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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** George Blair Pickett

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**IDENTIFICATION:** [ca. 1929- ], son of the president and general manager of the New Llano Cooperative Colony near Leesville, Louisiana.

**INTERVIEWER:** Margaret Fisher

**SERIES:** Various Topics

**INTERVIEW DATE:** December 2, 1974

**FOCUS DATES:** 1930-1950

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**Tape 57**

Pickett's military career; colony children's education; kid colony, the colony's day care center; socialist ideology of the colony; colony moves from Llano, California, to Louisiana in 1917; His father, George Pickett, as president and general manager of the colony; colony's manufacturing ventures to sustain itself; skills and backgrounds of colonists; why people came to the colony; colony took in destitute "outsiders" during the Depression; deterioration of the colony; Eugene Carl's role in the revolt against Pickett's father in 1935; colony split into father's supporters and Carl's supporters; violence against his father; colony buildings sold to Leesville citizens to pay the colony's court costs from suits brought by former colonists; his father's early background; father's belief in socialism; Pickett's mother's background; religious practice in the colony; colony meetings; role of women; most colonists were socialists and "radicals"; colonists from other countries; what colonists did after the breakup of the colony; his father's lecture tours.

**TAPES:** 1 (T57)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 2 hours, 3 minutes

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 48 pages

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