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Oral History Session—Additional Questions

How did you become interested in the American Society for Legal History in 1961?

You became executive assistant to George Haskins, the newly elected president, in January 1970. How did the two of you meet? What led to him offering you this position?

Who worked with you and Professor Haskins in the administration of the Society after January 1970?

What was the status of the Society and the study of legal history in 1970?

What were the challenges facing the officers in 1970 and afterwards?

I noticed that the Society became a member of the American Council of Learned Societies in 1973. How was that done and why was it significant?

You chaired the Program Committee for the first annual meeting of the Society, held in Boston in October 1971. Was that a successful undertaking, and why was it important?

The Society began co-sponsorship of the studies in Legal History series, published by Harvard University Press from 1971 . How was that arranged, and were the books in the Series popular?

The Society moved its book publication program to the University of North Carolina Press in 1973. Can you tell me about the reasons for doing so?

The *American Journal of Legal History* was published by Temple University School of Law

until the 1980s, but was superseded as the Society's journal by *Law and History Review*. Why didn't the Society launch its own journal earlier?

When you were actively affiliated with the Society's business, there was an effort to publish colonial court records with Irish University Press. What can you tell us about that enterprise?

How would you evaluate the Society's progress in the time you held offices (1970-77)?

What has been accomplished since 1977 –in legal history studies and in the Society?