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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Daren Fitzgerald Dotson Sr. **COLLECTION:** 4700.2460

IDENTIFICATION: Raised in Maryland, but recently moved back to Mossville area

INTERVIEWER: Douglas Mungin

SERIES: Mossville History Project - Oral History Day

INTERVIEW DATES: January 24, 2015

FOCUS DATES: 1970s-present

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Tape 4425

Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, November 18, 1965, but grew up in Maryland; parents Donald Dotson, Sr. and Janie Lyons Gardner; father a plumber; mother worked in insurance; mother is originally from Mossville; grandparents are Dave and Lula Lyons; recalls spending summers in Mossville, early memories on Lyons Lane, recreational activities; third generation plumber; his brother, a master plumber, is teaching him to be a journeyman; praises persevering spirit of the community, despite setbacks; says the buyout from Sasol is too late for some people while a blessing for others; fondly remembers the older generation's sense of style.

TAPES: 1 (T4425)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 20 minutes

PAGES INDEX: 3 pages index; 20 pages transcript

PHOTOGRAPHS / PHOTOGRAPHER: Three photographs taken during interview, including two photographs with interviewer Mungin. Photographer Kyle Tanglao.

OTHER MATERIALS: Biographical data form; Interview questions (2 pgs); Correspondence

RESTRICTIONS: None