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Illinois Historical Survey

Marguerite J. Pease Papers, 1967

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Interview of Mrs. Marguerite J. Pease by Mrs. Jennifer Johnson, July 19, 1967

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- 1-5 Introduction.
- 6-14 Interest in Illinois history goes back to the arrival of Evarts B. Greene in 1894. In 1899, he was a sponsor of the Illinois Historical Society. Edmund J. James.
- 15-19 Illinois Historical Collections.
- 20-29 Bellville document found by J. Nick Perrin.
- 30-38 Clarence W. Alvord formed the French and British colonial records. Historical publication begin with Alvord as editor.
- 39-68 Illinois Historical Survey began operations in Lincoln Hall in 1909. Alvord became director. Acquired copies of European archival documents.
- 69-74 At a later date, T. C. Pease selected whole series for copying.
- 75-87 Official documents covered Indians, trade, military affairs and administrative matters.
- 90-94 30 Volumes of the Historical Collections were issued by 1939.
- 95-100 Research materials and library remained a part of the Illinois Historical Survey.
- 101-111 Research use of the Survey by the University staff.
- 112-119 Depression and World War II curtailed publications programs.
- 120-131 Prof. F. C. Dietz requested that I return to the Survey in 1948. I prepared guides to foreign archives and American manuscripts.
- 132-141 Prof. Arthur Bestor's catalog of the New Harmony materials was the third Survey publication.
- 142-148 Fourth publication was a list of early Illinois materials. The fifth and sixth publications were the revisions of the first and second.

- 149-161 Copies of collections.
- 162-165 Document preservation.
- 166-175 Present quarters in the University Library.
- 176-200 World War I Committee. Miss Galster gathered the records. In 1963 I arranged World War I records.

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- 201-224 Functions of the War Committee. Faculty and college activities.
- 225-241 Depression.
- 242-284 Illinois Historical Survey's connection with the University.
- 285-321 History courses. Two years of graduate work at Illinois. Research interests.
- 322-369 Historical publications in Illinois Libraries relating to French records. 1959 microfilm project.
- 370-402 Historical Survey staff and work.
- 403-425 Laurence M. Larsen, history department head.
- 426-429 Publications.

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July 12, 1967

Mrs. Marguerite Pease  
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Dear Mrs. Pease:

I'm sending some of the questions that I hope we could discuss sometime this next week. I would like to tape record your answers for use in a special series of radio programs about the history of the University of Illinois. Let me know what time would be most convenient.

1. Explain how the interest in Illinois history developed at the University.  
What was the original purpose of the Illinois Historical Survey? Who was instrumental in its founding?
2. What has been the primary function of the Survey? What role has it played in publication, research and document preservation?
3. What were your first associations with the department of History? Who were some of the most colorful and outstanding members of the department at the time? What has been your contact with the department over the years?
4. How has the community of Urbana changed with the growth of the University?  
Has its social life revolved largely around the University community?
5. What was the effect of World War I on the University? How did President James and the faculty react to the war?
6. When did the Survey move into Lincoln Hall? When to the library?

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