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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Franziska Heberle

**COLLECTION:** 4700.0146

**IDENTIFICATION:** [1900 - 1997] Wife of LSU sociology professor Dr. Rudolf Heberle

**INTERVIEWER:** Nina Pugh

**SERIES:** University History – Distinguished Faculty & Administrators

**INTERVIEW DATE(S):** July 15, 1992

**FOCUS DATES:** 1938 - 1963

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**Tape 208**

Family background; born and raised in Germany; childhood education; meets Rudolf Heberle at University of Kiel; Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany; Rudolf Heberle's position at the University of Kiel terminated while he was visiting the United States; Heberle secures a Rockefeller Foundation grant; gets a position at LSU in 1938; reflections on the academic achievements of LSU faculty during the 1930s and 1940s; Heberle's success in writing and publishing; builds his own home in Baton Rouge; Mrs. Heberle earns Master's degree in social work at LSU; Mrs. Heberle works for the State of Louisiana until 1962; early publications of Dr. Heberle; scholarly interest in population movements in the South; publishes on social movements and political sociology; serves as president of Southern Sociological Association and vice-president of American Sociological Association; active in university politics; Heberle liked by students; honored by Southern Sociological Association in 1991; teaches seminars at his home; discriminated against during World War II because he was German; FBI searches home in 1941; decides not to return to Germany in 1950s; Dr. and Mrs. Heberle become U.S. citizens on D-Day; Hubert Humphrey influenced by Heberle; Mrs. Heberle writes Christmas letter from 1946 to 1986.

**TAPE:** 1 (T208)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1 hour

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT/INDEX:** 58 pages

**RESTRICTIONS:** None