

**T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History Collection**

**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Kevin Fondel, Sr.

**COLLECTION:** 4700.2464

**IDENTIFICATION:** Mossville resident from the 1980s to 1990s

**INTERVIEWER:** Douglas Mungin

**SERIES:** Mossville History Project - Oral History Day

**INTERVIEW DATES:** January 23, 2015

**FOCUS DATES:** 1970s-2000s

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape T4400**

Fondel born in Lake Charles, Louisiana; parents are Marion and Ruth Fondel; maternal grandparents are Jessie and Georgia Mae [Paige?]; father originally from Lake Charles, where they operated a funeral home; property ownership; clearing the land; growing up around family; family origins; seeing Mossville property for the first time when he moved there in the '80s; attended Cherry Street Elementary School and Washington High School; also attended Northeast University [University of Louisiana Monroe], and McNeese State University; school sports; neighbors; changes he's seen in the community; buyouts; parents and grandmother do not want to sell their property in case someone needs a place to stay; local businesses, including restaurants and a barber shop; community leaders, one of whom owned a funeral home; says local industries like Conoco and [Condea] Vista are important members of the community because they provide jobs; what Mossville means to him; wants a record of his family's presence in Mossville.

**TAPES:** 1 (T4400)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 21 minutes

**# PAGES:** 3 pages index; 16 pages transcript

**PHOTOGRAPHS / PHOTOGRAPHER:** Three photographs taken during interview, including two photos of Fondel and one photo with interviewer Mungin. Photographer Kyle Tanglao.

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

**RESTRICTIONS:** none