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Press Release



Library of Congress adds film produced and restored by New Orleans filmmaker to 2006 National Film Registry.

The Library of Congress today announced its annual selection of 25 motion pictures to be added to the National Film Registry. Among the films added this year is a documentary short entitled "Think of Me First as a Person" about a developmentally disabled child. The boy's father, Dwight L. Core Sr., an amateur filmmaker, originally produced the film in Virginia over the course of the 1960s and 1970s.

"Think of Me First as a Person" is a loving portrait about raising a child with Down's Syndrome. The father's narration lends a remarkable poignancy to this film, as he details his son's birth, playful nature and eventual need to receive training in an institute far away from home.

The film was restored and completed from its original 16mm rough-cut print by Dwight Core's grandson, George Ingmire, who is based in New Orleans and produces both radio and film documentaries. Ingmire recently discovered the film, along with a separate narration track, while doing research for a feature length documentary about his grandfather's work as an unknown filmmaker.

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