

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **U. L. (Pete) Davis**

Mr. U. L. (Pete) Davis was born in Needville, Texas on March 16, 1922. He talks about his early years helping his father share crop. He recalls difficult race relations in those days and the prejudicial treatment black soldiers received when they returned from war. In his late teens he went to Austwell, Texas to join the Civilian Conservation Corps. Shortly after that was recruited into the US Army and was deployed to the European front during World War II where he served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Army under General Patton.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Katie Ware – maternal grandmother

McKinley Davis – father

Alice Ware – mother

Marie Burton – wife

General George Patton, US Army

James Brown – son

Earline Davis – daughter

Alice Davis – daughter

Julie Davis – daughter

Grandchildren: Annette Broaden, Yolanda Bass

Stredick, Joyce Brown Moore, Jessie Hargrove,

Jr., Loretta Hargrove, Pamela Hargrove.

### Places / Businesses

Austwell, Texas

Routt Point School

Church – 4 miles from San Bernard River

Civilian Conservation Corps (government employment program) Austwell, TX.

Nacogdoches, Texas

Needville, Texas

France

Germany

Belgium

Luxembourg

Regensburg, Germany

Europe

HMS Queen Elizabeth

New York

Waelder, Texas

### Events

Parents met in George Armstrong Bottom

Share croppers farmed on  $\frac{3}{4}$  rule: got to keep  $\frac{3}{4}$  of cotton or corn crops raised

World War II – 1942 joined army

1 year in US (training)

2 years in Europe under General Patton

Army Ammunition group, England, Belfast, France, Luxembourg

Awarded medals for military service

Later worked construction, Grain Dryer, Cotton Warehouse