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Title: W. Curtis Worthington, Jr., MD, Interview by Brooke Fox, 18 June 2009

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Interviewee: Worthington, W. Curtis, (Ward Curtis), 1925-

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St. Luke's Chapel (Charleston, SC).

Subject (Names): Worthington, W. Curtis, (Ward Curtis), 1925-

Edwards, James B., 1927-2014

Del Bene, Victor

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Summary:

Dr. W. Curtis Worthington, Jr., was director of the Waring Historical Library in 1989. He begins his interview by discussing the first time he returned to campus after the hurricane. He describes the condition of the Waring Library, noting that it received little damage. In the remainder of the interview Dr. Worthington focuses on the damage to St. Luke's Chapel. Dr. Worthington describes the almost complete destruction of the chapel. Damage sustained by the chapel included a caved in roof, water damage, collapsed walls and shattered windows, particularly the Toomer Porter stained glass window. Dr. Worthington recounts MUSC President Dr. James B. Edwards' reaction upon seeing the devastated chapel. He describes how Dr. Edwards appointed a Chapel Restoration Committee, chaired by Dr. Worthington, to oversee efforts to cleanup and restore the chapel. Dr. Worthington then goes on to describe the restoration process, fundraising, construction problems, and improvements.

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