

OLD CHINA HANDS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

A

ARTINDALE, Fred H. (ca. 1910-) and Virginia Artindale Ward (ca. 1930-)

O.H. 2100

Interviewer: Pauline Brower
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 37 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Born in Shanghai and Hong Kong respectively, both interviewees discuss the harsh living conditions in their internment camp near Shanghai.

AZAR, Dolly (1910-)

O.H. 2101

Interviewer: Pauline Brower
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Edited/approved, 27 pp.
Tape length: 45 min.

A member of the International Settlement in 1928 recalls the exciting life-style in Shanghai, China, in the decade before World War II, and the difficult conditions in the internment camp during the war.

B

BEEMAN, Raymond R. (1924-)

O.H. 2102

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: April 3, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 30 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

An American born and raised in Shanghai, China, describes life therein the 1930s; his arrival in Manila, Philippine Islands, just as World War II began on December 7, 1941 in Hawaii. Recounts conditions in the Santo Tomas University and Los Banos internment camps, and the dramatic rescue of the civilian internees in Los Banos from death at the hands of their Japanese guards.

BEHRENS, Henry (ca. 1920-)

O.H. 2103

Interviewer: June Behrens
Date: March 7, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 21 pp.
Tape length: 45 min.

An American merchant seaman serving aboard the American President Line ship President Harrison recalls his arrival in Shanghai, China, just before the outbreak of World War II in the Pacific theater. After his ship was grounded near Shanghai, he was forced, with other crew members to salvage the ship. Interned in 1943, he describes his experiences.

BLOOMFIELD, Esther (1908-)
O.H. 2104

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 15, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 36 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China, interviewee recalls conditions in Shanghai before and after World War II, and the difficult state of affairs in her internment camp.

C
CARROLL, Olga Lonborg (ca. 1920-)
O.H. 2105

Interviewer: June Behrens
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 33 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

A Danish national born and raised in Shanghai, China, discusses conditions in Shanghai in the years before and after World War II in the Pacific theater. She was not interned by the Japanese but her British relatives were, and she comments on their experiences in the camps.

COLLINS, Enid Stableford (ca. 1920-)
O.H. 2106

Interviewer: June Behrens
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 28 pp.
Tape length: 45 min.

Comments on conditions in Shanghai, China, during the decade before the war and on experiences in a Japanese internment camp.

E

EDWARDS, Francis J. (ca. 1920-)

O.H. 2107

Interviewer: June Behrens
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 31 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Brief discussion of life in Shanghai in the years before and after World War II, and of experiences as an internee in a Japanese internment camp.

G

GREBENSCHIKOFF, Betty use Kohn (1929-)

O.H. 2108

Interviewer: June Behrens
Date: March 10, 1990
Status: Final typed, 33 pp.
Tape length: 45 min.

A German citizen, born in Berlin, explains the family's decision to emigrate to the International Settlement in Shanghai, China, and life in Shanghai before and during World War II. Describes treatment of Jews by the Japanese.

GREENHALGH, Dawn (1933-)

O.H. 2109

Interviewer: Rose Horowitz
Date: March 20, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 40 pp.
Tape length: 45 min.

Reminiscences of growing up in Shanghai, China, and her experiences in the internment camp.

H

HAHESY, Mary Smith (1928-)

O.H. 2110

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 25 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Recollections of life in Shanghai, China, in the late 1930s and conditions in the internment camp.

HALL, Terry (1929-)

O.H. 2111

Interviewer: Terry Behrens
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 55 pp.
Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

Born in Tientsin, China, because his father was in the employ of the Chinese Maritime Customs, interviewee recalls life in Shanghai, China, in the immediate months before World War II. Comments on the harsh conditions of internment.

HALLINAN, John E. (1915-)

O.H. 2112

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Final typed, 11 pp.
Tape length: 30 min.

A merchant seaman who arrived in Shanghai, China, just before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, briefly comments on poor conditions in the internment camp.

HARVEY, Edwin (1918-)

O.H. 2113

Interviewer: Terry Behrens
Date: March 10, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 37 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Recollections of life in Shanghai, China, in the International Settlement before World War II and for some months after December 8, 1941, conditions in his internment camp, and postwar China.

HA~VKINS, Paul (Ca. 1900-)
O.H. 2114
Interviewer: Terry Behrens
Date: March 10, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 32 pp.
Tape length: 45 min.

Born in Peking, China, but raised in the United States and Europe, Hawkins describes life in prewar Shanghai and his escape through Japanese lines to Free China's wartime capital of Chungking.

HERTZKA, Felix (ca. 1920-) and Lailai Tanner Tukkila (ca. 1920-)
O.H. 2115
Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Final typed, 26 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Residents in Shanghai, China, in the 1930s describe their lives in the International Settlement and the harsh conditions of their internment.

HOROWITZ, Rose (1924-)
O.H. 2068
Interviewer: Michael P. Onorato
Date: November 28, 1990
Status: Completed 1991, 53 pp., index
Tape length: 1 hr. 45 min.
Bound as Rose Jacob Horowitz: An Oral History: Shanahai. 1927-1949, 53 pp.

Resident of Shanghai, China, describes family activities, the socioeconomic conditions in the International Settlement before and during World War II, and the Japanese occupation of that community.

HUDSON, Dams S. (1934-)
O.H. 2116
Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 27 pp.
Tape length: 30 min.

Native of Shanghai, China, describes life as an internee and comments on the movie Empire of the Sun in the context of his experiences.

J

JOUKOFF, Victor (1920-)

O.H. 2117

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 10, 1990
Status: Edited/approved, 20 pp.
Tape length: 45 min.

A description of life for a European in Shanghai, China, in the years before December 8, 1941, and recollections of conditions during internment by the Japanese.

K

KATZ, Nadia (1900-)

O.H. 2118

Interviewer: Rose Horowitz
Date: February 21, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 31 pp.
Tape length: 30 min.

A native of the Russian Empire, sent by her father to Shanghai, China, in 1922 with the expectation of finding a prosperous husband, describes life in Shanghai before World War II and Japanese treatment of Jews during the war.

KOMOR, Leonard A (1917-)

O.H. 2119

Interviewer: Terry Behrens
Date: March 10, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 35 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

An American born and raised in Shanghai, China, describes the quality of life for a Caucasian person in China; his education, military service with the United States Army Air Corps in the China-Burma-India campaign; and the internment of his family.

M

MC DONALD, Harold (ca. 1920-) and Lillian McDonald (Ca. 1920-)

O.H. 2120

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Final typed, 18 pp.
Tape length: 25 min.

A merchant sailor who arrived in Shanghai, China, just before the war began and his Yemen born wife who was raised in Shanghai describe conditions in their internment camp.

MASON, Loma (1924-)

O.H. 2121

Interviewer: Pauline Brower
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 40 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China, Mason recounts living conditions during the years before World War II and the difficult conditions faced in the internment camp.

N

NICHOLLS, Eleanor (Ca. 1930-)

O.H. 2122

Interviewer: Terry Behrens
Date: March 10, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 25 pp.
Tape length: 40 min.

Having moved to Shanghai, China, in late 1939 from Harbin, Manchuria, interviewee recalls conditions in the years before and immediately after World War II and her experiences as an internee.

O

O'BRIEN, Constance R. Ewards (1922-)

O.H. 2123

Interviewer: June Behrens
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 34 pp.
Tape length: 40 min.

A description of life in Shanghai, China, during the prewar years and recollections of the harsh conditions of the internment camp.

P

PETERSEN, Luiza Leitao (1924-)

O.H. 2124

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 11 pp.
Tape length: 30 min.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China, a European describes the rich life-style of the years before the war in the Pacific. As a Portuguese national who escaped internment, while her American and British family members were interned, she is able to describe their situation in the internment camps.

POWER, Desmond (1923-)

O.H. 2125

Interviewer: Terry Behrens
Date: March 10, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 59 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

A Briton born and raised in Tientsin, China, recalls in some detail the social and political situation in northern China and life in Tientsin during the Pacific war. Comments on his internment in a camp near Shanghai, China, and immediate postwar conditions in northern China.

R

ROSE, Joyce (ca. 1930-)

O.H. 2126

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 10, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 11 pp., documents
Tape length: 25 min.

An American born and raised in Shanghai, China, comments on the quality of life during the years before World War II, and objects to the movie Empire of the Sun as erroneous in fact and failing to portray life during the internment accurately.

S

SCHNELL, Walter (1904-)

O.H. 2127

Interviewer: Rose Horowitz
Date: February 21, 1990
Status: Not transcribed
Tape length: 60 min.

Born in Srehlen, Silesia, Germany, interviewee recounts conditions in Germany during the 1930s and describes the hardships of starting a new life in the alien environment of Shanghai, China, during the war and the treatment toward him by the Japanese because of his religion.

SNAVELY, Ruth Monreal (1925-)

O.H. 2128

Interviewer: Pauline Brower
Date: February 19, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 30 pp.
Tape length: 45 min.

Reminiscences as a teenager in Shanghai, China, with emphasis on life there in the months before the outbreak of World War II in the Pacific and conditions in the Japanese internment camp.

SOLLARS, Stella Barrs (ca. 1920-)

O.H. 2129

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 9, 1990
Status: Transcribed, 16 pp.
Tape length: 30 min.

Brief description of life in Shanghai, China, during the 1930s and the deprivation in the Japanese internment camp.

W

WHITCOMB, Edgar (1919-)

O.H. 2130

Interviewer: Vi Graham
Date: March 9, 1990

Status: Transcribed, 14 pp.
Tape length: 30 min.

Recollections of arriving in the Philippine Islands on the eve of World War II, escaping from the battle on the Bataan peninsula to China, and repatriation from Shanghai in 1943.

Z

ZELLENSKY, George (1924-)

O.H. 2131

Interviewer: Pauline Brower

Date: March 9, 1990

Status: Edited/approved, 24 pp.

Tape length: 45 min.

A native of Shanghai, China, comments on the cruel conditions of the Japanese internment camp.