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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Raymond Rockhold   **COLLECTION:** 4700.0828

IDENTIFICATION: Former LSU student, Baton Rouge business man

INTERVIEWER: Adele Foster

SERIES: University History – Ole War Skule

INTERVIEW DATE: July 1, 1997   **FOCUS DATES:** 1920s-1970s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1189
Rockhold's birth and family information; occupation of Rockhold's fathers; entering the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.); job while in the C.C.C.; life in the C.C.C.; attending LSU; working at his brother's restaurant in Baton Rouge while attending LSU; learning to fly an airplane; opening and running nightclubs in Baton Rouge; dispute with his partner over ownership of the nightclub; memories of working at the nightclub including a bar fight; horse racing and gambling; building a drive-in restaurant and turning it to a cafeteria; buying land and building houses; joining the marine corps; working as a plane technician during the war; getting his brother transferred out of the marine raiders; memories of dog fights on Russell Island; contracting malaria; transferring to Guadalcanal; dog fights and other fighting in Guadalcanal; staying in fox holes; one Rockhold's brothers involvement with the glider squadron in England; guns that Rockhold brought back from the war; Rockhold's view on guns and safety; view of the Japanese; living conditions on the Russell Islands; coming back to the US.

Tape 1190
Celebrating when the war ended; coming back to Baton Rouge after the war ended; leasing out on of the houses he built to a local Madam; being subpoenaed to testify in the trail against the Madam; Rockhold's daughters; his daughter Susan's family and husband; the accidental burning of his hands and face; his daughter Carolyn's husband and the exploits of his career; Carolyn's career as a Baton Rouge teacher.

TAPES: 2 (T1189, T1190)   **TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 2 hours

 # PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 71 pages

OTHER MATERIALS: Correspondence

RESTRICTIONS: None