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## Interview of Herbert R. Gibson, Sr.

Herbert Richard Gibson

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**Harding Oral History Library**

**The H. R. Gibson, Sr. Story**

**I. Statement on the purpose of the oral history library and the H. R. Gibson Story**

**II. Early Life**

**A. Location and date of birth**

**B. Educational experience**

**C. Work opportunities**

**D. Parental philosophy and instruction**

**III. Teenage experiences**

**A. Educational opportunities**

**B. Work experience**

**C. Principles and philosophy gleaned from these experiences**

**IV. Early adulthood**

**A. Depression influence**

**B. Business experience**

**C. Goals and dreams**

**D. Principles and policies of operation**

**V. The Gibson Discount Centers**

**A. Beginning of operation**

- B. Basic principles and philosophy
- C. Structure of operation
- D. Size of operation and growth
- E. Problems and obstacles
- F. Reasons for success
- G. Characteristics desired in employees
- H. Advice to graduating seniors and business aspirants
- I. Situations and characteristics to avoid
- J. Role of Mrs. Gibson in the business operation

**VI. The work of the church**

- A. The importance of Christian living and Christian principles
- B. Interest in Christian education
- C. Mission endeavors
- D. Training of young preachers
- E. Orphanages and benevolent work

**VII. Hobbies and diversions**

- A. Sportsman and hunting

**VIII. The Future**

**A. Optimism or Pessimism**

**B. Essentials for success**