JACKSON: Who was the -- What was the white man he killed?

TERRELL: Oh, I don't know the name. I done forgot. I done forgot the name of...

JACKSON: But y'all didn't live too far from that place? And they said that place still has spirits after he killed them people?

TERRELL: Well, it wasn't at that house -- it was, you know, going... out towards you where Pearl and Bud lived, you know, where I saw. It wasn't at the house. It was down from the house. But I never heard nobody say they solved nothing at that house. All I know, we call them Theodore and Paul, and what'd you call them?

JACKSON: Reed and Cato.

TERRELL: Oh, it was Theodore and Paul.

JACKSON: Was that what y'all called them?

TERRELL: Yeah. But they burnt them up, didn't they?

JACKSON: That's what I heard. They burned them up.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Did you ever hear much talk of the Ku Klux Klan when y'all was coming --

TERRELL: Uh-uh.

JACKSON: You never heard talk of them?

TERRELL: No. You see, I was little when this happened 'cause they had killed these people because I don't know how many years before we moved down there. And I can't remember the Ku Klan people, I don't think, until I came up here. Don't seem like --

JACKSON: (overlapping dialogue; inaudible) --

TERRELL: -- I've been up here so long. See, I've been up here 60-something years.

JACKSON: Well, do you ever hear -- did you ever hear Cousin Mann Hall talk about that story where they burned their cross up at the Willow Hill School?

TERRELL: Oh, I was here, I was up here.

JACKSON: Did you hear about it?

TERRELL: I heard it, I heard it up here.

JACKSON: Tell me what you heard, though.

TERRELL: Well, I just heard that they burnt the cross. But I thought it was at Mann's house, but it was at Willow Hill?

JACKSON: They burned the cross first at Willow Hill.

TERRELL: And then burned it next at Mann's house?

JACKSON: Well, now, this is what I heard: I heard that they was meeting up at the school because they was gonna -- discussing the vote and the election. And the Klans heard that they were at the school, and they came up and burned their cross and told them they better not go to the polls and vote. Now, Cousin Mann was one of the leaders, and so, they did go to the polls and vote the next day, and then the Klans came back and brought a casket, that's what I heard, brought a casket to Cousin Mann's house. And they burned a cross at his house and brought a casket and put it on his porch, or something like that.

TERRELL: Yeah, well, I never heard that. See, I was up here, and I just heard about them burning a cross. But I don't think I heard about the casket.

JACKSON: Yeah, I heard they put a casket on his porch, and I heard he had the casket, but somehow, they tricked him and said they wanted to use it for evidence, and then all of a sudden it disappeared.

TERRELL: Yeah. Well, you see, I was up here so I don't know.

JACKSON: But he was a big leader there, Mann Hall, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: He had a store, too, didn't he?

TERRELL: Yeah. I used to go down there and go in the store, get things...

JACKSON: Maybe that's why he and Cousin -- Uncle Ben were such big buddies because they both had stores at one time.

TERRELL: Well, at the time when Mann had his store, Uncle Ben's store had been out of business.

JACKSON: So, he had his store in later years, then, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK, then. Let me see if there's anything else I want. We covered a lot of different subjects. We talked about the Klan, we talked about the Halls. Did you know -- You said you knowed Uncle Ben. Did you know any -- any of Uncle Ben's [20:00] sisters? Aunt Rye, did you know Aunt Rye?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Do you remember her? That was Cousin Artie and them's great-grandmother. Do you remember Aunt Rye at all?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Did you remember Uncle Moses Parrish?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, what kind of looking --

TERRELL: 'Cause every day, you know, going to school, I would pass Uncle Moses's place, every day.

JACKSON: Now, was he a big shot type man?

TERRELL: Well, he had a big plantation and he had a house on it. He had a big house, and he was a dark man.

JACKSON: Real dark?

TERRELL: Real dark. But his wife was stout, and she was light. But they didn't have but two children, and that was Walter and Ms. Sarah Jones. That's all the children. They had a lot of children, but they didn't live.

JACKSON: They didn't live, huh?

TERRELL: Those are... And I think they had one little boy that was in Cincinnati. I think Walter was the baby. And what was that other woman's name? I think he was the oldest one, but I can't think of his name right now.

JACKSON: Well, who did Cousin Eula belong to?

TERRELL: Walter.

JACKSON: OK. Now --

TERRELL: And they was -- Eula had a brother, they called him Boy. I can't remember what his real name was, but he died, and he came up Cincinnati -- he died there.

