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Impact Exhibit Documentation gets started in Rentiesville
Oscar Dean Ran and Selby Minner interview
Frank Swain, Tulsa musician



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What an extreme honor to meet Lelia Foley-Davis! She was the first African American female mayor elected in the United States! That happened in Taft, right here in Oklahoma. She has been invited to the White House on three different occasions. Former Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmie Carter, and Barack Obama have all invited and personally spoken with her about her accomplishments!!



Honey Springs Museum Director Adam Lynn and Mayor Lelia Foley-Davis



Dr. Harold Aldridge of Taft gives a fascinating account.

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Grayson Mayor

Other interviews included Shirley Nero of Clearview, Homer Johnson of Tulsa, residents of Muskogee and more..

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I would like to thank [Selby Minner](#) for allowing me the wonderful opportunity of tagging along with the organizing of her future exhibit to be displayed at the Blues Hall of Fame Museum in Rentiesville, Oklahoma! The exhibit will detail from first hand accounts, maps, photographs, and text, the wonderful impact all-African American towns from Oklahoma had in progressing education, equal rights, cultural diversity, and music throughout the United States. Many current and former residents of these wonderfully historic towns took time out of their busy schedules the past two days to tell their stories!! We had famous musicians, distinguished educators, former mayors, and many more provide their unique stories for the exhibit!! I am honored to have spent time with everyone who came out and to have been asked to assist. Thanks so much!! This was the first of several future meetings to be held over the next few months at the Blues Hall of Fame Museum and Bar located in Rentiesville.