In 2003, the Mobile District of the US Army Corps of Engineers hired Brockington to prepare a history of the District from 1985 to 2004. The contract specified that a series of oral history interviews with members of the District be conducted. The District hoped to obtain a historical evaluation of the successes and failures of District policies and work since the mid-1980s.

Our historian interviewed 51 current and past members of the District, from clerks to commanders.