

## *Interview with Leroy Addison*

*By Ross Addison*

*Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 2008*

We are in the house of Leroy Addison. The Interview is approximately 9 min. and was taken on January 6, 2008.

**Q: "When you were my age what year was it?"**

A: "1941."

**Q: "Where did you live?"**

A: "Right over where you're living now, south of Cimarron."

**Q: "Who else was living there?"**

A: "Well, my mother, my dad, and my little brother, Eugene. Be you grandpa."

**Q: "Where did you go to school?"**

A: "Cimarron High."

**Q: "Where did you work?"**

A: "Well, I farmed a few years, and then I went out to the oil fields...to 1975 or '80."

**Q: "How much did you get paid?"**

A: "Nothing. It was very little, skimpy. That's why I went to the oil fields."

**Q: "What was you favorite class in high school?"**

A: "Probably music (band) or math."

**Q: "What activities did you do?"**

A: "Band and football, then during the war..."

**Q: "What did you do for entertainment?"**

A: "Work and play in the band."

**Q: "What did your parents do for a living?"**

A: "Farmed, Mom was a housewife raising us kids."

**Q: "What did you drive?"**

A: "An old Model A."

**Q: "What were some of the nation's problems during this time?"**

A: "Same thing as there is now: war, economy, poverty."

**Q: "Who was the President?"**

A: "Well, let's see, Roosevelt, I believe."

**Q: "What was Black Sunday?"**

A: "That was a dirt storm. The sky turned black."

**Q: "Where were you when you heard of the attack on Pearl Harbor?"**

A: "Well, I was in town and we bought a team of horses ...to use them to shuck some corn, ... when I got home, Dad said that on the radio they had announced that Pearl Harbor was bombed."

**Q: "What military service did you enter?"**

A: "The Navy."

**Q: "Where did you serve?"**

A: "Over in the Pacific, by Honolulu and then Midway Island."

**Q: "What did you do for the military?"**

A: "Well, I was qualified as a sonar operator. Then they needed a band over in the Pacific so that's where we went."

**Q: "Did you keep letters from loved ones?"**

A: "Yeah, I did, my mother kept them when she mailed them to me then she had them after the war."

**Q: "What was the best thing during this time?"**

A: "Well, the war was on. There wasn't much gas was raising, tires...everyone was

working for the war effort.”

**Q: “What was the hardest part that you had to endure during this time?”**

A: “Well, I was in the service. My folks was trying to get stuff for the farm.”

**Q: “What would be some advice to kids my age today?”**

A: “Get a good education.”

**Q: “How do you see life today compared to your time?”**

A: “Life is a lot easier, a lot more conveniences...made the farming a revolution and a lot easier.”

**Q: “Are there any things you would like to mention that we didn’t talk about?”**

A: “No, just stuff you want to pass on to different generations.”

**Q: “And last but not least, do you mind me making a DVD on this interview and having it on display at our library?”**

A: “I don’t care, whatever you want to do.”

## Release Form

*To be completed by the person interviewed:*

I, (print name here) Leroy Addison, give permission for the video/audio tape of my interview to be donated to the Cimarron City Library, to be kept on file, and used for purposes of research at a later date.

I agree that persons doing research may use my name and my statements without further approval on my part.

By giving my permission for this, I also understand that I am not giving up any copyright or performance rights that I may hold.

*Accepted and agreed:*

Signature: Leroy Addison Date: 01/06/08  
month/day/year

Address: 16403 R. Road  
City: Cimarron State KS Zip 67835