

Northwest Arkansas Oral History Project  
 Jessie Angela (Angie) Lee Benham Interview Abstract  
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Interviewee	Jessie Angela (Angie) Lee Benham
Year of birth	1942
Place of birth	Fort Smith, Crawford County, Arkansas
Interviewer	Susan Porter
Interview date	2018-06-11
Interview location	Bella Vista Historical Museum; Bella Vista, Benton County, Arkansas
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Description	Dr. Angie Evans Benham discusses her family, growing up in Van Buren Arkansas during the 1950s, and her experiences as a clergy wife, mother, and adult student. While not many high school students have appeared in a <i>Life</i> magazine article (December 9, 1958), Benham has. She recalls the experience when, as Student Council President, she spoke at the Van Buren (Arkansas) School Board/Citizen's Council meeting called to discuss the high school's integration efforts. Other stories in the interview talk about her grandparents farming in Rudy Arkansas, her parents' life in Van Buren Arkansas, the role of religion in her life, and living with her husband, (David Benham) in Arkansas, Georgia and Arizona. Benham, a practicing psychologist, today (2019) resides in Northwest Arkansas.
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Interview sidebar	'I never doubted I did the right thing, but I've had regrets. I was so young. I didn't realize the consequences. I'd been taught if you do something bad, something bad will follow. But I didn't know if you did something good, something bad could happen also...' [00:16:20]
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