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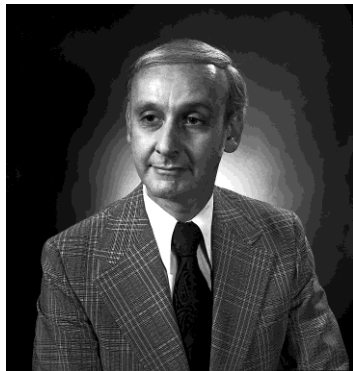
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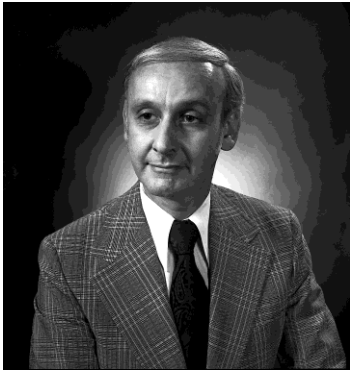


Tallahassee Civil Rights Oral History Collection

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Tallahassee Civil Rights Oral History Collection



Dr. Jackson Ice, FSU Professor of Religion, 1955-1994



Tallahassee Bus Boycott, 1956

- Active in Tallahassee Civil Rights Activities, 50s and 60s
- Supported rights of African-Americans to demonstrate
- Realized importance of recording these events
- Enlighten students about Tallahassee's role in Civil Rights struggle and how progress had been made.
- Interviewed among others, Tallahassee educators, church leaders, Gov. LeRoy Collins, a physician, and newspaper editor.

About the Collection

Interviews in 1978. Transcribed in 1982.

- Transcripts of 24 oral history interviews and audiocassettes.
- Interviewees:
 - Church leaders
 - Former Florida Governor LeRoy Collins
 - A physician
 - A newspaper editor
 - Faculty at FSU and FAMU
- Topics include:
 - Tallahassee Bus Boycott of 1956
 - Lunch counter sit-ins
 - Theatre demonstrations
 - School desegregation
 - Voter registration
 - Race relations

