

Transcript of Interview with June Massengill by Brandon K. Presley

Interviewee: June Massengill

Interviewer: Brandon K. Presley

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Location (Interviewee): Anderson County, Tennessee

Location (Interviewer):

Abstract: This is a recording I did my great aunt, June. It asks the question regarding whether or not there are any silver linings in the pandemic.

Brandon K. Presley 0:01

My name is Brandon Presley, and I'm a graduate intern with the COVID-19 archive at Arizona State University. The date is February 21 2021. The time is 3:46pm. And I'm speaking with June Massengill. I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience. But before I do, I'd like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 archive. The COVID-19 archive is a digital archive at Arizona State and is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

June Massengill 0:33

Yes.

Brandon K. Presley 0:33

Thanks. First, can you tell me your name, age, race and where you live?

June Massengill 0:42

June Massengill. 71 years old. Anderson County.

Brandon K. Presley 0:46

Okay.

June Massengill 0:46

And I'm white.

Brandon K. Presley 0:48

White? Okay. Thank you. And I'm gonna ask one quick question about the pandemic. So we've experienced a lot of changes in 2020 and many of those have been negative and disruptive. Perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing that you've experienced during the pandemic?

June Massengill 1:06

Well, I've noticed that people are more considerate towards one another than they were before. And that people are beginning to realize that it is necessary to wear the mask and do what they have been asked to do wherefore, at first they wasn't. And I just feel that families have grown closer, because they've been able to spend more time with each other, even though it was difficult to work from home. But they were able to manage that and manage their children as well.

Brandon K. Presley 1:45

Okay. All right. Well, thank you for your time.