PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the course was to introduce students to the practice of doing oral history. Students were required to complete six projects in the course, which focused on Cumberland County lives in the 20th century. Through class readings, discussions and projects, students learned and wrote about this period in American history. They used sources such as secondary works, scholarly journals, contemporary and popular literature, archival sources and oral interviews. Class texts included A Student’s Guide to History (Benjamin), The Daughter of Time (Tey), Wartime (Fussell), and Elements of Style (Strunk and White). The final project consisted of a “capstone” project that reflected or extended some of the work done in the course, where students placed interview subjects into a relevant historical context. Students conducted interviews with William Alexander, Judge Robert Lee Jacobs, Edwin Olmstead, Lester Wallace and Dr. Luther Whitcomb.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The collection is divided into 3 series. Series 1 consists of 5 folders of General Materials, including a course syllabus, oral history project committee, a list of narrators and meeting minutes. Series 2 consists of 5 folders of miscellaneous interview materials, including a biographical forms, check lists for interviews and completed release forms. Series 3 consists of 8 audio cassette tapes.

COLLECTION INVENTORY
SERIES 1 – GENERAL PAPERS
SERIES INVENTORY

1.1 Intro to Historical Methodology Syllabus (History 204), Instructions for Final Paper, and Family History Assignment (History 190, 1993).
1.2 Oral History Project Committee
1.3 Oral History Narrators
1.4 Charter Interviews
1.5 Minutes – Meeting: July 17, 1997

SERIES 2 – MISC. INTERVIEW MATERIALS
SERIES INVENTORY

2.1 Jonas Pizer and Diana Steel, “Lester Wallace, Biographical Form”
2.2 Jonas Pizer and Diana Steel, “Description of Interview with Dr. Whitcomb”
2.4 Check Lists for Interviewers
2.5 Release Forms

SERIES 3 – MEDIA
SERIES INVENTORY

CASSETTE TAPES

CTX00760: William (Nelson) Alexander, interviewed by R A. James and Steve Gensemer
CTX00825: Lester Wallace, interviewed by Jonas Pizer and Diana Steel. Nov. 24, 1997
CTX00828: Edwin Olmstead, interviewed by Mike Wilson and Kate McNulty. Nov. 12, 1997
CTX00831: Luther Whitcomb, interviewed by Jonas Pizer and Diana Steele. Nov. 7, 1997

This collection register was prepared by Jessica Bylander, Mar. 2006.