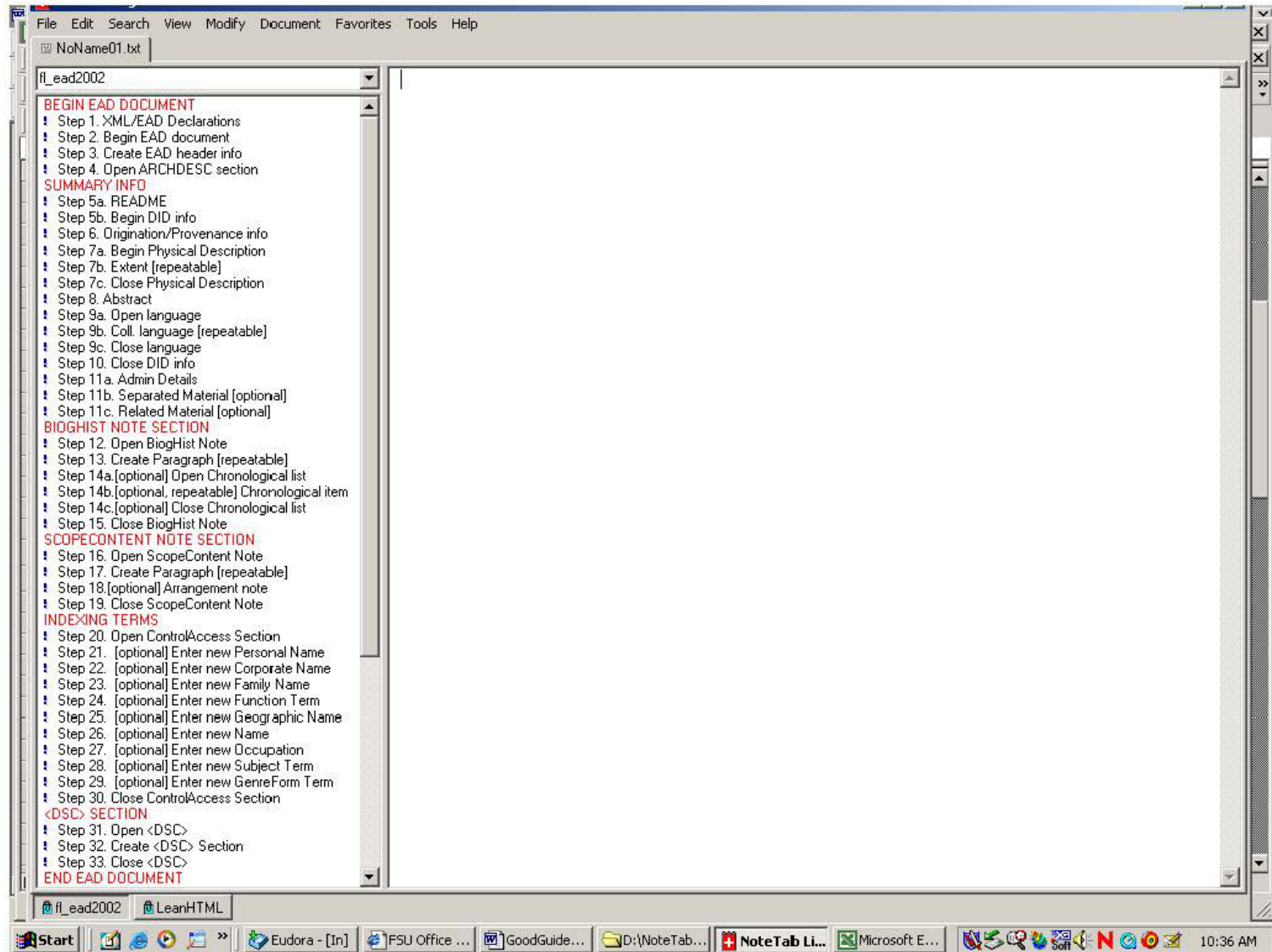


Processing

- Container list created in 1990 by FSU Special Collections staff.
- Updated in 2003 by an NHPRC-funded project archivist.
- Transcripts checked against the recordings for accuracy.
- Original recordings repaired, cleaned, noise-reduced, and digitally reformatted to CD-R by Richard L. Hess, Vignettes Media, Glendale, CA.
- User copies made by the FSU Libraries Digital Media Center in Spring 2003.
- EAD finding aid created in Summer 2004 using the NoteTab text editor template created by Chuck Thomas – designed to help create properly-structured finding aids.
- EAD (XML) finding aid transformed into a web-accessible version using a stylesheet that created PDF and HTML versions of the finding aid.



Data Entry into EAD Template



EAD Template Created for Authoring in NoteTab

Digital Rights Management

- Securing permission from interviewees or their heirs to use excerpts of interview transcripts and audio excerpts
- Drafted oral consent forms
- Incomplete Gift:
 - Only paperwork permits researchers to use the materials in the reading room and to make fair use copies for research.
 - No evidence that consent was granted.



Digital Rights Management

- Completion of Human Subject Application by FSU Institutional Review Board. But didn't fit definition of "research" as relates to protection of human subjects.
- Completion of Work Disclosure Form to disclose a university-supported work that is copyrighted.
- Search by Associate University Counsel for original paperwork.
- Review of transcripts for sensitive or objectionable material.
- Revision of consent forms
- Each interviewee or heir to receive excerpt of transcript and audio to be used and indicate approval.

Subject consent form

I agree to take part in a study that looks at whether or not gardening on allotments has health benefits for older people. I understand that Lancaster University will provide basic training in the use of gardening tools, and in health and safety issues in gardening activities. I understand that I take part in these activities at my own risk and that Lancaster University takes no responsibility for any accident or injury suffered, or damage incurred, during this project.

I understand that I will be asked to complete a simple questionnaire, before and after the study, that asks about my general well-being. I also understand that I may be asked to take part in group discussions about the project, or interviewed on my own by a project researcher. I understand that I am entitled to decline to do so.

I understand that group discussions and interviews will be audio-recorded for the purposes of assessment. I understand that occasionally photographs and video may be taken of work on the allotments as part of the assessment. I understand I am entitled to request not to be included in any visual record.

I consent to taking part in this study. I understand that I may withdraw from the study at any time, for whatever reason, and that if I do I shall inform the researchers.

[Signature]
[name and address]

Please return in the stamped addressed envelope.