Isiah Smith

South Baton Rouge resident for seventeen years; buildings and grounds supervisor at McKinley High.

Nedra Carter, Khary Carrell

McKinley High School Oral History Project – African American Businesses

July 11, 1996

Born December 1, 1947 in Baywood, Louisiana; father worked on sugar farm; has four brothers and five sisters; has lived in South Baton Rouge neighborhood about seventeen years; moved to neighborhood to be buildings and grounds supervisor at McKinley Senior High School; recalls businesses on East Boulevard; improvements in street cleaning; decrease in violence in neighborhood; flooding used to be so bad in neighborhood that people would get around in boats; recent improvements in black businesses; patronizing cleaners, grocery store and car wash; McKinley High is thriving; recommends someone else to interview; offers to share his McKinley photograph collection.

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