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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: William G. Haag

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IDENTIFICATION: Boyd Professor Emeritus, Geography and Anthropology

INTERVIEWER: Jesse Walker

SERIES: University History – Distinguished Faculty & Administrators

INTERVIEW DATE: April 26, 1994

FOCUS DATES: 1930-1978

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Tape 643

Family history and grandfather's immigration; early college experience at University of Kentucky; early studies in geology; work as archaeologist for the Tennessee Valley Authority; completing the Ph.D. program at University of Michigan; service experience during World War II; teaching at the University of Mississippi; social life at Oxford, Mississippi; impressions of William Faulkner; people who influenced his career.

Tape 644

Influence of Leslie White's theories in Anthropology; begins career at LSU; research and teach in the 1950s; first identification of Poverty Point archaeological site in northern Louisiana; controversy regarding Poverty Point and National Park Service; involvement in archaeological excavations around the Centroplex and Magnolia Mound in Baton Rouge; research activates in the Antilles; interaction with students; lecturing to off-campus groups; involvement in the Foundation for Historical Louisiana and other service activities; service as state archaeologist; discussion of modest publication record; comment on friendships and notable colleagues at LSU; experience with LSU administration; award of Boyd Professor Emeritus distinction; involvement in community activities in New Roads since retirement; continued interest in Civil War.

TAPES: 2 (T643, T644)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 3 hours

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