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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Christopher Packwood

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IDENTIFICATION: Attended McKinley High School from 1978 to 1982. He was in the last all-black graduating class at McKinley.

INTERVIEWER: Roderick Clark

SERIES: McKinley High School Oral History Project – History of McKinley High School

INTERVIEW DATE: June 28, 1995

FOCUS DATES: 1978-1982

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Packwood was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on August 7, 1963; parents attended high school elsewhere; father is a businessman and mother is a homemaker; Packwood attended McKinley from 1978 to 1982; high school memories center on playing in band; academics at McKinley helped people get good jobs later; McKinley and Capitol High School were archrivals. McKinley prevailed in basketball, track and band, Capitol in football and baseball; Packwood got good grades; his father was his role model; band director Mr. Johnny Cage, Miss V.T. Jones, music teacher Miss Turner, principal Mr. Breda, Coach A.C. Turner were his role models at McKinley; he and his brothers had music in their blood; he was the first McKinley student to make the all-parish band in a decade; band director Johnny Cage was his favorite teacher; Miss Pitcher, math teacher, was his least favorite; attended a couple of semesters at LSU; started own business; Packwood was in last all-black class at McKinley; encourages current students to listen to their teachers; suggests two more people to interview.

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OTHER MATERIALS: None

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