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OH120

**Warne, Pansy Blossom Remington**

"An oral history with Pansy Warne"

Interviewed by Esther Cramer

Date: April 4, 1963

Language: English

Ephemera : none

Project: La Habra Valley , Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 8 pp., bound in *La Habra Pioneers* , vol. 2

**Abstract** : Gives her background, and discusses husband's family 's contributions to early La Habra , and husband's involvement with citrus industry. Relates her own activities in the community.

OH121

**Warne, Tom**

**Warne, Lida**

"An oral history with Tom and Lida Warne"

Interviewed by Esther Cramer

Date: May 5, 1963

Language: English

Ephemera : none

Project: La Habra Valley , Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 40 pp., bound in *La Habra Pioneers* , vol. 2

**Abstract** : Tom explains how his family came to live in La Habra . Discusses education and getting water. Lida relates how her family came to La Habra . Discusses becoming acquainted with the Holes, her education, her marriage, and impact of a fire on her family. Recalls sources of water and fuel. They mention local wildlife. Lida discusses her music teaching and performance in church . Tom recalls various jobs. They describe old-time recreation , dating, and special events including Christmas. Discuss shopping, early roads and neighbors, and arrival of automobiles and their impact on horses.

OH2341

**Webber, Bettie**

"An oral history with Bettie Webber"

Interviewed by Karen Reese

Date: January 12, 1994

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, manuscripts, newspaper articles, a military discharge from 1864, letters, and a pedigree chart

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 53 pp.; also

**Abstract :** Webber discusses beginning of Pioneer Council, its first social function, other activities and donations, leadership, and purpose. Gives history of her Grandpa Briggs, a colorful saloon keeper and businessman well-known in Orange County who loved hunting and entertaining and describes his large home in Santa Ana . He bought land on behalf of several Japanese people. Relates history of grandmother's family , including involvement with mining towns and acting as sheriff. Discusses her own birth, childhood , and her involvement with horseback riding competitions. Recalls several money-making ventures, sources for different foods, memories of some Japanese acquaintances, and family history of her friend Katie Lillard Wheeler, granddaughter of James Irvine . Explains housekeeper's role in her family. Discusses her education , travels, and socializing; the Rendezvous Ballroom in Balboa; her schoolteachers, a fiesta parade. Describes courtship with her future husband, Art, and early married life, including building a home with black market supplies during World War II . Recalls trauma of daughter getting polio. Discusses children's achievements, life following husband's retirement.

OH146

**Welch, Mabel**

"An oral history with Mabel Welch"

Interviewed by Esther Cramer

Date: May 6, 1964

Language: English

Ephemera : Genealogy survey

Project: La Habra Valley , Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 36 pp., bound in *La Habra Pioneers* , vol. 5

**Abstract :** Elder daughter of Ide Stone lived with her family on the Puente oil lease, owned by William Rowland, a pioneer in La Habra Valley ; moved to La Habra when Puente Oil Company fired all the married men and only employed single men. She attended a one-room school on the lease and later a two-story school in town; recalls school activities and community socials, schoolmates, and curriculum. Health issues, environmental description of the valley and wildlife, street routes to Brea and Fullerton , and real estate prices are discussed. Collected ostrich feathers and sold trap door spiders as a child. Hypothesizes on local influences on real estate prices.

OH2065

**Widolf, Eleanor and Ross, Lorna**

"An oral history with Eleanor Widolf and Lorna Ross"

Interviewed by Maureen Rischard

Date: June 15, 1989

Language: English

Ephemera : photo

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 16 pp. Bound with interview of Adele Hankey

**Abstract :** Daughters of Adele and Carl Hankey recall how their parents freely provided housing to numerous people in need of temporary shelter as well as housing some 55 international students through VISA (Visiting International Students Association). Both women were industrious children and earned money during the Depression working on neighbors' farms. Describes family weddings and Fourth of July celebrations; social centers were the school and the Community Presbyterian church in San Juan Capistrano .

OH1419

**Wiggins, Wallace S .**

"An oral history with Wallace Wiggins"

Interviewed by Dianne Richland

Date: April 20, 1974

Language: English

Ephemera : one photo

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 22 pp.

**Abstract :** Wiggins discusses progress of radio technology when he was young, how he became involved it, and his various radio-related jobs. Describes growth of a station he partly owned and types of programs they ran, as well as station's role in getting relief to Long Beach after 1933 earthquake . Discusses involvement with army broadcasts during World War II . Describes precautions following Pearl Harbor , internment of Japanese Americans, and confronting someone he thought was a Japanese saboteur . Explains his decision to invest in the station during the Depression, what was involved in the transaction, soliciting advertisements, and network connections. Recalls broadcasting a notorious murder trial , as well as college and high school games . Mentions people he worked with who later became very successful. Explains why his station did not get into television, how technology has advanced, and how radio changed as television became popular. Discusses effective advertising, and compares recorded versus live drama. Explains why he left the station, and jobs he held afterward. Discusses son's service. Describes involvement in college radio program contest.

D-0015

**Windolph, Mildred**

"An autobiography by Mildred Windolph "

Date: July 31, 1992

Language: English

Ephemera : two photos

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: 19 pp.

**Abstract :** In this autobiography, Windolph relates family history and memories of her childhood on the Irvine ranch , including mother's death in flu epidemic of 1918. Discusses education , father's remarriage, and farming lifestyle. Recalls courtship with future husband, college years, and finding work during the Depression. Discusses early married life, her battle with skin cancer, her husband's involvement with numerous businesses, and her participation in a grand jury and a school board . Describes her family's global travels, reasons (medical and political) they chose to move to various cities in Orange County , and her husband's death from leukemia.

OH68

**Woodman, Orpha Leutwiler**

"An oral history with Orpha Woodman "

Interviewed by Esther Cramer

Date: March 16, 1963

Language: English  
Ephemera : photos  
Project: La Habra Valley , Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 8 pp., bound in *La Habra Pioneers* , vol. 1

**Abstract** : Gives family background, and describes conditions on their La Habra farm . Discusses recreation , father's involvement in real estate , parents' participation in clubs , and husband's employment with Edison Company. Explains why her mother gave Ocean Avenue its name.

OH1891

**Worden , Flora McFadden**

"An oral history with Flora Worden "

Interviewed by Annabel Rasmussen

Date: July 24, 1985

Language: English

Ephemera : none

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 19 pp.

**Abstract** : Worden explains how family came to California . Describes memories of childhood in early Orange County , family life , and helping a seamstress make family clothes. Discusses church attendance, garden , kitchen, house layout, and father's death. Recalls family weddings , childhood games , activities forbidden by her pious parents, and modes of transportation . Discusses her education , holidays , reading, and local stores .