JACKSON: Now, Uncle Moses's wife name was Aunt Bess. You said she was a kind of a light woman?

TERRELL: Yes, heavy.

JACKSON: Did you -- Real big?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Was she big as Cousin Artie and Cousin Sug?

TERRELL: Oh, larger than that.

JACKSON: Oh, she was big?

TERRELL: She was a large lady.

JACKSON: Big woman, huh? What kind of was Uncle Moses?

TERRELL: He wasn't such a big man, but he was real dark.

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JACKSON: OK -- OK, so you said Aunt Bess was a big woman, and you went to their house?

You used to go down there and visit them. So, what kind of person was Aunt Bess? Was she a mean woman, or was she --

TERRELL: She was nice.

JACKSON: She was a nice woman. Now, did you know --

TERRELL: Now, she -- if I make no mistake, she raised Eula.

JACKSON: I heard that. But you say she was bigger than Cousin Artie and Cousin Sug? OK.

Now, did Aunt Rye -- was she a big woman? Aunt Rye was a --

TERRELL: She wasn't as large as Cousin Bess. She wasn't as large as her.

JACKSON: She wasn't. But she was a pretty big woman, too, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, do you remember Uncle Andy Parish?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: That was Uncle Moses Parish's brother.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, what kind of looking man was he? Was he dark, too?

TERRELL: He wasn't as dark as Uncle Moses.

JACKSON: Uncle Moses is real black, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah, he was darker than...

JACKSON: Now, which one was big, is Uncle Andy or Uncle Moses?

TERRELL: I think Uncle Andy was the largest, I think.

JACKSON: OK. Did you know their brother they call Sam Parish? Moses Parish had a brother named Sam Parish, did you know him?

TERRELL: I don't think I remember no Sam.

JACKSON: Now, he married -- he married Aunt Bess and Aunt Rye's sister.

TERRELL: And what was her name?

JACKSON: Her name was Mary. She was a Donaldson, Uncle Ben's sister. But they had lived back down maybe toward Fish Trap way, I guess. You don't remember that one?

TERRELL: No.

JACKSON: She wasn't up around Willow Hill as much as the other ones.

TERRELL: No.

JACKSON: But you remember Uncle Andy Parish, though. Now, he lived down that lane where Cousin Ceenan lived.

TERRELL: That's right.

JACKSON: Do you remember, you ever went down there?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: They used to have a little log house down there, didn't they?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: And Aunt Rye, I guess she lived down there long --

TERRELL: Well, at this place where Paul and Cato... [25:00] I used to pass there coming back to Willow Hill School, so that made me pass Uncle Andy's house.

JACKSON: OK. So, you used to come from that place past Uncle Andy's house?

TERRELL: Yeah, right.

JACKSON: Going to the Willow Hill School? OK. So, they all -- all of them people live 'round Willow Hill School there, then?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK. So, now we talked about Uncle Moses. Now, you said Uncle Moses had a daughter named Sarah. Was she a dark woman, too? That's miss Eva Moore's mother.

TERRELL: Yeah, she was -- she was about my color. And she was a stout lady.

JACKSON: She was stout?

TERRELL: Yeah.



JACKSON: Was she big as Ms. Eva Moore?

TERRELL: No.

JACKSON: She wasn't that big?

TERRELL: Nobody 'round there was as big as Eva. Nobody.

JACKSON: You don't think --

TERRELL: She was -- She was a large person.

JACKSON: Now, was Aunt Rye -- Was Aunt Bess as big as Ms. Eva? You know, Uncle Moses's wife?

TERRELL: No.

JACKSON: She wasn't that big, huh?

TERRELL: Uh-uh. Ms. Eva, she was a teacher, too.

JACKSON: Yeah, she taught for a long time.

TERRELL: And got burnt up.

JACKSON: Oh, that was sad.

TERRELL: That was so sad.

JACKSON: So, that was Cousin Sarah daddy -- I mean, daughter.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, Cousin George Jones, what kind of looking man was he?

TERRELL: He wasn't a real tall man. He was sort of on the short side. And he was dark.

JACKSON: Dark? So, both of them was dark? So, that's why Cousin Eva and them, and Cousin Ed and all them --

TERRELL: Was dark.

JACKSON: -- was real dark people.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, how many -- Ms. Eva Moore was a teacher. Was any of her other sisters a teacher?

TERRELL: Let me see, she had one... I think she -- she was away a long time, and then she went back home 'cause she had a son. I think he's still living in Statesboro. I think.

