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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Sam Houston Jones

COLLECTION: 4700.0030

IDENTIFICATION: [1897-1978] Governor of Louisiana from 1940-1944

INTERVIEWER: James Godfrey

SERIES: Political

INTERVIEW DATE: February 1, 1977

FOCUS DATES: 1940-1948

ABSTRACT:

Tape 36
Political campaign of 1940; changes Governor Jones made while in office; Long machine—financially strong; reasons for running in the 1948 election; liberal about helping people; similarities and differences between Watergate and Louisiana politics; elimination of corruption; enemies tried to defeat Jones while running for his second term; Dr. George H. Jones determines the sentiment of the people in the first primary; the results of the 1940 Democratic primary; Cocrehan, Governor Jones' executive secretary; voted for by Scott, Louisiana; wife instrumental in Jones becoming governor; got along well with the first session of the first legislature; birth and family background; W. D. Cotton, state senator from North Louisiana, provides money for first bridge across the Calcalieu River; reform in the schools; building during the war years from 1940-1944.

TAPES: 1 (T36)

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