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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Jesse Coates

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**IDENTIFICATION:** [1908-1994] LSU Class of 1928, professor of chemical engineering, 1936-1975, head of department of chemical engineering (1955-67), Professor Emeritus of Chemistry.

**INTERVIEWER:** James G. Traynham

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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.

**TAPES:** 2 (T371; T372)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 2 hours, 45 minutes

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**RESTRICTIONS:** None