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When I was a very young child, my family lived on Michigan Ave. in Bogalusa during the depression years and daddy was employed by the railroad company.

Mother, as well as all her neighbors, hired Mary McGowan, who lived in one of the 3 houses, the middle one, west of the railroad tracks on Austin Street to iron for her. She came regularly once a week.

When Mary came to Mother's, she either brought her children with her or they came to Mother's after she arrived. I remember Mary would always ask them, "Are you riding or walking?" (bicycle of course) My sister "Dody" and I would play with her children and then they would leave and go home. We became very close – Elnora, [Willie] Mae, "Dody" and I.

During this time, Mary told mother and daddy, as well as the neighbors, that her son J.R. Washington, had run away from home. How he was being held against his will by a man in in Mississippi. This went on for years. As a matter of fact, his sister, Elnora McGowan Dubb, told me he was held by a man named Cecil Mitchell in Mississippi. This went on for years; as a matter of fact, his sister, Elnora McGowan Dubb, told me he was held by this man for 9 years. I remember Mary crying all the time wanting to see her son. He wanted to come home but could not – the man would not let him go. He had been gone since he was 14.

I remember one afternoon late my daddy, Allen LeBlanc, Sr., Douglas Shows, Mr. Ward (Elnora seems to think that Mr. Armstrong was one of them) got dressed and they left for Mississippi. (the town I do not remember)

The pretended to be F.B.I. men and were able to bring Mary's son, J.R. Washington, home before midnight. It must not have been too far from Bogalusa. This was around 1942. Elnora said this was a night <u>never</u> to forget.

Mary's daughter, Elnora McGowan Dubb, a former teacher in the Bogalusa School system, and I, Irma Lee LeBlanc Cesario Callender, and Ruth, Elnora's sister, are probably the only 2 people living who know this to be true.

Elnora and I have been friends almost forever. I went to her wedding, which was held in the middle house near the railroad tracks, and she, in turn, has been to all the important events in my life, including all my parents and sister and brother's funeral.

[Signed Irma Lee LeBlanc Cesario Callander, 8/01/07]

My daddy – Allen LeBlanc Sr., deceased My mother – [Elnore Richardson] LeBlanc, deceased My sister – Delores LeBlanc [?], deceased My brother – Allen J. LeBlanc, Jr., deceased Douglas Shows (in later years Representative), deceased Mr. Ward (Railroad employee), deceased Mr. Armstrong (Railroad employee and neighbor of Mary), deceased Mary McGowan, deceased J.R. Washington, 1919-1991 (72)