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Earley Child Hood.

Shortly after my farther died I left my home town of Cardova, Ala. to live with an Uncle in a small town of Earle, Arkansas. This complied to my farther's wishes, for my uncle had a splended job with the Ark. power and light Co. besides several Civic jobs of that town and was in as place to give me a good Education.

My life in that small town was a happy one in spite of the fact that my Uncle was very stern and strict in his on belief. He had no children of his own and neither he or his wife knew how to show their love for me or how to correct me in the childish mistakes I made. Of course my school life was normal and my buddies kidded me a lot because I had no Mather or Farther but they still liked to pull little jokes

and no one who could understand me
second because I saw the other kids loved
by a mother and father and this of course
made me feel even more unwanted
I can even remember when I was about
10 years old I told one of my play mates that
I wish I had a mother to love me the way
their mother loved them. As time went by
and I grew older I noticed the difference
between myself and other children, more
and more and the outcome of it was that
I grew more remote and kept to myself
most of the time.

Of my uncle I can only say that I
knew he meant well but as I grew more
sullen he could not understand why and
tried to beat it out me. Of course this
only made me worse for most of all
I needed love and understanding. He even
tried giving me Music lessons but I
still felt lost and out of place and I
grew up determined that I was going to
have the things in life other people had
if I had to fight the whole world to
get it.

This is just a general view of my child-
hood and believes more important details

Convent, La.

Dear Bro, Sawyer.

I enclosed you will find a sketch of my early child hood. It is very brief and will only give you a general outline but it will be a base to build on as I send you more important and complete details.

I only wish I were more of a capable writer so that I could be some real aid to you. However I hope you will get some small help from what I write.

The following are some of the important dates you asked for.

Date of Birth October, 22, 1919. Place Cordova, Ala. Father, Alonzo, Gamba, Jones. Mother Goldie, Ellis. Enlistment in army from May, 29, 1937 - to May, 28, 1940. Married June, 6, 1940. Wife, Virginia Ellinor, Monian. Son, Robert Clayton Jones. Born March 27 1941. Mariens Camps. Oct. 1943, March 1945. Crime Dec 26, 1945, Arrested Dec 30 1945.