

MOSSVILLE HISTORY PROJECT

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BACKGROUND

After Sasol's Voluntary Property Purchase Program closed, the Mossville community expressed interest in preserving the history of the area. Sasol awarded a grant of more than \$275,000 to the Imperial Calcasieu Museum, in partnership with the Louisiana State University/T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History and local journalist Bill Shearman, to capture, record, preserve and publish written and oral histories of the people and community of Mossville. Photos, videos and artifacts are available for public viewing.



STEERING COMMITTEE

The Mossville History Project's steering committee is composed of members from Mossville, many of whom are descendants of original settlers of Mossville. The committee's purpose is to keep current and former Mossville residents informed of upcoming events and important dates, maintain relationships with prominent community figures, attend meetings pertaining to the Mossville History Project and be a reliable source to everyone involved in the project.

ORAL HISTORY

The oral history component of the project included collections of recorded interviews from Mossville community residents to help preserve the culture and history of this community.

To capture these historical assets, the project team hosted a series of oral history days in the Mossville community. The Museum accepted items for donation and historians interviewed participants about life in Mossville.

Oral historians focused their interviewing efforts around the 1930s-1980s time-period to document information not found in the current records. They captured stories relevant to regional culture, traditions, religious establishments, education, social gatherings and events, home remedies and recipes, athletics, politics and other information key to the preservation of Mossville's unique history.

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ACCESSIBILITY

Transcripts, research and photographs are displayed for the general public at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum, the McNeese State University Archives, the Rigmaiden Recreation Center, LSU Libraries Special Collections and Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Collections (available to researchers). Audio, video and images are available on LSU Library servers.

As part of this project, local journalist/author Bill Sherman wrote a book on the history of Mossville. Copies of the book are available at the museum, local libraries in the Calcasieu Parish area or online.

For additional information and to view testimonials, please visit www.imperialcalcasieumuseum.org.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Imperial Calcasieu Museum and Louisiana State University
T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History