Oral History Collections

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**Buxton Interview, Colonel John, 1979.** 1 item. 2001.021.
Recording of interview with Buxton, conducted by Dr. Paul Travis, professor of history at Southeast Missouri State University. Buxton describes his life experiences in Cape Girardeau and in Scott County. Topics discussed include medical conditions and contagious disease outbreaks as well as campus life at Southeast at the turn of the 20th century. The interview took place July 11, 1979.

Recording of interview with Dickey, a resident of Illmo, [Mo], by Dr. Paul Travis, a history professor from Southeast Missouri State University. Dickey was born in 1918 in Illinois and moved to Illmo as a child. He attended Southeast Missouri State Teachers College from 1936 to 1940, when he dropped out to work in the local railroad company. Dickey served in the Army from 1942 to 1946, traveling to Iceland and then to Europe, where he participated in the Normandy Invasion. After leaving the Army, he returned to railroad work, from which he later retired. In this recording, Dickey recounts growing up, going to school, to war, and working for the railroad. Information on the town of Illmo and university politics are covered, as well as the particulars of the railroad and agriculture from the 1930s to the 1970s. Running time: 00:56:29.

**Dickey Oral History Collection, Dave, 1987.** 0.5 linear feet. 2001.035.
Transcripts of oral history interviews conducted by Dave Dickey about the history of the town of Greenville, [Mo].

**Grauel Interview, Harold O., 1979.** 2 items. 2001.019.
Recording of interview with Grauel, retired Professor of English, from Southeast Missouri State University, during which he describes his life experience growing up in Ohio and eventually moving to Missouri and obtaining work at the university (then Southeast Missouri State Teachers College). Interview took place over the course of several days between June 26-July 3, 1979. Disc 1 running time: 00:53:29. Disc 2 running time: 00:50:00.

Recording of speech made by Dr. Harold O. Grauel, a Professor of English at Southeast Missouri State University from 1928 to 1971, before the English Club in May 1971. His presentation focused on his experiences during his first decade of teaching at the college. Running time: 01:17:14.

This oral history project was produced by two Historic Preservation classes, in order to demonstrate the meaning of "work ethic" in the Central Mississippi River Valley area. It consists of audio tape, videotape, and written transcription of interviews conducted by project team members, and biographical information on those people who were interviewed.

Audio recordings and bound transcript of interviews with Cape Girardeau residents on patriotism, American Culture and 9/11, conducted by Southeast Missouri State University students.

Video and audio recordings and transcriptions of interviews with veterans of American wars, conducted by Southeast Missouri State University historic preservation students in conjunction with students from Central High School, for the American Folklife Center Veteran’s History Project.

**Lamb Interview, Charles, 1952.** 2 items. 2001.004.
Recording of interview with Charles Lamb, Industrial Arts Instructor at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College from 1901 until his retirement in 1952. When he began teaching, his duties were that of “manual training.” In this interview, which took place on July 30, 1952, he describes his teaching role as well as the construction of various buildings on campus, including Academic Hall, and the fire of the Old Normal building.
Disc 1 running time: 00:50:32. Disc 2 running time: 00:40:28.

League of Women Voters of Southeast Missouri Oral History Collection, 2005. 27 items. 2006.102. Bound transcript (58p) and recordings of interviews between local LWV members and Southeast Missouri State University history graduate student, Lisa Marie Graham.

Mabuce Oral History Collection, Kyle, 2000. 0.5 linear feet. 2001.043. Audio tapes (3) and interview transcripts from an oral history project on Missouri Veterans and their Experiences in World War II. Also included are the biographies and a report by Kyle Mabuce as part of his independent study.


“Remembering Cape Girardeau” Panel Discussions, 2005 November 5, 2005 November 13, 2006 March 5, and 2006 March 29. 4 DVDs. 2008.008. DVD copies of live panel discussions sponsored by the Greater Cape Girardeau Historical Association, Inc., in conjunction with the Bicentennial Celebration for the City of Cape Girardeau, featuring long-time Cape Girardeau residents and writers reflecting on people, places, events, and significant changes in the community over its history.

Scott County Oral History Collection, 1986-1987. 3.0 linear feet. 1998.007. Transcripts and 150 audio cassettes of interviews on the history of the cotton industry in Scott County [MO] 1920-1988. Also includes photographs of the people interviewed as well as other materials related to the operation of the oral history project.

Scully Inauguration Ceremony, Dr. Mark, 1957. 1 item. 2001.006. Recording of inaugural ceremonies of Dr. Mark Scully, as President of Southeast Missouri State College in April 1957. Recording documents his inauguration on April 27, 1957, which was recorded by KFVS. Reverend Charles Hempson, Bishop of the Cape Girardeau/Springfield Diocese, delivered the address. Running time: 00:31:04.

Shea Interview, Martha, 1952. 2 items. 2001.005. Recording of Harold O. Grauel interviewing Martha Shea, a colleague in the Department of English at Southeast Missouri State College. Shea taught at Southeast from 1906 to 1942, and Grauel from 1928 to 1971. In the interview, they recount their experiences at the university through the early 1950s. Disc 1 running time: 00:47:18. Disc 2 running time: 00:41:41.

Stricklin Oral History Collection, Dawn C, 2007. 0.5 linear feet. 2007.032. Genealogical research files and audio recordings of interviews conducted by Stricklin for her bachelor's degree in anthropology at Southeast Missouri State University, 2007. Included a copy of honors paper (57p) entitled “The Migration of Edible and Medicinal Plant Folk Knowledge in the Missouri Ozarks: a Preliminary Study” and a guide to the recordings with brief biographies of the eight interviewees and indices of surnames mentioned and plants/trees mentioned. Interviews are not transcribed.

White Rural Schools Collection, Bob, 1985. 1.5 linear feet. 1999.003./1999.026. Materials resulting from a 1985 grant-funded oral history/preservation project on rural schools in southeast Missouri. Includes administrative materials including the grant, funding paper work, presentations and exhibits.
done on the project. Also included are photographs (85), slides (177), and negatives (42) as well as a 7 inch sound reel (1) and audio tapes (18) of oral history interviews.