

Santa Ana Community History

Also see: Santa Ana Interviews in the Pioneer Council Collection

APPLEBY, James S. (1924-)
O.H. 1238
Interviewer: Shirley E. Stephenson
Date: April 17, 1972
Status: Transcribed, 36 pp.
Tape length: 2 hrs.

A retired Air Force major and curator of the Movie land of the Air Museum, located at the Orange County airport in Santa Ana, California describes military experiences during World War II, the Berlin airlift, restoration of World War I aircraft, and television and moviemaking feats for Tallmantz Aviation, Inc.

APPLEBY, Zona (1938-)
O.H. 1239
Interviewer: Shirley E. Stephenson
Date: March 30, 1972
Status: Edited, 26 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Personal flying experiences, restoration of vintage aircraft with brief comments on some moviemaking feats, and the Movieland of the Air Museum located at Orange County airport, Santa Ana, California.

BOND, Alan (1948-)
O.H. 1411
Interviewer: Jennifer King Torres
Date: May 8, 1973
Status: Not transcribed
Tape length: 60 min.

A police officer of five years and head of the wrestling program for the Police Association Athletic League discusses the program as a preventative of juvenile delinquency and gang wars, parental involvement, and the volunteer staff. Interviewee also recounts his performance which merited the Outstanding Police Officer Award of 1971 in the Santa Ana, California police department.

MC FADDEN, Arthur J. (1881—1976)
O.H. 154b
Interviewer: Stephen Gould

Date: June 16, 1970

Status: Transcribed, 51 pp.

Tape length: 2 hrs.

See also: Arthur McFadden, O.H. 154a, Community History (Newport Beach)

A native of Santa Ana, California describes the early Orange County area; his family's activities in politics; the lumber business; his friendship with James Irvine II, and operations on the Irvine ranch. Interviewee served on the State Board of Agriculture and the University of California Board of Regents.

MULLINS, William D. (ca. 1930)

O.H. 112

Interviewer: Richard Clover

Date: January 16, 1969

Status: Transcribed, 55 pp.

Tape length: 2 hrs.

A Santa Ana, California police officer discusses his early life and gives an insight into police work in today's society.

NIX, Edward R. (1918-)

O.H. 1420

Interviewer: DiAnne Drachand

Date: March 12, 1974

Status: Edited/approved, 96 pp.

Tape length: 3 hrs.

A radio announcer discusses changes in radio broadcasting from 1930s to 1960s, technical improvements in radio, and early radio's reliance on the imagination of the audience. Shares anecdotes from his career at KWIZ in Santa Ana, California.

PLANCHEON, John (1908-)

O.H. 16

Interviewer: Barbara Metz

Date: April 2, 1968

Status: Transcribed, 16 pp.

Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

Portrayal of life and work in Orange County, California from the horse—and—buggy days to the present time with an emphasis on agriculture and irrigation. Comments on the life—styles of Japanese Americans and Mexican Americans in the Orange County area.

SWANNER, Charles (1894—1979)

O.H. 26

Interviewer: Gerald Welt
Date: April 23, 1968
Status: Completed 1978, 21 pp., index, photos
Tape length: 60 min.

A practicing attorney, author, and member of a pioneer Orange County, California family gives some history of Santa Ana and Anaheim, such as the 1933 earthquake, and the damage to Santa Ana; effects of the Depression in the area. Notes many pioneer residents including Madame Modjeska and her husband, Count Bozenta.

THOMAS, Gene (ca. 1889-)
O.H. 43
Interviewer: Barbara Metz
Date: May 2, 1968
Status: Edited, 28 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

A portrayal of ranch life in the early 1900s; blacksmithing on his family's ranch; the first dairy run by his father in Santa Ana, California; early orange groves and crops; and the early Irvine ranch. Narrator built first garage in Irvine and was well-known to the Irvine family.

WIGGINS, Wallace S. (ca. 1908-)
O.H. 1419
Interviewer: DiAnne Drachand
Date: April 20, 1974
Status: Final typed, 23 pp.
Tape length: 1 hr. 45 min.

Owner and operator of radio station KVOE in Santa Ana, California in the 1930s describes early equipment, programming, and advertising decisions; radio personalities; effects of the 1933 earthquake. Comments on changes in radio caused by the advent of television.

WIGHT, James (n.d.) and Mrs. (n.d.)
O.H. 89
Interviewer: John C. Sprout
Date: December 29, 1968
Status: Transcribed, 29 pp.
Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

Residents of Santa Ana, California discuss their decision to move there from Ontario,

Canada in 1955; economic and educational advantages, and social differences between the two areas.