JACKSON: Well, you must have come up --

TERRELL: I think she got burnt up, didn't she?

JACKSON: You're talking Ms. Leela?

TERRELL: Yeah. Didn't she get burnt up?

JACKSON: I think she did get burnt up.

TERRELL: Yeah, 'cause I think she was standing with her back to the fireplace, and she caught afire. But people now, they know how to lay down and wallow, but you see, the people back there, they run, and that made it worse.

JACKSON: You're right. Now, she's doing pretty good?

TERRELL: Well, the last time I was there, I stayed all night with her. I'm gonna put this on so we can see. So, but at that particular time, she had a pond. I went fishing.

JACKSON: Did you?

TERRELL: Yeah, I love to fish. I used to catch more fish.

JACKSON: Now, are you as old as her? Are y'all about the same age?

TERRELL: I believe Thelma might be a little older than me.

JACKSON: Well, she's be another good person to talk to, wouldn't she?

TERRELL: Yeah, she might could tell you, add on to what I done told you.

JACKSON: Yeah, she might be another good person. I'll -- I'll go and check with her, if I get down there. Now, did you go to school with her?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: She was up there too, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: She was, OK. Now, is her sister-in-law Cousin Alma Jones, is she -- how old is she? Do you know her? Cousin Ed Jones' wife.

TERRELL: Oh... She wasn't born up there around Willow Hill. She come from back up, back out there toward Middleground, somewhere, I don't know where she come from.

JACKSON: So, she really is not -- you don't know how old she is, though, do you?

TERRELL: No. But she's older than I am, and older --

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JACKSON: Yeah, OK, then. I'm not gonna hold you but too much longer. I'm on my last tape. But you're -- But you're saying that Cousin... Alma, you -- that you know her real good, though?

TERRELL: No, I don't know her so good 'cause I think that he married her [30:00] after I left.

JACKSON: Oh, I see.

TERRELL: I believe.

JACKSON: 'Cause her child-- yeah, she's probably on the younger side 'cause she's -- her youngest daughter's probably in her late forties. 'Cause I know she went to school with one of my brothers.

TERRELL: Yeah, 'cause she come from...

JACKSON: She's related to the Lovetts.

TERRELL: Yeah. Well, they was back out there somewhere, the Lovetts.

JACKSON: Where did Cousin George Jones and them live when you was going up to Willow Hill?

TERRELL: He married... I think, I'm trying to think now... You remember the house that John Green lived in?

JACKSON: Back up in the woods?

TERRELL: No, in front of Hazel. Now, that's where he and his wife and two children lived.

JACKSON: Cousin George Jones?

TERRELL: Yeah. Well, you know, she died.

JACKSON: Cousin Sarah?

TERRELL: No, George's wife.

JACKSON: George Jones married Sarah, didn't he? Uncle Moses Parish daughter, Sarah.

TERRELL: Uncle Moses didn't have no daughter named Sarah.

JACKSON: Who's Eva Moore's mother? Uncle Moses Parish, you told me he had a son named Walter?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Who was Cousin Eula's daddy, and then Cousin Sarah, who's Cousin Eva's mother. And then --

TERRELL: And then... That was George's mother.

JACKSON: Oh, I'm talking about Cousin Sarah's husband. His name was George, too.

TERRELL: Yeah, well, he was named after his daddy.

JACKSON: Right, George Jones. So, I'm trying to find out where did Cousin Sarah and Cousin George Jones live.

TERRELL: Oh. They lived in the house where Eva got burnt up.

JACKSON: Is that where they used to live?

TERRELL: That was the home. That was the home place.

JACKSON: That's Cousin George place?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK, and as long as you remember him, that's where he always lived?

TERRELL: That's right.

JACKSON: Now, you know Cousin George's father was named George, too?

TERRELL: No, I knew the young George that was named after the old --

JACKSON: Oh, I see, you --

TERRELL: That's who I was talking about --

JACKSON: You was talking about --

TERRELL: That lived in front of Hazel.

JACKSON: OK. So, that was Cousin George Jones, that was Ms. Eva Moor's brother?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: You're talking about. Oh, he used to live where Mr. Johnny Green lived?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: I see. OK. I didn't know that. OK. Did you know George Donaldson, who was Cousin Vanny's daddy, did you remember him?

TERRELL: George what?

