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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Roger and Carrie Richardson

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**INTERVIEWER:** Jack Fiser, LSU Recording Services

**SERIES:** University History – Distinguished Faculty & Administrators

**INTERVIEW DATE:** July 17, 1983

**FOCUS DATES:** 1920s

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**Tape 58**

Their longstanding connection with LSU; her connection with the *Purple Pell* magazine; last year of co-ed education on old campus; reasons for attending LSU; comparison of Jackson, Miss. and Baton Rouge in 1920's; Theodore Link, prominent Jackson architect; College of Engineering in 1920's; her father, Hamilton Johnston, designing the Greek theater; graduations; Mike I coming to campus; her father as a determined man; Leo Lasalle, Dean of Engineering; Johnston's involvement in constructing John M. Parker auditorium; the new stadium; their first meeting; Margaret Dixon, his sister, managing editor of *Morning Advocate*; their marriage in 1929; his doctorate in 1930; first job; moving back to Baton Rouge; student train trips to football games with Huey Long; Dean Coates; Dean Atkinson; decision to take chemical engineering; Dean Lasalle.

**Tape 59**

Dean Atkinson; how Richardson came back to LSU; job hunting; working for Exxon; question of accreditation for LSU's College of Engineering in 1930s.

**TAPES:** 2 (T58, T59)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 2 hours

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 54 pages

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