

Attaway: Ok, I graduated in Georgia at 16, and when I moved down here, when I was 17 I started going to Florida Southern. I did not live over there, I lived at home and drove back and forth. I lived over there in my senior year and that was the only one.

Soash: *According to your Citrus Hall of Fame biography, you joined the Citrus*

papers]. Yeah, these was all far long enough that these patents, you know, have all [expired]. Several of them were used for a time. We were very proud of it, but that was back in, about, the late '70s early '80s. '

Attaway: ...Oh, what have I got around here anyway? So many of these things was just good research, but I'm just trying to find something that really ... [reads through papers]

Soash: *So did this run contrary to what many of the people in Japan may have wanted with more of a variety of fresh produce?*

Attaway: I think they liked to have a, have a grapefruit.

Soash:

Attaway: Well a lot of people don't. You know it went down to only about 19,000 each year?

Soash:

Attaway: Well, so much, so much of the grapefruit is grown over on the east coast, and so many of those groves, that area over there is development, development, development. It's like [St.] Lucie County would have a lot more grapefruit than the other places in Polk County is probably true.

Soash: *So Polk County is a big area for growing grapefruit?*

Attaway: Yep. Polk County is still the largest county in terms of how much, how much citrus is grown here. But if you look at the map Polk County is by far the largest county.

Soash: *Right.*

Attaway: Which helps.

Soash: *Could you tell us about your interaction with citrus growers themselves? Obviously as a chemist*

Soash: *Was there anything else on that topic you wanted to*

Attaway: I don't think so.

Soash: *Okay, this is on more personal, from a more personal point, but I wanted to ask you details about your farm and your work with citrus as a grower, not necessarily as a chemist.*

Attaway: Okay, the groves are in Haines City CGA so they do the field work. But mostly what I have are

Soash: *Would you talk a little bit about some of the other
your career?*

Attaway: Yeah, in fact as I had written up something here on it [gestures toward his papers] is ...

Soash:

Attaway:

Attaway: Well the main focus of that of course is the water, water ...with the ...with the, with the freezes we could fire, not very many people do it anymore but we have ways to blow the wind and everything, but with hurricanes, no, there's not much you can do.

Soash:

Attaway: You're at the mercy of it, yeah.

Soash: *I read in your bio that as a little kid you used to track hurricanes by radio. That sounds like a neat experience.*

Attaway: Yeah. [laughter] I've been ham radio operator since 1959. You can see it on my car; it says K-4-

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Soash: *Finally*

Denham: *Are the*

Soash:
*but the box tax that you worked with J.
been able to find any information on that.*

Attaway: Oh, we were really involved in that. And what it was trying to get money that could be used to do research in certain important areas in citrus is what it amounts to, yeah.

Soash: *What, obviously it was a tax on boxes,*

Attaway: Amount of boxes.

Soash: *Okay.*

Attaway: A 90 pound box would be citrus.

Soash: *And it was levied on the growers of ?*

Attaway: On the growers, yeah.

Soash: *How did the growers take to having a tax on them?*

Attaway: Well the growers, the growers were actually, were very much in favor it because they knew that it was going to allow work being done that would otherwise not be done.

Soash:

Attaway: Yeah.

Soash: *Well, I think that about wraps it up.*

Attaway: Larry did a lot in the box tax.

Mims: *Jackson?*

Attaway: Yeah, Larry Jackson did, and I did it for a while, and then the one who is ...the very first guy with one in ...Lake Wales, he's in the legislature, tell me ...

Mims: *Time period?*

Denham: *Oh. Rick Dantzler.*

Attaway: No.

Denham: *No, not Rick Dantz*

Attaway: Lake Wales.

Denham: *He would be Winter Haven.*

Attaway: He's in the legislature right now. He, he's a senator. From here.

Denham: *Baxter Troutman?*

Attaway:

Mims:

Soash:

Denham: *We can, we can insert that in.*

Attaway: Yeah, he was ...

Denham: *Now when you say you were involved in the box tax, one more thing on that, did that entail going out and talking to growers, giving presentations, trying to get their support, almost like lobbying them and trying to educate them to the need of it?*

Attaway: To some extent. I didn't, I didn't do as much of it ...I didn't do too much of it myself. So these other people did.

Soash: *What was your role within the box tax?*

Attaway: Pardon?

Soash: