

## Zera and Dock Jacobs Speak for Themselves

In the preceding pages, the author has described the home and lifeways of Alva Jacobs and his parents, Zera and Dock Jacobs, drawn from Alva Jacobs' memories of 60 to 70 years ago. To conclude this section, the memories and opinions of Zera and Dock themselves are presented. They were preserved in an interview conducted twenty-six years ago by Skip Vaughn.

**“Leaving the Arsenal was Sad,” *The Redstone Rocket*, July 2, 1980.**



**Zera and Dock Jacobs in 1980. Source: *The Redstone Rocket*.**

Dock and Alva were married in 1922. Zera was 85 years old and Dock was 88 years old in 1980 when Vaughn conducted the interview. Dock Jacobs was reared in Mullins Flat, which was separated by a creek from Pond Beat where his wife grew up. Dock said, “I was raised there in Mullins Flat, what you call ‘the high place.’” Zera recalled the land that was to become Redstone Arsenal. She said, “It was a big population that lived there” and “both whites and coloreds” owned property.” Zera said they [“the whites and