JACKSON: George Donaldson. That was Cousin Vanny's daddy. He used to live 'round Willow Hill, too. That's Uncle Ben Donaldson's brother. His name was George. They lived going past Sunny Boy Poke up there where Mr. Will Burke used to live, up and down that hill, up, going right down... Coming down from Willow Hill School, going right down where -- you know where Mr. Sunny Boy Poke used to live?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Then you go past his house and keep going straight up in that lane up there. That's -  
- You remember Cousin Vanny, don't you?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Vanny McCrae. Did you know Vanny McCrae's father? He later married Aunt Reena, Cousin Essie Mae's mother.

TERRELL: Oh, I know Essie Mae...

JACKSON: Now, her mother was Aunt Reena.

TERRELL: I can't remember that.

JACKSON: You don't remember Cousin Essie Mae's mother?

TERRELL: Yeah, I remember going up there, but I can't remember nothing about her.

JACKSON: You don't remember -- You remember where your Cousin Essie Mae used to live when they was going up to Willow Hill?

TERRELL: Yeah, yeah. I know about up there.

JACKSON: Well, see, that --

TERRELL: Go up that lane and on the hill, yeah.

JACKSON: Yeah, that's what I'm talking about, yeah. That's the -- That's where I'm talking about. Now, Cousin Essie Mae's stepfather was George Donaldson. So, Aunt Rina married again. She came from someplace, but she had the little kids, Cousin Essie Mae, and all them. And she married George Donaldson. That was Uncle Ben's brother. That's who --

TERRELL: No, I wouldn't have never thought of that no more. [35:00] You know, I always went to see Essie Mae every time I would go down to a funeral, I always would go see her.

JACKSON: She had a good memory, didn't she?

TERRELL: Oh, my goodness, she had a memory! She could remember everything. Everybody's age, and everything.

JACKSON: If I had called her, I could have got a whole book from her by my --

TERRELL: You could have got a whole book. You really could have got a book from her.

JACKSON: Oh, I remember --

TERRELL: And she lived to be old, too.

JACKSON: Yes, she did. She did.

TERRELL: Yeah, if she'd have been living now, she'd have been 90-something.

JACKSON: She sure would have.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: But I remember she had that --

TERRELL: 'Cause she was grown when I was little.

JACKSON: She was older than you?

TERRELL: Oh, yeah.

JACKSON: Yeah, she was older than you. She came over with my grandmother, now, Cousin Terma and Cousin Mertis and Cousin Charlie.

TERRELL: Yeah...

JACKSON: I sure wish I could have interviewed her, of all the people up around Willow Hill.

TERRELL: I was -- You know, I was thinking about you today, and I have a niece in Springfield, Ohio. And she's trying to get the history of the Halls. And she been calling and writing and wanting to get the history. I said, "What do the people want all this history for?" (laughter)

JACKSON: Now, what's her name?

TERRELL: Lizzie May. Not Lizzie May... What is that girl's name? I don't know.

JACKSON: OK, how is she related to you?

TERRELL: She is my oldest brother's granddaughter.

JACKSON: Now, what is your oldest brother's name?

TERRELL: Cafit.

JACKSON: Cafit?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Cafit Hall?

TERRELL: Hall. Well, now, I don't know whether he was old as my other brother that named Cattrick.

JACKSON: OK, now, tell me all your brothers, now, again. Your oldest brother's name was Cattrick Hall?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, who did he marry?

TERRELL: He married somebody from out there around Pulaski, and her name was Roxy... I done forgot the last name.

JACKSON: Was she Hodges? Was that Aunt Maisanne's sister? She -- They married?

TERRELL: No, it wasn't...

JACKSON: Or was that Uncle Jonas? Roxy Hodges Hall? Because I'm not a -- I heard what Uncle Buford says, that was his --

TERRELL: I think -- I -- I think she was a... Roxy... Hodge, I think.

JACKSON: She was a Hodge. That's Aunt Maisanne's sister. Aunt Maisanne, that used to live with us?

TERRELL: Aunt Maisanne's sister's daughter?

JACKSON: I think that was her sister, though, Roxy.

TERRELL: No, uh-uh. Was it?

JACKSON: Because I hear from Uncle --

TERRELL: Oh, Cousin Maisanne had a sister named Roxy, but it wasn't her.

JACKSON: This is not the one they married?

TERRELL: Uh-uh.

JACKSON: OK, she had a sister named Roxy?

TERRELL: Yeah. Now, that was a younger sister. Walter, Uncle Moses's son...

JACKSON: Walter Parish?

TERRELL: Walter married Roxy.

