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## UA1B1/1/1 The Once & Future South

Lowell Harrison

Jim Wayne Miller

WKU Rodes-Helm Lecture Series

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**Administrative History:** The Rodes-Helm Lecture Series was endowed for \$25,000 in 1961 by Harold and Mary (Rodes) Helm of Montclair, New Jersey. Both Mr. and Mrs. Helm were natives of Bowling Green. The lecture series honors the memories of Mary Helm's father Judge John B. Rodes, former Circuit Judge of Warren County, and Harold Helm's sister Margie Helm, former Director of Library Services at what was then known as Western Kentucky State College. Income from the endowment fund is devoted to bringing outstanding lecturers to the WKU campus. [College Heights Herald, 9/27/1961]

**Description:** Rodes-Helm lecture by John Edgerton and Jim Wayne Miller entitled the Once and Future South moderated by Robert Haynes. The lecture format allows each speaker 20 minutes to present his/her topic, response time to each other and ends with a question / answer session from the audience.

**Dates:** ca. 1985

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# Oral History Recording List

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Media ID	Side	Start time	Subject
001-020	1		<i>History and goals of Rodes-Helm lecture series</i>
021-024	1		<i>Clarence Helm biographical sketch</i>
025-029	1		<i>Margie Helm biographical sketch</i>
030-050	1		<i>John Rodes, circuit court judge in Warren County, KY, trustee of Ogden College and regent of WKU</i>
051	1		<i>Margie Helm introduced in audience</i>
052-061	1		<i>Format of lecture</i>
062-082	1		<i>Question and answer session</i>
083-101	1		<i>Format - each speaker has 20 minutes, one from WKU, one from off campus.</i>
102-152	1		<i>John Edgerton introduction and biographical sketch b. 1935 Georgia 1953 graduate of Trigg County High School military service BA and MA from University of Kentucky 1965 University of South Florida faculty writer and contributing editor for magazines author of Generation &amp; American Family awards</i>
153-180	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller introduction and biographical sketch b. 1936 NC 1958 BA Berea College 1965 PhD Vanderbilt writer, author of 9 books awards 1963 joined WKU faculty</i>
181-206	1		<i>Introduction of John Edgerton and lecture Once and Future South</i>
207-223	1		<i>John Edgerton - 400 years of southern history</i>
224-272	1		<i>John Edgerton - South considered a contradiction</i>
273-277	1		<i>John Edgerton - ambivalence of southerners</i>
278-325	1		<i>John Edgerton - southern speech patterns evolving</i>
326-384	1		<i>John Edgerton - speech patterns equated with intelligence and habits</i>
385-396	1		<i>John Edgerton - regional music</i>
397-431	1		<i>John Edgerton - traditionalists vs modernists, stereotypes, romantic mythology</i>
432-496	1		<i>John Edgerton - South and southerners as contradiction</i>
497-508	1		<i>John Edgerton - negative perceptions, racism, etc.</i>
509-524	1		<i>John Edgerton - concluding remarks, understand and accept all southern history</i>
541	1		<i>Introduction of Jim Wayne Miller and lecture Once and Future South</i>
542-577	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - southern stereotypes and myths</i>
578-581	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - image of South is reflection of entire country</i>
582-632	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - South as parking place for nation's fears - crime, racism, segregation, Ku Klux Klan, etc.</i>
633-666	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - South as portrayed by William Faulkner, Flannery O'Conner and George</i>

<b>Media ID</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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667-680	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - perceptions of Kentucky</i>
681-707	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - perceptions of West Virginia</i>
708-735	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - South of the American imagination</i>
736-740	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - T.E. Lawrence on Midwest</i>
741-762	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - South as writing region, story telling region</i>
763-793	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - language of the South</i>
794-827	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - South in television, film, journalism, Scopes Trial and H.L. Mencken's Sahara of the Bozart</i>
828-834	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - southern literature renaissance</i>
835-845	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - sunnyside and savage myths</i>
837-868	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - groups and class distinctions</i>
869-956	1		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - education in the South</i>
000-023	2		<i>Lowell Harrison moderator</i>
024	2		<i>John Edgerton - Southern culture disappearing</i>
025-031	2		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - continuation of Southern culture</i>
032-077	2		<i>John Edgerton - Northern and Southern styles of conversation</i>
077-080	2		<i>John Edgerton - "Americanization of Dixie"</i>
081-104	2		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - Dixification of America, H.L. Mencken's "Hills of Zion" and Darrell Johnson's "onion salt theory"</i>
105-120	2		<i>Lowell Harrison - Question &amp; Answer session Southerners as American leaders Thomas Jefferson John C. Calhoun Jefferson Davis Henry Clay 20th century Southern leaders</i>
121-200	2		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - modern Southern leaders Chuck Yeager, West Virginia pilot Miles Horton, Highlander Center Martin Luther King Frank Johnson, federal judge, landmark civil rights rulings Individual rights</i>
201-223	2		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - illiteracy and poverty</i>
224-229	2		<i>Lowell Harrison - What is the definition of the South?</i>
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236-263	2		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - discussion of survey responses in North and South</i>
264-276	2		<i>John Edgerton - geographic definition Kentucky West Virginia Texas Maryland Louisiana Delaware</i>
277-286	2		<i>John Edgerton - segregation</i>

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287	2		<i>John Edgerton - geographically too large to define</i>
288-309	2		<i>John Edgerton - the South as a state of mind Southern identity through family connection</i>
310-311	2		<i>Lowell Harrison - Is Kentucky part of the South?</i>
312-372	2		<i>John Edgerton - loss of southern culture Foodways - Bojangles Language - television Music - Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Black music Yankee inventions invading</i>
373-480	2		<i>Jim Wayne Miller - South changing at what cost Southern traditions Minority groups Be aware and use the past Satchel Page Edward Hopper Civil rights groups Richard Daley</i>