

1. What is your name? Nathan (Nat) Griggs
2. When and where were you born? October 1912 in Patrick below Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.
3. What were you going between the years 1939 and 1945? working at US Finishing Company (Bleachery) in Hartsville.
4. Were you in the service? No.
Did you attend school? Yes, up to 5th grade.
What kind of job did you have? worked in National Guard from 1930-1935. Then started working at the Bleachery.
5. What were you doing on "Pearl Harbor Day" (December 7, 1941)? Him and his friend, Luke Thompson were overhauling his automobile and putting new rings on it.
6. Were you shocked by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor? Yes, because he didn't know anything about it.
What were your feelings about this event? "I felt bad, to think that Japanese could come over here and kill those men while they were sleeping. They shouldn't have bombed it while they were asleep."
7. Were you drafted? If so, when? "Yes, but my bossman got me deferred because I was a chemist and he told me I done 90% of government work.
8. What do you remember about rationing? What items had to be rationed? "Yes, we had A books, B and C books. We used the A books for going to church and town. The B books for going to work and going back and forth to the farms." shoes, sugar, coffee, gas and tires
9. Was your family better off during the war years than during Great Depression? "During the war years because the Depression was a terrible time."
10. Comment about the fashions and hairstyles of the war years? "Most everybody I knew had a normal haircut. But once and a while you would see a hippie with long hair. Not many men had mustaches either."
11. What movies did you see during WWII? "I very seldom went to movies, my first wife didn't believe in them. I can remember seeing Gone with the Wind it was 4 hours long."
12. What did you think about Franklin D. Roosevelt? "As for as I'm concerned he is the best president for the South that we ever had."
13. What was your opinion of Winston Churchill and Joseph