Hot Springs National Park

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BATHHOUSE EMPLOYEE ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

**Accession 463**

**HOSP 4446: Photographic Portraits**

**HOSP 5825: Oral History Audio Tapes**

Bedford, Iola Maurice bath attendant for 27 years

Cockrell, Beatrice Employee at Buckstaff Bathhouse since March of 1950

Coe, Florine B.

Dean, Geneva Employee at Maurice Bathhouse for 9 years and at the National Baptist office

Depriest, Ann Locker room attendant at Buckstaff Bathhouse for 24 years

Depriest, Mary Bath attendant (presently locker room attendant because of health) employed 18 years at Buckstaff Bathhouse

Farmere, Martha Masseuse at Libbey Memorial Physical Medicine Center; wife of manager

Gordon, Gloria Employee at Arlington Hotel, Majestic Hotel, and Health Services for 20 years

Gordon, Aaron Employee at Arlington and Majestic Hotels for 23 years

Jacobs, Iola

Jamieson, Carrie

Johnson, Hazel Employee at Health Services for 7 years

Koonce, Orland Manager of Buckstaff Bathhouse from May 3, 1966 to June, 1986

Lacefield, Rosetta Assistant manager of Arlington Hotel for 11 years

Lamb, Katherine Employee at the Majestic Hotel for 4 years; retired from Arlington Hotel as manager

Leach, George Manager of Alhambra Bathhouse

Lemons, Ernest Forty years of service as of March 1993; masseur at the Alhambra, Lamar, and Buckstaff Bathhouses

Lemons, Jim Employee at the Majestic Hotel for 67 years; went from pack room boy working for tips to helper to bath attendant

Logan, Alphonza Employee at Hale Bathhouse and Jack Tar Hotel for around 16 years

Mitchell, Melvin

Payton, Elbert

Payton, Eugenia First black masseuse to complete formal training; born in 1908

Peppers, Alfred

Perry, Vera Employee for over 30 years at Fordyce, Lamar, Ozark, and Hale Bathhouses, plus Arlington and DeSoto Hotels

Puckett, Alroy Manager at National Baptist from 1967 to 1980

Reynolds, Norma Masseuse in the bathing industry for 35.5 years

Smalley, Irene

Smith, Geraldine

Smith, Setholia

Steward, Emma Employee at the Pythian Bathhouse for ten years; masseuse at the Arlington Hotel for 22 years

Taylor, Marylon Quapaw and Buckstaff for 36 years as of date of interview. Quapaw Bathhouse laundry room in 1959; therapy aide at Libbey Physical Medicine Center; receptionist, maid, and bath attendant at Quapaw Bathhouse; bath attendant at Buckstaff Bathhouse

Tweedle, Joel Bath attendant at Pythian, Rockafellow, Superior (over 25 years), and Majestic (working as masseuse) Bathhouses. Retired 1991.

Vaugn, Sherry Began work at the Buckstaff Bathhouse in 1993 as office clerk

Washington, Callie Masseuse at Fordyce Bathhouse, 10 years

Wesson, Alma Employee at Eastman and Majestic Hotels, Maurice Bathhouse; worked at Downtowner Hotel as masseuse; retired after 50 years of service

Wesson, Snook Employee at the Majestic Bathhouse for 37 years

 [Notes in the accession folder from Toni Cooper’s campfire program in 1993 also place him at Quapaw Bathhouse, the Downtowner, and the Arlington Bathhouse (as a masseur)]

 [Mr. Wesson also played for the Negro Baseball League, playing with such teams as Chokio, New York Yankees, Clowns, Birmingham Black Bears, Minnesota White Clubs and earning $10,000 a year.]

Wilson, Gloria Employee at the Superior Bathhouse for 22 years; masseuse at the Majestic Hotel for 9 years

Windell, William P.

Woolard, Donna Assistant manager for 30 years at Buckstaff Bathhouse

Yarbrough, Robin Masseuse for 9 years at Buckstaff Bathhouse; daughter of Donna Woolard

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HOSP 5825.27 Earnie Adams

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HOSP 5825.29 Myrtle Cheatham

HOSP 5825.30 Minnie Davis

HOSP 5825.31 Ernestine Guinn, William Windell

HOSP 5825.32 Iola Jacobs

 Irene Smalley

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Items shaded pink are photographic prints only, without corresponding tapes