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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Fred Charles Frey

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IDENTIFICATION: [1891-1980] LSU Dean of Men 1930-1932, Dean of Arts and Sciences 1932-42, and Professor Emeritus of Sociology

INTERVIEWER: Susie Crews

SERIES: University History – Distinguished Faculty & Administrators

INTERVIEW DATE: February 10, 1977

FOCUS DATES: 1916-1930s

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Tape 23

Family background; feuds in Tangipahoa ("Bloody Tangipahoa"); service in Mexico, 1916, with Campbell B. Hodges; comes to LSU, 1916; Colonel Thomas Boyd; Boyd's insurance plan; Governor Parker to build a new university; Mafia threaten Parker and family; Boyd opposed co-education; Nicholson; Dr. Sorokin; glass hothouses on old campus; Dr. George Lowery; Foster Hall cafeteria and faculty dances; Camp Stafford (Camp Beauregard); army camp in San Antonio; LSU's expansion 1930-1939; Pres. Atkinson fires many professors and stirs anger; Dean Pritchard hanged in effigy; Frey becomes Dean of Men, 1930; The *Whangdoodle*; Tad Gormley; athletic department; track team; James Broussard; Huey Long contributions and antics; Long comes to campus, 1930; Frey dissuades Long from firing university employees; oil money funds good professors; building boom under Huey Long; George Caldwell, contractor; Lillian Stokes, Frey's secretary; Frey teaches race relations; James Monroe Smith and scandals; Frey's appointments not influenced by Long; *Rural Sociological Journal*; Richard Russell, Henry Howell, Fred Kniffen, William Haag; bringing Phi Beta Kappa to campus; Dr. Julian Miller and sweet potato whiskey; Jake Frey (his father) yams; family back-ground; race relations and Race Relations Conference; president of the Southern Sociological Society, head of the Rural Sociological Society.

TAPES: 1 (T23)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour, 33 minutes

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 66 pages

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