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An Oral History of Haskins Laboratories

NEW HAVEN — Haskins Laboratories announces the release on its website (www.haskins.yale.edu) of *An Oral History of Haskins Laboratories*. This audio archive covers the early history of Haskins Laboratories as remembered by the Laboratories' founders and other participants from this era.

There are over 16 hours of recordings in this oral history archive. Most of these recordings were made in the fall of 1988. The last recording was made in February 1991. The first recording session began on August 12, 1988, the occasion of Caryl Haskin's 80th birthday. Three senior members of Haskins Laboratories were present: Caryl P. Haskins (1908-2001), Franklin S. Cooper (1908-1999), and Seymour H. Hutner (1911-2003).

Patrick W. Nye, a Haskins Board member and former Chairman of the Board, organized this project and conducted the recording sessions. Regarding the first session he comments about the Laboratories' founder, Caryl Haskins: "Caryl was invited to begin with a memoir of his early life and the events that led to the founding of Haskins Laboratories. He initially completed the task in little more than 5 minutes, much to my dismay and fortunately others too. Frank saved the day by gently suggesting that Caryl needed to be much more forthcoming, and it was just about at this point that I noticed the red flashing light on the tape recorder and realized that the machine had not been recording. And so faced with the facts, Caryl good-naturedly agreed to begin his memoir once again, this time in greater detail."

For additional information about the oral history, contact Philip Rubin, CEO.

Haskins Laboratories was founded in 1935 by the late Dr. Caryl P. Haskins. This independent research institute has been in New Haven, Connecticut since 1970 when it formalized affiliations with Yale University and the University of Connecticut. The Laboratories' primary research focus is on the science of the spoken and written word.

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