

III. DETAILS:

A. Persons Involved:



I. Emmett Louis Till, also known as Bobo and Bo:

Date of Birth:	July 25, 1941
Place of Birth:	Chicago, Illinois
Date of Death:	August 28, 1955
Burial Location:	Burr Oak Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois

Till, who was fourteen years old at the time of his death, was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. His mother, Mamie Bradley, later Mamie Till-Mobley, was born in the town of Webb, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. Till had visited Mississippi on three other occasions prior to August 1955; as an infant; as a toddler; and again when he was nine years old. Till had a speech impediment due to a childhood illness, but was understandable when he spoke. Till was large for his

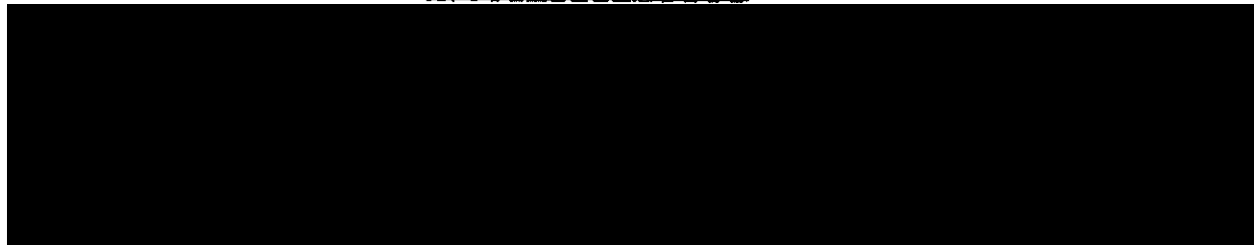
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age, weighing about 150 pounds. Family accounts relate that Emmett Till was a fun loving, gentle person who loved practical jokes and making other people laugh.^{37, 38}

Till's father, Louis Till, died in Europe during 1945. Records released to the press in October 1955 indicate that Louis Till, a Private in the U.S. Army assigned to the 177th Port Company, 397th Port Battalion, was executed on July 2, 1945 by the U.S. Army for the rape of two women and the murder of another in Italy.³⁹ The American Battle Monuments Commission verified Louis Till was executed and is currently interred at the Oisne-Aisne Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France.^{40, 41}



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³⁷ *Death of Innocence, The Story of The Hate Crime That Changed America*, Maime Till-Mobley and Christopher Benson, 2003, 81 to 82

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⁴⁰ William Bradford Huie, "Why the Army Hanged Emmett Till's Father," *Confidential*, May 1956

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