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Media: Uncompressed Digital Audio – DVD			
Title: Interview with Jessie Hills, Sam Williams, and Marie Boseman Fields – Hills knew Tommy Johnson and other Copiah musicians			Source: Originally recorded to Side 1 7" reel of 1/4" X 1800' tape at 7 1/2 i.p.s. – two track mono.
Date: December 20, 1967			
Place: Terry, Mississippi			
Machine – Studer A-807; 5" reel 1/4" x 600'; 1.5 millimeter mylar; Nassau brand; 2 track mono			Transferred to 10" reel of 1/4" tape – 2 track mono @ 7 1/2 ips by Bruce Nemerov. Audio digitization by Martin Fisher. Historical consulting and description – Tyler DeWayne Moore.
Time In	Track	Title/Description	Artist or Interviewee
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00.00.00	1	TJ gave Hills the record Jake Leg Blues and she tries to remember the lyrics; Jake was an alcoholic drink based on Jamaican bitters; TJ told Hills that she could keep the record and when she listened to it, she had to "shake one time." TJ was a local hero around Terry and Crystal Springs;	Jessie Hills and Sam Williams
00.03.33	2	Ishmon Bracey grew up in the same area, and he was a "pretty good" musician; Wardlow discusses Saturday Blues; Wardlow asks about TJ's spiritual songs, but the informants never heard him play any; TJ was very important to the Mr. Stokes - the plantation owner - who could not barely function without TJ; Wardlow compares James Brown and Otis Redding to TJ and Charlie Patton; Arthur Crudup "Big Boy" put out a cover of Pony Blues around 1940;	Jessie Hills and Sam Williams
00.08.33	3	Wardlow asks about Lonesome Home Blues, Slidin' Delta, Alcohol and Jake Blues; Hills does not remember those, but recalls Big Road and Cool Drink of Water; Wardlow asks about one-legged Sam; Hills contends that T.J. Patterson learned from Tommy Johnson; Hills discusses Floyd Patterson as being a guitar talent; They discuss TJ's itinerant nature; TJ carried his guitar without a case, and he broke many instruments; TJ never had a car;	Jessie Hills and Sam Williams
00.15.34	4	Fields went to school with TJ at Pilgrim's Rest; TJ learned guitar as a teenager, and he could play any song that someone would mention; Fields remembers many of TJ's songs - after Wardlow lists all their names; Fields remembered the Kansas City Blues; She talks about TJ taking the train to Jackson; Fields contends that TJ did not drink too much around her house; TJ quit school at an early age; Fields never knew Maggie Bedwell, TJ's wife;	Marie Boseman Fields

00.20.09	5	Wardlow asks about TJ's social demeanor; TJ was the best guitarist around at that time;	Marie Boseman Fields
00.22.22	6	TJ was about ten years older than Williams; Williams' favorite song was Big Road Blues; Williams knew Maggie and mentions TJ's home out near Warm Springs; TJ's oldest brother was George Johnson; Hills talks about Pilgrim's Rest school, where TJ played nearly every day; TJ lived on the plantation of Mr. Stokes [Langer]; They discuss TJ's many women; TJ would play for them everyday, and if he was not there, then they would not work as well; TJ used to play on top of the shed where they used to work;	Jessie Hills and Sam Williams