

Tustin Community History

RUNTLEY, William M. (1882—1971)

O.H. 58a*

Interviewer: Stephen Gould
Date: May 21 and 22, 1968
Status: Edited, 73 pp.
Tape length: 4 hrs. 45 min.

Biographical description of life in early Tustin, California and the surrounding area including work experiences in the citrus industry during the early twentieth century.

HUNTLEY, William M. (1882—1971)

O.H. 58b

Interviewer: Jim Sleeper
Date: July 22, 1968
Status: Not transcribed
Tape length: 60 min.

Recollections of early twentieth century life in Tustin, California.

MITCHELL, Ralph (ca. 1895-)

O.H. 517

Interviewer: Stephen Gould
Date: April 24 and 29, 1970
Status: Transcribed, 44 pp.
Tape length: 2 hrs.

History of Tustin, California and surrounding area including comments on area residents in the early 1900s.

PHILLIPS, Adah (1901-)

O.H. 1661

Interviewer: Robyn S. Maltby
Date: February 27, 1979
Status: Transcribed, 55 pp.
Tape length: 2 hrs. 30 min.

Lifelong resident of Tustin, California recalls childhood antics on her father's farm, such as pitting apricots, Halloween and May Day customs, summer vacations camping in San Juan Capistrano, California; the flu epidemic of 1918; her courtship and marriage, and travels after retirement. