

STORY OF CLAYTON HOLBERT, EX-SLAVE

In the late 1930s there was a great depression in the United States. Many people had no money, and no jobs. In an effort to put some people to work, President Roosevelt created the Works Project Administration.

The Works Project Administration was a government program that hired people to complete various projects throughout the United States. One such project was the interviewing of ex-slaves about their lives.

By this time, few people were left who had been slaves. The emancipation proclamation had been written 75 years before.

Numerous interviewers were sent out to a number of states to find these people and write down their life story. This is one of the interviews that was collected.

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