JACKSON: Roxy, oh. So, Uncle Walter Parish married Roxy?

TERRELL: Yes.

JACKSON: And they had Themuel Parish.

TERRELL: Yes.

JACKSON: OK.

TERRELL: Themuel and Meryl, they done been here, right in this house.

JACKSON: OK. Now, Cousin Themuel died, didn't he?

TERRELL: I don't know.

JACKSON: 'Cause one time I went to New York to see him and he was real sick.

TERRELL: Was he?

JACKSON: He was real sick. He was in the hospital.

TERRELL: I haven't seen him since, I think, Cousin Maisanne passed. I think he stayed here with me. And her --

JACKSON: All right, now, so, Cattrick Hall married Roxy Somebody?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Was that Roxy, was she a [Leden?]? Was she related to Uncle Jonas [Leden?]? Was that the Roxy?

TERRELL: I don't know. I clear, I done forgot.

JACKSON: Because it seemed like to me, Uncle Buford --

TERRELL: She was from back out there 'round...Pulaski. That's where her people was. Her mother was named Charlotte.

JACKSON: Charlotte?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Yeah, Charlotte Lee. 'Cause Charlotte married Wash Hodge, OK, but her first -- Charlotte's first [40:00] husband, Charlotte's first husband was named Jack Lee. That was Jonas Lee --

TERRELL: Brother.

JACKSON: No, no, Jonas Lee, that was his father because Charlotte was his mother.

TERRELL: Yes?

JACKSON: My grandfather, Sol, daddy name was Jonas Lee. Jonas Lee's daddy's name was Jack Lee, and he married Charlotte. He married two sisters. I heard my Uncle Buford tell me this.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: So, Charlotte Lee --

TERRELL: Is Buford still living?

JACKSON: He's still living.

TERRELL: Down in town?

JACKSON: Down in --

TERRELL: Left there, left Cincinnati, and went down and build them a house.

JACKSON: Build them a house.

TERRELL: He used to like me.

JACKSON: Did he?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Oh --

TERRELL: I wasn't paying him no attention 'cause I didn't want no more marriage in the family that wasn't related, you see? Mann and Cleveve married their first cousins, and I didn't want that and I never paid him no attention. (laughter)

JACKSON: And he used to like you, huh?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: And you related -- he's your cousin, too? And --

TERRELL: Yeah, yeah! (laughter)

JACKSON: OK --

TERRELL: When I went down there, I didn't go to see him. But his wife was a good friend of mine, Mary.

JACKSON: OK, OK. OK, so, Cattrick Hall married Roxy Lee, that's who that was, 'cause it ain't Charlotte's daughter.

TERRELL: Yeah, yeah.

JACKSON: OK, now, who is your next brother? Cattrick was the oldest, who is the next one? You said Cafit?

TERRELL: I don't whether Cafit come in before Mann or not. Just say Mann.

JACKSON: Then Cousin Mann married Cousin Elnora, then Cousin Ruth, and then Cafit married who?

TERRELL: He married some lady named... I think her name was... Liz, (inaudible) Liz, or something, called -- when I come to Cincinnati, I didn't have -- I told Bert to meet me at the train station, and she didn't meet me. And I met a man on the train, and I told him. And when he got to the station, Bert wasn't there, for she thought I was teasing her. I thought that was the craziest come off I ever seen. Well, she lived out there in Glendale, and I got off in Cincinnati. And this young man went where my sister lived on Wade Street, and she had a daughter named Liz, and he got Liz and brought her back to the station, and I went to my sister-in-law's house, where my brother was dead five years, then. He died, I think, in '29.

JACKSON: Who, who? Cousin Cafit?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK.

TERRELL: And so, I stayed with her until Bert come over for me. And that was Cafit. I called the first one Son and Cafit and Mann.

JACKSON: Now, who was Son? That was Cattrick?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Cattrick, OK, Cousin Mann, OK, who's next?

TERRELL: And Cleve.

JACKSON: Cousin Cleve, he was the next? Now, Cousin Cleve married a Saturday the first time, didn't he?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: What was her name?

TERRELL: No -- Yeah. He married Suzy.

JACKSON: Saturday?

TERRELL: Saturday.

JACKSON: The first time?

TERRELL: First time.

JACKSON: And that was his first cousin, you said?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: And Cousin Mann married his first cousin the first time, Elnora?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK.

TERRELL: And they was... Theodore and Rabanell...

JACKSON: Oh, so Theodore married Cousin Bert, and then Rabanell married --

TERRELL: Somebody named Blanche up there.

