

Transcript of Interview with David Downs by Alisha Downs

Interviewee: David Downs

Interviewer: Alisha Downs

Date: 02/20/2021

Location (Interviewee): Augusta, Kansas

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Abstract: David Downs is a man of very few words. He is 64 years old and works a laborious job in an aircraft plant for Textron Aviation. He also manages a home with many animals, including horses. When I asked him to do an interview, he wasn't terribly excited, as you can see by the short answers and hear by the bored voice. However, he did admit that time off work was a silver lining in the pandemic, as well as getting to spend more time with his family.

Alisha Downs 0:00

Hi, my name is Alisha Downs, and I'm an undergraduate student at ASU enrolled in HST 494. The date is February, 20th of 2021, and the time is 8:35 AM, and I am speaking with David Downs. I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience. Before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 archive. The COVID-19 archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

David Downs 0:39

Yes.

Alisha Downs 0:40

Thank you! First, can you tell me your name and your age?

David Downs 0:44

David Downs. I'm 64.

Alisha Downs 0:47

And you are- your race?

David Downs 0:50

I'm white.

Alisha Downs 0:51

And where do you live?

David Downs 0:52

In Augusta, Kansas.

Alisha Downs 0:54

Augusta, Kansas. Thank you! Now I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020 and many have been negative and disruptive. But perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

David Downs 1:10

I guess I got to stay off work and spend time with my family.

Alisha Downs 1:14

Oh, you enjoy spending time with your family, yeah I get that! Well, thank you for your time today.