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M.B.: [CONTINUED] "SHE SAY. . . AND WHEN YOU KNOW ANYTHING, THE SCHOOLS WILL FLY WIDE OPEN THE DOORS, AND THE CHILDREN WILL WALK IN, AND NOBODY WILL BE HURT." AND IT HAPPENED JUST LIKE SHE SAID.

"THAT FALL, THEY INTEGRATED THIS SCHOOL. SO FIRST, THEY STARTED INTEGRATING FIRST AND SECOND. THEN, THEY WERE GONNA' DO THIRD AND FOURTH. AND THAT YEAR THEY WERE GONNA' DO THIRD AND FOURTH, THEY DONE THE WHOLE SCHOOL.

I WAS COOKING HERE. I LEFT FROM HERE AND WENT TO ALICE PONDER AND COOKED THERE. AND MANSFIELD SCHOOLS WERE WIDE OPEN. BLACKS WENT IN ALL OF THEM—HIGH SCHOOLS AND ELEMENTARY, THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS. AND THEN AFTER THAT, THEY HAD A CHANCE TO GRADUATE THERE.

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S.S.: "DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A BREAK?"

S.W.: "I DON'T HAVE MUCH HISTORY. . ."

S.S.: "WELL, WILL YOU TELL US YOUR NAME?"

S.W.: "MY NAME IS SHIRLEY LARUE BARTON-WASHINGTON, [S.W.]. I AM THE GRANDDAUGHTER TO THE LATE ED LEWIS.

"I REMEMBER MY EARLY CHILDHOOD DAYS LIVING AND VISITING WITH MY GRANDFATHER. TO US, HE WAS KNOWN AS 'PAPA' ON THE FARM. AND WE CAN ALMOST STEP ON HIS FARM. THE OLD FARM THAT HE BOUGHT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE LATE 1920'S. AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME, HE BOUGHT ABOUT A HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND. HE CAME TO MANSFIELD FROM LONGVIEW, TEXAS. AND WHEN HE CAME HERE, HE MARRIED HIS FIRST WIFE, ELIZA NOLAN LEWIS. SHE ALREADY LIVED HERE IN MANSFIELD.

"BUT HE MIGRATED HERE FROM LONGVIEW TO MANSFIELD. AND THE REASON WHY HE CAME TO MANSFIELD WAS BECAUSE, IN LONGVIEW HE COULDN'T FIND VERY MUCH

S.S.: Stan Solamillo	M.B.: Maggie Jackson Briscoe	L.L.S.: Lillie Lawson Sheppard
B.B.: Betty Benjamin	M.M.: McClendon Moody (Mac)	M.E.B.: Mary Eliza Burr
F.L.: Fred Lawson	S.W.: Shirley Larue Barton-Washington	M.E.: Michael Evans