JACKSON: OK, and now, those are all the brothers you had?

TERRELL: From my father's side.

JACKSON: OK, from your father's side. Now, who were your sisters from your father's side?

TERRELL: Eulee and Pearl.

JACKSON: Those are the only two you had?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: And Cousin Eulee was the oldest?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, who did she marry?

TERRELL: She married a Tremble.

JACKSON: A Tremble. She only married him --

TERRELL: Down below Statesboro.

JACKSON: That was the first -- that's the only marriage she ever had?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: And then Cousin Pearl married Cousin Bud, and that's the only marriage she had.

TERRELL: That's right, that's right.

JACKSON: Now, she only had one child, too?

TERRELL: She had more than one, but just that one lived. And he like to killed her.

JACKSON: She loved him, didn't she?

TERRELL: Yeah. [45:00] He run her crazy two or three times.

JACKSON: She worried about him so much, didn't she?

TERRELL: He worried her to death about money, and messed up the land.

JACKSON: And then you married a Terrell.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK. So, I now got it all straight. Now, how many brothers and sisters you had on your mother's side?

TERRELL: I had Henry, and one died. I won't count him. Henry Booker. And then -- And Linwood. That's four brothers.

JACKSON: Linwood Hall?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK.

TERRELL: And Ben was named after my dad.

JACKSON: Ben Hall?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Now, Linwood Hall married...

TERRELL: Nora.

JACKSON: Nora Royal, OK.

TERRELL: Royal.

JACKSON: And then --

TERRELL: And then married a Moffat.

JACKSON: A Moffat? Now, the Moffats was related to the Lees, weren't they?

TERRELL: I don't know.

JACKSON: Does -- Are those the Moffats from Statesboro?

TERRELL: Yeah, that live right there in the country.

JACKSON: 'Cause Uncle Jonas had a sister was a Moffat, Uncle Jonas Lee. She married a Moffat. Uncle Jonas's sister married a Moffat.

TERRELL: Yeah...

JACKSON: Cornelius Moffat.

TERRELL: I don't know whether that was the same.

JACKSON: OK. OK, so, one of them married a Moffat. Now, who did your other brother marry? You said one was named, tell me, Linwood Hall --

TERRELL: And Ben Hall. I told you who they married.

JACKSON: And he married Moffat, and who was the other, you ain't never --

TERRELL: And Henry --

JACKSON: Henry Hall?

TERRELL: Henry Dukes, they were Dukes.

JACKSON: OK, OK, the last two were Halls, thought?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Linwood Hall and Ben Hall?

TERRELL: They was Halls. And Henry and Booker were Dukes.

JACKSON: They were Dukes. Now, your mother had them before she married?

TERRELL: That's right. Not before she married -- she married a Dukes.

JACKSON: OK, she married a Dukes, and she had them by the Dukes?

TERRELL: Yeah. Yeah.

JACKSON: OK. Now, how many did she have by the Dukes?

TERRELL: I'll tell you how many she had to live. That was Henry, Queen, Booker... That's all lived, isn't it? Henry, Queen, and Booker. And she had another, but he died when he was nine years, but we don't need to count him.

JACKSON: Oh, he was nine years old?



TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: What was his name?

TERRELL: Alphonso.

JACKSON: Alphonso. OK. Cousin Carlos Hall had a boy named Alfonso.

TERRELL: Yeah, he's over here in Cleveland or Detroit or somewhere.

JACKSON: Oh, is he?

TERRELL: 'Cause this girl that trying to get the history of the Halls, she called me and told me he... and somebody from down South, and like, was coming over this last summer to see me, but they never came.

JACKSON: OK. I heard he was --

TERRELL: But I know Alphonso real good 'cause every time I go down, they see -- when I go down there, I wouldn't go just to a funeral and turn right 'round and come back. I would stay a week or so. And so, the biggest portion of time, I was up there, to Mann's. I went to Cleve's and stayed one night, but he would come into Mann's and keep me through the date. They would be wanting me.

JACKSON: What kind of person was Cousin Nell Hall? She married to Cousin Cleve the second time. What kind of person was she?

TERRELL: Well... She was OK.

JACKSON: Tell me about her. I've heard so much about her.

TERRELL: (laughter) I don't want to tell you nothing.

JACKSON: They said she had some racket going all the time. Is that true?

TERRELL: Oh, she didn't care too much for me, but every time I went down there, I would go to the home to see her.

