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ABSTRACT

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SERIES: University History – Distinguished Alumni

INTERVIEW DATES: March 24, 1992  

FOCUS DATES: 1910s - 1970s

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Tape 123
Farming in Avoyelles Parish during the 1910s and 1920s; family history; discusses County Agent F. A. Swann; improvements in agriculture; enrolled at LSU in 1925; discusses trip to the campus from Plaucheville; living on the Old Campus; taking a train to classes on the New Campus; buildings on the New Campus; planting oak trees on the New Campus; vaccinating beef cattle; working odd jobs to put himself through school; free sandwiches for students; eradicating the sugarcane borer; 1927 flood; gets federal job in Ohio to eradicate the corn borer; planting trees on campus; teaching vocational agriculture in Houma and the importance of being bilingual for that job; working as a county agent in Terrebonne Parish; job as district agricultural agent for the Cooperative Extension Service; bringing electricity to Terrebonne Parish; impact of electricity on farm communities; animal judging teams; willingness of farmers to accept new technology; describes LSU President Thomas Boyd; lists his favorite professors; Newman Club dances; opening a hardware and feed store on Government Street; developing certified seed for cotton and soybeans; breeding chickens and selling them at his hardware store; impact of attending LSU on his career; looking through photographs;

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TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour, 34 minutes

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 89 pages

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