

Interviewee: **William Johnson**

Interviewer: Jackie Shropshire Simms [11 Woodmere Dr. Arden, NC 28704]

Date of interview: 2003-07-04

Location: Veteran's home in Henderson County, NC

Audio and Video Log

1:50 Why he joined the army and early experiences

5:40 Service during WWII, various locations

13:00 Pinned down in Seoul

15:15 Japanese pilots flew into target ships

16:50 Communications with family

17:15 Food during the war

18:00 LST description

20:00 stressful times

24:00 Entertainment and leave

29:45 Discharged

30:20 Segregation in the Army

33:00 After discharge and marriage

34:00 Work after discharge from service

36:00 Career after discharge from service

39:00 Injuries (lack of), lucky

41:50 No regrets

42:30 Addendum: Rank and responsibilities during time in service

Biographical data:

Battalion: 477 Amphibious Trucking Company

Highest Rank: Staff Sergeant

Date of Enlistment: September 1941 through December 1945

Stationed: South Pacific, Texas, Hawaii

Medals: good conduct medal

Born in Washington, DC 08-18-1914

African American