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Life in Colored Families on Taylors Is. and Smithville Years Ago, by Luther Cornish, 14 June 2014

Luther Cornish and others talk about life in these communities of South Dorchester before electricity and modern transportation, when most local people found local jobs on farms, in canneries, and on the water, and when social life was centered in the churches and schools in these communities.

This was an opportunity for those born in recent years to visit the past through the memories of their elders. Some of the topics included:

- Who were the African-American families and where did they come from?
- Where did they work and what did they do?
- What hardships did they endure in those days?
- Where did the people worship, and what was special about their Churches?
- What other organizations existed in the communities?
- The schools and the teachers -- education during the time of segregation.