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ABSTRACT:

Tape 371
Family background; growing up on old, downtown campus of LSU; establishment by his father, Charles E. Coates, of LSU's chemistry department; the Audubon Sugar School and father's involvement; early professors in the chemistry department--Raoul L. Menville, Arthur Chopin, Raymond Fries; mother's social and civic activities; father's establishment of football at LSU; chemistry department when Jesse Coates joined the department in 1936--faculty, policy on hiring, research projects; jobs before coming to teach at LSU; curriculum at Michigan State where he got his Ph.D.

Tape 372
Coates's equipping and setting up chemistry labs and developing of experiments for chemistry department; hiring faculty as head of the department--Frank Groves, James Cardner, Clayton Calahan, Ed McLouhlin, Paul Murrill; football games on the old campus; marriage to Judith Mills Williams in 1938; father's death; brothers Victor and Charles.

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