& Roy Bryant (deceased):

was born on _____ in _____ Mississippi and grew up in the

father worked on various farms and the family lived in _____

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Hugh Steven Whitaker, “A Case Study in Southern Justice – The Emmett Till Case”, (Master’s Thesis, Florida State University, 1965), 144
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After Roy Bryant’s acquittal for murdering Till, the couple moved to The couple

During their marriage, they had children, boys and girl. One son,
Roy Bryant Jr., died in 1995. and currently lives with

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to as throughout this report. is currently

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Roy Bryant was born on January 31, 1931 in Charleston, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi.

In 1955 Bryant was twenty-four years old, weighed one hundred-ninety pounds and was six feet tall.

Bryant served in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper, enlisting in June 1950 and serving until his discharge in 1953. During August 1955 Roy and co-

owned and operated Bryant’s Grocery & Meat Market, located in the town of Money, LeFlore County, and resided in living quarters located in the rear of the store. The business was owned by Roy Bryant and his half-brother, J.W. Milam. Roy Bryant also worked part-time for J.W. Milam, driving truck and delivering goods.

While living in Orange, Texas Roy Bryant was trained in welding, at which he worked for many years. After the Roy Bryant moved back to Mississippi and
remarried in 1980 to [redacted]. In his later years, Roy Bryant went partially blind from his earlier welding work and operated a store in Ruleville, Mississippi. Bryant was convicted in the Northern District of Mississippi on Food Stamp Fraud violations in 1984 and 1988. [redacted]. Bryant died of cancer on September 1, 1994.