

# MOSSVILLE HISTORY PROJECT

## Sasol Corporate Social Responsibility



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### BACKGROUND

After Sasol's Voluntary Property Purchase Program closed, the Mossville community expressed interest in preserving the history of the area. Sasol awarded a grant of more than \$275,000 to the Imperial Calcasieu Museum, in partnership with the Louisiana State University/T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History and local journalist Bill Shearman, to capture, record, preserve and publish written and oral histories of the people and community of Mossville. Photos, videos and artifacts will also be made available for public viewing.



### STEERING COMMITTEE

The Mossville History Project's steering committee is composed of eight members from Mossville, many of whom are descendants of original settlers of Mossville. The committee's purpose is to keep current and former Mossville residents informed of upcoming events and important dates, maintain relationships with prominent community figures, attend meetings pertaining to the Mossville History Project and be a reliable source to everyone involved in the project.

### ORAL HISTORY DAYS

The oral history component of the project includes collections of recorded interviews from Mossville community residents to help preserve the culture and history of this community.

To capture these historical assets, the project team hosted a series of oral history days in the Mossville community. The Museum accepted items for donation and historians interviewed participants about life in Mossville.

Oral historians are focusing their interviewing efforts around the 1930s-1980s time-period to document information not found in the current records. They are aiming to capture stories relevant to regional culture, traditions, religious establishments, education, social gatherings and events, home remedies and recipes, athletics, politics and any other information that will help in the preservation of Mossville's unique history.

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### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Transcripts, research and photographs will be displayed for the general public at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum, the McNeese State University Archives, the Rigmaiden Recreation Center, LSU Libraries Special Collections and Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Collections (available to researchers). Audio, video and images will be available on LSU Library servers.

For additional information and to view testimonials, please visit [www.imperialcalcasieumuseum.org](http://www.imperialcalcasieumuseum.org).

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Imperial Calcasieu Museum and Louisiana State University  
T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History