

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW
WITH
ROBERT CORLEW

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ABSTRACT



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FORSYTHE: This is a continuation of the interview with Dr. Robert Corlew. Newell Moore

CORLEW: One thing that I used to fuss at the classes about was getting into their classes on time. I always remember Dr. Moore as a person who got to class a few minutes early. When the hour of his class came he would be there and would shut the door. When some on was late they soon learned that they needed to be on time. He didn't have a great variety of interest outside of history, he was not a sports enthusiast, but he dedicated himself to his job. I didn't remember him being active in committees but he was sponsor of the history honor society. He was certainly one of the better history professors. He was always telling stories and they were always apropos to the subject being discussed. He was never a hum-drum, mono-tone type teacher.

FORSYTHE: Dr. Huhta

CORLEW: One day there came in the mail some things pertaining to historic preservation, I would get these things and I would send them on to Dr. Huhta. I said to him one time "Here is an area you might be interested in" and he took that and developed a very excellent historic preservation program. Then some where along the line the state began to develop chairs of excellence, so we developed several proposals and the state board turned down most of them, but one they accepted was the historic preservation program. We needed to put somebody in charge, so we appointed Dr. Huhta as head of the Center for Historic Preservation. That was about in 1983, so he has been in that capacity ever sense.

FORSYTHE: What projects were you involved in?

CORLEW: We worked in the high school at Lawrenceburg working on a new curriculum. Then the Southern Association of Secondary Schools used to call me to go out and evaluate the teaching of social studies in high schools. I always served on a great variety of committees on the campus.

FORSYTHE: Thank you.