JACKSON: She didn't like you?

TERRELL: I don't think she did.

JACKSON: Well, everybody I talked to said Cousin Nell always had a racket going, always...

(laughter) My grandmother and them said she had mess going on her one time. Did you ever hear of that?

TERRELL: No.

JACKSON: She said she had some --

TERRELL: Excuse me, go and lay down.

JACKSON: And I know cousin May Hall, you know Cousin May?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: She keeps something. (laughter)

TERRELL: Yeah, she's a mess. She keep me laughing every time I -- she called me a couple of times.

JACKSON: Does she?

TERRELL: I want to show you my pictures that I had since you was here.

JACKSON: Oh, is that you?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Oh, you got such a pretty dress on. Oh, that's awesome.

TERRELL: [50:00] And this is the woman that give me the picture, that give me the dinner. It was a big dinner. And that's me again, and this --

JACKSON: Now, you know you look like you're 60 years old.

TERRELL: This is the cake.

JACKSON: Oh, isn't that wonderful?

TERRELL: Say, "Happy Birthday, Edna."

JACKSON: Isn't that wonderful? You sure was dressed that day. (laughter) You always liked to dress?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: You always have, huh?

TERRELL: Always.

JACKSON: But you know, the -- the Hall girls are always proud. You know how Cousin proud -- Cousin Pearl was, too.

TERRELL: Yeah. Now, this, let me see... That's Nora.

JACKSON: Oh, is that her?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Oh, OK.

TERRELL: And this is the president of Sunday School.

JACKSON: OK, and that's Cousin Nora, there?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Well, she favors cousin Purvis?

TERRELL: Yeah, that's his whole sister.

JACKSON: Now, her mother's name was Cousin Missy?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: That looks like Cousin Missy a little bit, doesn't it?

TERRELL: And her and Artie's mother was sisters.

JACKSON: Were not -- Wait a minute. Cousin Artie? You don't mean -- You mean Cousin Artie's daddy?

TERRELL: Is it the daddy?

JACKSON: It got to be 'cause Cousin Artie's mother was Emma Munlon.

TERRELL: Oh, yeah, the daddy.

JACKSON: So, Cousin Dan -- Did Cousin Dan Parish look like this a little bit? So, they --

TERRELL: No, she looked more like her mother.

JACKSON: Now, Cousin Missy look a lot like that, didn't she? And Cousin Floyd Johnson looked like that, too. Who is that?

TERRELL: And this is one of the ladies went to my church. And these here is three ladies went our church. All of them was at the dinner.

JACKSON: But this is nice.

TERRELL: And these -- these some of --

JACKSON: Was this dinner held at your church?

TERRELL: No, it was held to this lady back here, house, out in the yard.

JACKSON: Well, you sure was looking good, there.

TERRELL: All these here are the church people.

JACKSON: Now, which church you go to?

TERRELL: I got to the Church of God.

JACKSON: And that's Cousin Nora, there?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Well, I declare. I'd never seen her before. Does Cousin Purvis ever come up to see her?

TERRELL: Yeah, he was up here, him and his wife, one summer. For he's a preacher, you know?

JACKSON: Did she know him when he was here?

TERRELL: Oh, yeah, she wasn't like that then. And all of these mostly is the same picture.

JACKSON: Now, who is this woman?

TERRELL: This is the same one that you asked, belongs to the church.

JACKSON: There's a nice little crowd, there.

TERRELL: There was about 19.

JACKSON: Nice little crowd. Look at you, holding the baby.

TERRELL: Yeah. (laughter) Don't I look big?

JACKSON: No, you look good. You look real good. Now, what do you take of that, fixing up, when you took that from your mother or your daddy's people?

TERRELL: I don't know. My mother loved to dress, but not like me, here's me again. And now... I don't know, I just love to dress. But not since I got old. I don't care too much about dressing.

JACKSON: You do pretty good, though. Here's and -- And you and Cousin Nora.

TERRELL: Yeah, that's right.

JACKSON: Well, I declare.

TERRELL: The next time you come, if you come --

JACKSON: Let's go see her.

TERRELL: Yeah. Our -- Yeah, I'll call her, yeah, and we -- you can see all the places of me.

JACKSON: Yeah, that was awfully nice. Looked like y'all had plenty to eat, too.

TERRELL: Oh, that woman had so much food! And she just keep -- she was my son's friend. This is Nora's grand-- great-grand.

JACKSON: Well, I declare.

TERRELL: And she just keep buy-- she bought me a watch for Christmas. I'll show it to you when I get through.

