

WWII Homefront in Southeastern Utah

BURR, Leo (1916-)

O.H. 1918

Interviewer: Jim Asimakis
Date: April 14, 1987
Status: Transcribed, 65 pp.
Tape length: 2 hr.

A native of Moab, Utah, and the county commissioner for Grand County provides an in-depth recollection of county government in Utah and the activities that took place, and the personalities involved. Comments on hardships prior to World War II and shortly afterward.

CHRISTENSEN, Caroline Lyman (1924-)

O.H. 1928

Interviewer: Michelle Gutierrez
Date: April 15, 1987
Status: Transcribed, 57 pp.
Tape length: 3 hrs.

A native of Blanding, Utah, discusses growing up in a small town, Cadet Nurse Corps training, part-time nursing, use of midwives in rural areas of Utah, diseases in the 1920s and changes in medical services because of the Indian population, the G. I. Bill of Rights for veterans of the armed services, and her grandfather Lyman's dream of building the tunnel to get water to the area.

HAMMOND, Jay (ca. 1933-)

O.H. 1182b

Interviewer: Dennis A. Swift
Date: April 15, 1987
Status: Edited/approved, 24 pp., index
Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

Moab resident comments on the road construction in southeastern Utah during World War II, his work in the family road building business, the effects of the Depression on his family, and the role of women in road construction.

HINES, Carol (n.d.)

O.H. 1914

Interviewer: Michelle Gutierrez
Date: April 13, 1987
Status: Transcribed
Tape length: 2 hrs.

Recalls early life in Moab, Utah, including church and high school activities, experiences during the Depression, and working at the Moab hospital. Discusses the effects of World War II on Moab and the adoption and raising of nine children.

HUNT, Grace (ca. 1917-)
O.H. 1911

Interviewer: Marwynne Selfridge
Date: April 15, 1987
Status: Transcribed, 23 pp.
Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

A longtime resident of Blanding, Utah, discusses her experiences as the wife of an Indian trader on a Navajo reservation before, during, and after World War II; relates problems encountered, customs and traditions of the Navajo; and hardships caused by shortages and rationing during World War II.

LEECH, Dixie (1926-)
O.H. 1920

Interviewer: Shirley E. Stephenson
Date: April 15, 1987
Status: Transcribed, 43 pp.
Tape length: 2 hrs.

A native of Moab, Utah, recalls how she spent several years living in a covered wagon in the mid-1920s while her father worked in the livestock business; discusses her husband's trucking business, his exemption from the World War II draft, activity on the home front during World War II, the security on the Colorado River bridge, the main thoroughfare through Moab, and other activities from a teenager's point of view. Leech describes the various activities of the Senior Citizen Center where she is the first fulltime employee.

LEECH, Elsie (ca. 1921-)
O.H. 1921

Interviewer: Shirley E. Stephenson
Date: April 13, 1987

Status: Transcribed, 47 pp.
Tape length: 2 hrs.

A native of Moab, Utah, explains her activities during World War II, her position with the War Department before her marriage, her husband's exemption from the armed services, her father's coal and uranium mines, the Depression, the exodus of Moab residents to find employment, the uranium boom of the 1950s, and tourism.

PITTMAN, Hannah (ca. 1914-)

O.H. 1915

Interviewer: Alice Maxwell
Date: April 13, 1987
Status: Transcribed, 37 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

Longtime Moab, Utah, resident discusses personal history as a youngster in Moab; experiences in nursing at Moab's hospital; Moab's medical doctor's own health insurance program; medical care for San Juan County, Utah; and its relationship with the hospital in Moab. Comments on isolation from World War II and the contribution of local citizens toward the war effort.

WARDE, Magaret Madge (1904-)

O.H. 1913

Interviewer: Marwynne Selfridge
Date: April 15, 1987
Status: Edited/approved, 37 pp.
Tape length: 60 min.

An eighty-three year old pioneer resident of Moab, Utah, recalls personal history and local activities during World War II including the rapid growth in Moab, rationing, raising cattle and fruit in support of the war effort, renting rooms in her home, and running a ladies' apparel shop. Details the uranium boom in Moab following the war.