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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Jo Stumberg

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IDENTIFICATION: LSU alumnus & daughter of Professor Charles Stumberg who taught French at LSU from 1895-1938

INTERVIEWER: Susie Crews

SERIES: University History – Women at LSU

INTERVIEW DATE: July 13, 1978

FOCUS DATES: 1910s-1930s

NOTE: Audio recording for 69a is no longer available; transcript covers entirety of interview

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Tape 69a

Family background; 1928 Master's thesis on occupations for girls in Baton Rouge, education, and career; fired by Huey Long; leaving and returning to Baton Rouge; teaching kindergarten; field trips in nature; father's property; unable to walk for six years; parental influences; hitchhiking to Birmingham; her thesis and favorite subjects; girls and occupations; mother organizes a girl's home; YWCA; traveler's aid shelter; family background (siblings); demonstration school; taking French; building a pool; boat rides; Thomas Boyd; creation of campus post office and book store; a cruise to Europe; father-language teacher; Annie Beal, librarian; father runs the library; Hill library; reactions to moving the university; General Extension Division, Frank Kreager; quarantined with yellow fever; first home ec. class in Louisiana-old campus; Stumberg's parents get established in Baton Rouge; pictures of her swimming; Papa and his grandchildren; trips-California, Chicago, 1930's; [Louise] Hudo Garig and [Mercedes] Merci Garig; Lyle Saxon and Alberta McKenzie; Garigology; her mother; family helped hoboes; mother establishes early Baton Rouge nursing school; flood of 1910; assisting refugees; father's ability with tools; favorite LSU teacher was Dr. Brown; her second Master's degree in science;

Tape 69b

Overseeing the university's "tin shop"; Woody Dumas as her student; state of education today; positive results of whipping students; other forms of discipline; education began to slide in the 1930s; P. H. Griffith, head of General Extension division; Grace Sheets, Griffith's secretary; improper administrative money management under Griffith; her father takes over; official recognition paid to women for their contributions to university; James Snakeburg's dismissal.

TAPES: 1

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour 50 minues

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 109

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