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Biographical Note
The Clayton County (Ga.) oral history project was initiated by Lucy C. Huie, a long-time resident of Jonesboro, Georgia. After interviewing her mother in the 1980s, she turned to her own community with the intention of developing an oral history collection. From 1989-1991, she interviewed people from Jonesboro and south Clayton County. In April 1992, she and Philip R. Callaway joined forces and began to interview other long-time Clayton County citizens. Their interviews dealt with the broad subject of social change since World War II.

Scope and Content Note
The collection mainly consists of audio recordings of oral history interviews with Clayton County (Ga.) residents from 1989-1998. The interviews include a cross-section of interviewees from Clayton County, the majority of them from the county seat of Jonesboro. Some interviewees are not Clayton County citizens, but are people who have worked there for many years. A few interviewees live outside Clayton County, but are related to the broad thrust of the project by historical period, topic, or family relationship.

The collection consists of interviews with males, females, whites, African-American, Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. In terms of employment the interviewees range from housewives and African-American maids to city, county, and state employees, to small business people, doctors, lawyers, judges, police officers, prison guards, educators, members of the Georgia Ku Klux Klan, and the clergy.

The interviewers always asked questions about the relationship between the races, memories of the Ku Klux Klan, the changing roles of women, and how personal attitudes have changed since World War II.

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