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Identification Session #1

Items OAAHM0001-OAAHM0008

Dorothy Berry: It's June 2nd 2013 and this is the first identification session with Fr. Moses Berry. So, I'm going to ask you about these pastel portraits or charcoal portraits? I'm not sure what they are... but these portraits, and as we go through each one if you just tell me whatever information you have on them that would be great. So, let me pull up the first one.

Fr. Moses Berry: (OAAHM0001) That's Daisy White. Daisy White [was the] wife of Wallace White. Wallace is my great grandfather. He served in the Missouri 5th cavalry, he fought at Vicksburg. She is...

[Interruption]

DB: O.k., starting again, sorry about that, and you were saying that this is Daisy White?

FM: Yes this is Daisy White the wife of Wallace White. Wallace white is my great grandfather, he fought at Vicksburg, he was in the Missouri 5th cavalry and Daisy White and Wallace White lived in Caves Spring, Missouri, which is about eight miles west...southwest of Ash Grove, Missouri and uh that's all the information I really have about her. She was formerly part of the Luney family. She was part of the Luney family from cave springs

DB: Do you have any information about how this portrait came to be?

FM: No, no I don't. That portrait actually was found in a shed. My uncle Lawrence [Berry] had those portraits and they were unmounted, they'd been taken out of frames some time ago in a card...in a wooden box that was in the shed by uncle Lawrence's garage. When he had an estate sale it was just some of the items that we found there. Some of the other photographs [portraits], it just so happens that, my mom has...those were part of my mom's family and those people in the museum, they have their names written on the back of a paper in the museum. So, you know, that can give you some general information about it now, but, more specific information about the correct names are on the back of a photograph at the museum. It's actually a family photograph that should probably be added to this collection, of all these people sitting together.

DB: This photo?

FM: (OAAHM0002) That's one of those people, I think his name was Hubert Triplet, part of the Triplet family and he's listed on the back of the photograph as being called "Grandpa Hubert." They lived in Sand Mountain, Missouri which is one mile, excuse me, which is three miles north on Highway CC from 1-60.

DB: Is this another one of the people from that family?

FM: (OAAHM0003) It's another one of the Triplett family, and her name is Lou, but I don't want to guess at anymore of the names, but they are all listed on the back of the photograph.

DB: And this is another one? This too? This too? (OAAHM0004-0006) This one?

FM: (OAAHM0007) That one, I'm not sure, that one I don't think is one. I think that one is actually one of the White children, and I don't know which

one it could be. I don't know who he could be, but he might be Harrison White, who was my Grandma [Mamie] Berry's brother who was a buffalo soldier and fought with Teddy Roosevelt at San Juan, but im not really sure. I don't think he's part of the Triplett family because that one is painted in the same style [as OAAHM0001], and it's also a color photograph...color portrait in the same style as the one of Daisy White.

DB: This one?

FM: (OAAHM0008) That's my [maternal] grandmother's mother and I don't know what her name is. I could also find that out too. Now would be the time to find that out as a matter of fact, because actually, all the old folks in our family are just about died out. In this last year, Wileta Johnson has died as well as a lady named Josephine Wilbur who was my grandma's niece and they've all died this last past year.

DB: And so these all came from the same estate?

FM: They came from my uncle Lawrence's property in the shed.

DB: Ok, great thank you.