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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Aldridge Leroy (A.L.) McMurray **COLLECTION:** 4700.0043

IDENTIFICATION: [1902-] retired master pilot on Mississippi River and resident of Bayou Sorrel and Plaquemine

INTERVIEWER: Sue Hebert

SERIES: Sue Hebert

INTERVIEW DATE: October 4, 1979

FOCUS DATES: 1904-1967

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His father's farming; getting to school; flood of 1912; working on government surveying boat; use of willow mats to prevent both the Mississippi River's banks from caving in and the river's changing course; various jobs on boats on the Mississippi River and what it was like to live on the boats; work for Standard Oil; requirements to receive pilot's license; advances in navigation and communication; Pilots' Association and salaries; debate about whether the levees and spillways are in the public's best interest

TAPES: 1 (T53)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour 30 minutes

PAGES INDEX/TRANSCRIPT: 2 page index; 34 page transcript

RESTRICTIONS: None