Field Notes

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Field Notes: William P. Pinna (compiled December 8, 2008)
Interviewee: WILLIAM P. ("BILL") PINNA
Interviewer: Yona R. Owens
Interview Date: Thursday, December 4, 2008
Location: Raleigh, North Carolina
Length: Approximately 28 minutes

THE INTERVIEWEE Born in Chicago, Bill Pinna came to North Carolina to attend law school. After graduation (and at intervals throughout his career), he taught at Duke University and N.C. State. In 1970, he opened his law practice in Raleigh and met Lewis Clarke shortly thereafter. Over the last 40 years, Pinna has been Clarke's personal and professional attorney as well as an occasional client of Lewis Clarke Associates (LCA).

THE INTERVIEWER Yona R. Owens is the Lewis Clarke Oral Histories project manager at North Carolina State University Libraries' Special Collections Research Center (SCRC).

DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVIEW The interview was conducted in a quiet conference room at Pinna Johnson & Burwell, PA. Pinna was a bit nervous but soon warmed up to being questioned.

CONTENT OF THE INTERVIEW The interview was organized around a series of questions that allowed Pinna to recall his relationship with Lewis Clarke and offer some insight into his character.

NOTE ON RECORDING I used the SCRC's Edirol R-09 recorder, recording in stereo. I recorded the interview as a WAV file, and the quality is good. There is a bit of noise from Pinna drumming his fingers on the table.