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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Paul Robichaux

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**IDENTIFICATION:** St. Mary Parish resident, Charenton

**INTERVIEWER:** Unknown

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**INTERVIEW DATES:** Unknown

**FOCUS DATES:** 1959

**ABSTRACT:**

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Paul Robichaux was born in 1959 in Franklin Foundation Hospital; lived in Charenton for thirty-six years; grew up in Franklin; Charenton looks pretty much like it does now, but less inhabited; community has changed because more people have moved to Charenton; when he first moved to Charenton, hardly anyone there; all land was cane fields; going hunting with dad and granddad were some of his best memories; he speaks just English but his grandfather spoke French; Robichaux retired now but he used to work in a salt mine; his parents, grandparents, and he, all fished and hunted but didn't use it for a living; they all had jobs; his dad had jobs at the [carbon?] plants and his grandfather was a welder; when Robichaux was younger he played baseball, football; he was really in to football; a lot of the coast has been lost since he was a child; it was a lot further out; now it's deteriorating and there's hardly any coast left; Louisiana's in trouble with the coast; he's noticed change in climate too; seems like summers are hotter and they barely have winter; there's at least twenty miles less of coast from when he was a little boy; has noticed they have less ducks to hunt; when he was a kid, it seemed like there were a lot more birds and animals but he's not really sure; he always grew gardens and always did good with them; hopes there is prosperity in the future of his community; his advice for youth growing up in Charenton is to not do drugs; go to school and get a good education; his greatest ambition as a child was to be a scuba diver, but he never did; greatest ambition now is being a grandfather; favorite place is to be is the Atchafalaya Basin; says having family, friends and grandchildren is home to him.

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