JACKSON: Who, Cousin Nora?

TERRELL: No, this lady.

JACKSON: This lady?

TERRELL: That lady.

JACKSON: Well, isn't that wonderful?

TERRELL: Oh, yeah. That's me again. All of these, with me cutting the cake.

JACKSON: That was awfully nice. Who made the pictures? She did?

TERRELL: No, my pastor made them.

JACKSON: Look at -- even got your feet there. Look at -- Oh, look at you, got on them stockings. Look at you, got on them stockings!

TERRELL: And look at shoes!

JACKSON: Oh, those are pretty. That is awfully nice. You was -- look, got your hair fixed there, with this thing.

TERRELL: And this lady here is the secretary of the church.

JACKSON: That is so --

TERRELL: And this is my little -- my little new great-grand.

JACKSON: Oh, isn't that won-- he cute little boy, isn't he?

TERRELL: Yeah! All of my little grands is so cute.

JACKSON: Oh, look at that big car.

TERRELL: Now, this [55:00] is my baby son when he got married. And this baby here is his oldest brother's baby. That's his wife.

JACKSON: OK, pretty. (overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

TERRELL: And this is his mother, and that's the cake that was at the wedding.

JACKSON: Wow, they had a nice wedding, didn't they?

TERRELL: These are the maids.

JACKSON: Big old Rolls Royce car there.

TERRELL: And that's my oldest great-grand.

JACKSON: Your oldest great-grand?

TERRELL: And his wife, and a little -- and let me see who that boy -- oh, that -- this one, boy, he had a baby by another girl that he was going with. And I don't know, he caught her drunk or something, and he wouldn't marry her. So, he married this girl. She's a secretary in the same -- in the office off from him, where he working with the juvenile, and she's working for the state, too.

JACKSON: So, they both got good jobs.

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: That's good, that's how you had some, working together.

TERRELL: This is me when I went to Atlanta, over here with the pants on.

JACKSON: OK.

TERRELL: Got my mouth balled up. And this is my friend. She dead. And this one live in Carolina.

JACKSON: OK. Look at that.

TERRELL: And this is me again. (laughter)

JACKSON: How you (overlapping dialogue; inaudible).

TERRELL: I'm gonna have his picture taken again and give it to you. (laughter)

JACKSON: Oh, my goodness, Ruth, is that lady there?

TERRELL: That's the grandmother of the kid. All of these here is not this -- this, I think, that's my son, me, and one of the great-grands, and the oldest boy. I think I have Pearl, and she can picture anything -- let me see. This book was given to me for Christmas, and the woman that made the picture -- did you ever know Jesse May Lee?

JACKSON: Jesse May Lee? Jesse May Lee... Who is Jesse May Lee?

TERRELL: Her husband was named, oh, Pennion, Pennion Parrish.

JACKSON: Oh, Pennion Parrish?

TERRELL: Yeah, that's his -- that's her family.

JACKSON: OK, now, I remember her. Was she a Lee before she married him?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: Well, whose daughter is she?

TERRELL: Aunt Annie's grandchild, George, George Lee.

JACKSON: So, George Lee is her daddy?

TERRELL: That's right.

JACKSON: And George -- And Aunt Annie --

TERRELL: Yeah, is her grandmother.

JACKSON: Wait a minute, Annie was a Hall, and Annie married Jesse Lee?

TERRELL: Yeah.

JACKSON: OK, and then her and Jesse had a child named George, and these are all her kids?

TERRELL: Yeah. Now they --

JACKSON: How did you get that picture?

TERRELL: There is a girl and a boy on here, is twins. I guess it must be that one and that one.

JACKSON: And these are all her kids?  
TERRELL: Every time I go, I stay with her, and then I would go --  
JACKSON: She's dead now, isn't she?  
TERRELL: Yeah.  
JACKSON: Is he --  
TERRELL: Her and Linwood died the same night.  
JACKSON: Did they?  
TERRELL: Same night.  
JACKSON: Now, is her husband Pennion still living?  
TERRELL: No, he's dead.  
JACKSON: OK, OK.  
TERRELL: Now, this is Ben.  
JACKSON: Ben? That's your brother?  
TERRELL: Yeah.  
JACKSON: OK. Now, who is this? This is you and...  
TERRELL: And their grandmother, my grandchildren's grandmother.  
JACKSON: OK.  
TERRELL: This is still the wedding, and this, Roma took at the house. And this is me and Roma.

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