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OH1945

Easterly, Helen G.

"An oral history with Helen G. Easterly"

Interviewed by Eileen De Cair (daughter)

October 16, 1987

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 32 pp.

Abstract : Narrator was born in Santa Ana , California , on May 3, 1918. Her parents, Reuel and Esther Gillespie, owned an orange orchard in Tustin , where she spent her childhood and attended school. She married Melvin Watson Easterly in 1937, and they moved to Santa Ana until 1957, when they returned to Tustin to operate the orange orchard. In 1971 they retired to Joshua Tree, California. Her Swedish grandfather, Peter Lindgren, lived on the ranch with her family . She reminisces about the people that she and her family knew at that time and describes some of the local landmarks which are no longer extant. Describes experiences during Prohibition, the Depression, the war years, and some highlights of her family life . Husband worked several jobs including at lima bean house operated by Irvine Company and later for the telephone company. They rented a spare room to wives of men training at Army Air Base during the war. The ranch was sold to city of Tustin for the civic center; prior to that, *braceros* and some Jamaicans picked the oranges for them. Grandfather Lindgren had changed his last name from Nojd; other genealogy notes included.

OH1881

Edwards, Elsa Wilson

"An oral history with Elsa Wilson Edwards"

Interviewed by Annabel McFadden Rasmussen

Date: May 1, 1985

Language: English

Ephemera : manuscript draft

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 23 pp.

Abstract : Elsa's grandparents came to the county in 1868 by wagon; her father farmed at San Onofre; her husband worked in a service station in Santa Ana . Elsa was employed outside the home and still raised 3 children. Mentions various family pastimes before television and recalls peculiar family behavior. Recounts her childhood activities at her grandmother's ranch, where oranges, walnuts and apricots were grown; traveled in various horse-drawn vehicles. Mentions different businesses in Santa Ana, including Chinese vegetable vendors, holiday celebrations, and picnics. Elsa attended various schools. Recounts tale of her uncles and a horse thief and Sam Hill's refusal to pay for paving in front of his store.—Addendum of manuscript draft includes detailed information on the San Onofre ranch, Chinese smuggled into the country, and tramps.

OH2491

Elliott, Onnolee Bonnye

"An oral history with Onnolee Elliott"

Interviewed by Maureen McClintock Rischard
May 7 and 10, 1996
Language: English
Ephemera : photos, genealogy charts, newspaper articles
Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 39 pp.

Abstract : Onnolee's ancestors came to California during the rancho days of the late nineteenth century, dealt with Yorbas and Sepulvedas, and left their name on locations throughout Los Angeles-Orange County area, like Wintersburg and Mt. Wilson. Onnolee attended local schools and eventually got advanced degrees in science and history; she helped establish labs at St. Jude and Hoag hospitals and wrote a book on the state's history. During World War II mother was in Coast Guard and Onnolee was in Aircraft Warning Service . Onnolee discusses crops she still raises including subtropical fruits , particularly macadamia nuts , and greenhouse orchids . Second interview contains brief discussion of Native Daughters of the Golden West lodge.

OH1896

Enderle, Harriet Owens

"An oral history with Harriet O. Enderle"
Interviewed by Ann L. Spencer
Date: August 18, 1988
Language: English
Ephemera : photos
Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 37 pp.

Abstract : Comments are largely restricted to the period of her life when she lived in Santa Ana , California. She was one of eight children; father sold wholesale produce while mother raised the family . Mother had formal musical training in Chicago Conservatory of Music so she promoted the arts in her children. Recalls attending Santa Ana High School and activities there including festival of lights, "ditch day," and house parties at Balboa, as well as her classmates like football star George Baker. Describes some businesses and churches in Santa Ana, the influenza epidemic of 1918, circus visits, and Chinatown. Recalls meeting William H. Spurgeon, reading many books for entertainment, learning to drive, the Stutz Bearcat of Myford Irvine, and locations of various plunges at the beach. Tells of soldiers camped at Santa Ana High School grounds and inviting them to their home for dinner during World War II . Gives a brief history of her husband's family, Enderle, who came to Santa Ana in 1893 and opened the foundry.

OH1590b

Frost, Bernice Newland .

"An oral history with Bernice Newland Frost"
Interviewed by Karen H. Reese
Date: January 26, 1990
Language: English
Ephemera : photos and newspaper article
Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 30 pp.; bound with Helen Newland Tarbox

Abstract : The youngest of ten children of William T. and Mary J. Newland recalls ranch life near Pacific City which became Huntington Beach after the railroad came through. Describes ranch outbuildings and gives room by room details of the family home; transportation from the home to Santa Ana , Huntington Beach or Los Angeles by buggy or train. Gives account of her health issues: appendectomy and removal of a kidney . Recalls special events like home weddings and holidays , regular schooling and college experience, toys and games , and clothing. Parents were active in school boards; father was on traffic commission ; family all involved in ranch work ; individual roles of parents and children were clear. Mother cooked for up to 50 ranch hands and had household helpers ; her collection of Indian baskets went to the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana . Discusses effects of oil industry on Huntington Beach area.