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OH150

Irwin, F. F. "Fay"

"An oral history with Fay Irwin"

Interviewed by Jim Sleeper

Date: May 19, 1967

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, news clipping, brochure

Project: Irvine/El Toro Community, Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 26 pp.

Abstract : Former superintendent of Orange County Park who had lived in the park since 1919 when his father was the official caretaker gives the history of Irvine Park from its beginning as a local picnic area through development as Orange County Park , including water sources, types of plants, buildings, and exotic animals in it. Mentions the health camp, Boy Scouts, army, and movie-makers who used the park. Describes park buildings and the involvement of James Irvine II who donated the land for the park despite displeasure with public behavior in it. Narrator's wife comments on park concessions.

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OH2206

Jasper, Helen Hervey

"An oral history with Helen Hervey Jasper"

Interviewed by Karen Hervey Reese (daughter)

Date: June 12, 1991

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, family genealogy charts

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 62 pp.

Abstract : Hervey ancestors came to Orange County as early as 1860s and owned property in Santa Ana as well as other locations in southern California ; description of Angel Swamp (Gospel Swamp-Greenville-Fountain Valley) area. Laguna Beach was an artist colony with no electricity; detailed description of childhood Santa Ana home; recalls Santa Ana schools and businesses; playmates died in flu epidemic of 1918; spent summers in Balboa and lived there after her father's death in 1917; recalls neighbors including Jahraus, Hill, Anderson, and Huff families; mentions Irvine ranch and Segerstrom family ; tells episodes that took place while riding in various family automobiles; father was a dentist and mother maintained household. Interview is rich in references to the odors of buildings, plants, and foods.

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OH2390

Kennedy, Donald Parker

"An oral history with Donald Kennedy"

Interviewed by Karen Hervey Reese

Date: March 20, 21, 1995

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 86 pp.

Abstract : Chairman of the First American Financial Corporation, discusses changes in the title insurance industry as experienced by the Orange County Title Company that was established by his grandfather, C. E. Parker. Explains the company's growth into an international business, First American Title Insurance Company; family involvement in the company; and major projects undertaken by the company. Recalls early ancestral personalities and gives highlights of his own wife and children. Was a successful golfer and served in the navy in World War II . Mentions some local Santa Ana personalities.

OH1936

Kennedy, Elsie P.

"An oral history with Elsie Kennedy"

Interviewed by Liz Kennedy (granddaughter)

Date: June 1985

Language: English

Ephemera : photo

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 22 pp.

Abstract : Mother of Donald Kennedy recalls her childhood , riding horseback to Laguna, milk delivery at home, family meals and activities . She talks of precautions taken during the 1918 flu epidemic, attitudes in Santa Ana toward the Chinese community , and the local harvest parade. She went fox hunting with her father and the Pleasant family in Modjeska Canyon .

OH157

Knowlton, Cecil and Ruth

"An oral history with Cecil and Ruth Knowlton"

Interviewed by Esther Cramer

Date: June 16, 1970

Language: English

Ephemera : none

Project: La Habra Valley , Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 67 pp., bound in *La Habra Pioneers* , vol. 5

Abstract : Cecil and his father had a walnut nursery; Cecil later received formal training in avocado and citrus production. Then he was superintendent for Edwin G. Hart's La Habra Heights Company from 1930-1942 during land development in the Heights. Ruth was Hart's stepdaughter. Both give much information on the development of housing in the area including roadway construction, right of way, zoning variances, environmental concerns that influenced development, volunteer fire department, and water sources for domestic and commercial use. Explains development and patent of various varieties of avocados , including Elsie, Fuerte, and Hass; methods of shipping and marketing avocados, pest control and plant maintenance; and lists other contemporary nursery men. Describes oil pools that return regular royalties for property owners, and details processing and marketing of citron.

OH2606

Kobayashi, James

"An oral history with James Kobayashi"

Interviewed by William Gulley

Date: December 8, 1997

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 17 pp.; bound with OH1325

Abstract : Nissei recalls his parents' struggle ranching and his lack of interest to learn the Japanese language; World War II internment experiences and later military service in the intelligence division; athletic achievements during school years; and 35-year employment in aerospace industry.

OH1325

Kobayashi, Roy

"An oral history with Roy Kobayashi"

Interviewed by Don Niemeyer

Date: August 13, 1976

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: Japanese American, Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 19 pp.; bound with OH2606

Abstract : Older brother of James Kobayashi discusses internment during World War II and how farming was a means to leave the camps; attitudes on East Coast vs. those on West Coast toward Japanese. Lists crops raised in Orange County and tells of chick sexing on poultry ranches.

OH1882

Kolkhorst, Dorothy Lutz

"An oral history with Dorothy Kolkhorst"

Interviewed by Molly Harvey

Date: April 1985

Language: English

Ephemera : Knee cookie recipe

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 18 pp.

Abstract : Daughter of German and Swiss immigrants recalls relatives who lived nearby, family outings, special holiday traditions , daily chores, and her doll made with mother's hair. Recalls circus, businesses, and church services in Santa Ana ; played the violin for the Orange County Symphony Orchestra and local groups.