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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Henry L. Fuqua, Jr.

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IDENTIFICATION: Son of Henry L. Fuqua, governor of Louisiana 1924-26.

INTERVIEWER: Susie Crews

SERIES: University History – Distinguished Alumni

INTERVIEW DATE: March 22, 1979

FOCUS DATES: 1910-1930

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Tape 25

Family background; James Overton Fuqua home in Beauregard Town; early Baton Rouge recollections, burning of Cotton Compress, streetcars, ferry rides, 1912 flood; schooling, Mrs. Iranie Alexander; Harriet McGruder, father's half-sister; LSU (1924); Garig Hall; father's student days at LSU and after; railroad; good engineering training; father comes back to Baton Rouge; Fuqua hardware store; father appointed head of the penitentiary in Baton Rouge by Governor Pleasant (1916); "Jay Bird Land"; Angola; 1922 flood; riding horses in Angola; dances in Angola; Henry Fuqua, Sr. runs for governor; Fuqua saves Southern University; Dr. Felton Clark; Dr. Dalrymple and daughter Eleanor; Huey Long and Hewitt Bouanchaud ran against Fuqua, Sr., for governor (1924); dedication of new LSU campus; significance of May 19th; the Old Pavillion; death of Governor Fuqua; Fuqua used for selfish interests; gravel and plank roads; railroads; Thomas and Annie Boyd; Fuqua's mother; old governor's mansion antiques.

Tape 26

Identifying photos: desk, cotton gin, hospital; Identifying photos of the sugar house on Hope Farm, New Iberia; Additional photos of Hope Farm; photos of buildings on Atchafalaya levees; building of Atchafalaya levees; railroad lines to Angola; sister's children; burning death of nephew; living in the Old Governor's Mansion; floor plan of the mansion; says mansion should have been modernized; Fuqua's father only one to ever bet Huey Long; Fuqua attended university with Carl Weiss' sister; end of interview.

TAPES: 2 (T25, T26)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour, 20 minutes

PAGES: 54 page transcript of Tape 25, 1 page index of Tape 26

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