

Telephone interview
Aug. 4, 2000 3 pm
there is also a recorded interview, Aug 2000
247-0648

~~Union Baptist Church~~ 286-8743
Shiloh Baptist Church
150 First Albany Ave. Hartford
1946 + 47

Rev. Dr. King T. Hayes ^{pastor at}
same tobacco farm as MLK - ^{Did not know MLK personally.}
coordinated by Callman Bros - ^{contract}
w/ Morehouse -

Dear of Students -
Callman ^{Bros} paid fares from Atlanta to Hartford -
each morning they'd go out to work
planted late tobacco plants, watered them, ^{took care of this}
farmers used high powered fertilizers
Morehouse kids did 2nd or 3rd picking
placed in bins
^{single} leaves were tied
and people sewed ^{leaves} together

walked from Simsbury to Hartford ^{Shiloh}
Rt. 44 Albany Ave. ^{to go to church - the pastor}
20 miles a day - typical of ^{won't be long}
Southerners to walk ^{church con. Albany}

friendship + cordiality typical of Shiloh
members opened doors to "tobacco boys"
+ invited them to Sunday dinners
tobacco boys met girls in Hartford + married many
was privileged to shake his hand
Main + Pavilion when MLK came to Hartford
MLK gave speech at Bushnell

^{Hayes} Book on Black Preaching
etc. Ct. Council of Churches
did

Glee Clubs
Times Portico

walked ^{never had difficulty}
always attended movies at Eno
easy to walk there ^{everyone was liberal &}
couldnt have milk shakes ^{cordial here}
~~down town~~ ^{at home in the south so going} to Doyle's Drug & ordering milkshakes & candy ^{big treat.}

- ⁱⁿ WPA Hartford - Friday night YUCA.
coordinated young girls to dance
w/ Boys from the South

Peters met girl at ^{WPA dances} that they married

Methodist Church - Stone Church

↳ didnt go to white church on top of Hill
↳ near the Doyle's Drug.

didnt go any farther than ^{Friday} had to go to church

no interaction w/ Florida girls

↳ sewed tobacco leaves together -

^{Merchase students}

went to store in Trville to buy soda -
for lunch break - Cullman kids gave them
Sandwiches, but no drinks so kids got sodas
in Trville ^(just water)

MLK ^{probably} didnt ^{fully} understand his desire to serve society in 1949

The contrast ^{between north & south was} so profound - ^{anybody would} want to do something
to change things - ^{1963 moment & speech.}
motif of uniting races & cultures
[need to be together as one]

Albany, NY
Sept. 4, 2000
Interview with Rev. King T Hayes

Rev. Moody - social worker

Shelk
It was the first time they came to get help
to so they attended it. ^{Albany, N.Y.} walked down Albany Ave.

never
rode
buses
always
walked

Friday night - dance sponsored by YWCA in Hartford
Saturday ~~at~~ walk into Hartford to shop
& go to movies - State Street -
Life bands from NYC
& lots of other theatres

~~MLK~~ Sunday

Hayes ^{Dinner} Meals ~~was~~ was not enough
Clif was washed dishes, & washed plates
Hayes they to the kitchen - milkshakes &
sandwiches -

Week day nights they didn't go into ^{Hartford} town
because they had to work the next
day.