

Community Studies Archives  
Dickinson College  
Carlisle, PA

## COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cumberland County** **CCO.1997**  
**“Life and Experiences During World War II”**

Material: Interviews

Volume: 10 folders, 8 cassette tapes

Donation: Gift of Kim Lacy Rogers.

Usage: Please consult with the Community Studies Center staff regarding restrictions.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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”  
2.3 Michael Wilson, “Edwin Olmstead, Biographical Form” – Dec. 2, 1997  
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  
CTX00826: Judge Robert Lee Jacobs, interviewed by Anthony J. Marcavage and Patrick Mendoza. Nov. 17-Dec. 2, 1997 [Tape 1]  
CTX00827: Judge Robert Lee Jacobs, interviewed by Anthony J. Marcavage and Patrick Mendoza. Nov. 17-Dec. 2, 1997 [Tape 2]  
CTX00828: Edwin Olmstead, interviewed by Mike Wilson and Kate McNulty. Nov. 12, 1997  
CTX00829: Edwin Olmstead, interviewed by Mike Wilson and Kate McNulty. Nov. 25, 1997  
CTX00830: Edwin Olmstead, interviewed by Mike Wilson and Kate McNulty. Dec. 2, 1997  
CTX00831: Luther Whitcomb, interviewed by Jonas Pizer and Diana Steele. Nov. 7, 1997