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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEES: Fred and Helen Belcher

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IDENTIFICATION: Fred [1913 -]; Helen [1916 -]; son and daughter-in-law of Arthur and Corrie Belcher, founders of VOA in Baton Rouge

INTERVIEWER: Randall Snowden

SERIES: Volunteers of America

INTERVIEW DATE: September 8, 1994

FOCUS DATES: 1900s - 1930s

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Salvation Army; Volunteers of America (VOA) focus on families; original VOA house; fund raising; Christmas Chimney; shoes for the poor; prison ministry; Vine House; racial composition of South 16th Street; VOA work with black community; Hanson's Disease Center at Carville; New Orleans maternity home; VOA role in adoptions; tent meetings; role of religion in VOA; Pilgrim Church; Charles and Maude Booth (VOA founders) in Baton Rouge; 1927 flood; Carrie Belcher's role in VOA; 1920s automobiles; J. C. Cheveallier as VOA head

TAPE: 1 (T1048)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 69 pages

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