

**T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History**

**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Sam Houston Jones

**COLLECTION:** 4700.0030

**IDENTIFICATION:** [1897-1978] Governor of Louisiana from 1940-1944

**INTERVIEWER:** James Godfrey

**SERIES:** Political

**INTERVIEW DATE:** February 1, 1977

**FOCUS DATES:** 1940-1948

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 36**

Political campaign of 1940; changes Governor Jones made while in office; Long machine--financially strong; reasons for running in the 1948 election; liberal about helping people; similarities and differences between Watergate and Louisiana politics; elimination of corruption; enemies tried to defeat Jones while running for his second term; Dr. George H. Jones determines the sentiment of the people in the first primary; the results of the 1940 Democratic primary; Cocrehan, Governor Jones' executive secretary; voted for by Scott, Louisiana; wife instrumental in Jones becoming governor; got along well with the first session of the first legislature; birth and family background; W. D. Cotton, state senator from North Louisiana, provides money for first bridge across the Calcaieu River; reform in the schools; building during the war years from 1940-1944.

**TAPES:** 1 (T36)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1 hour

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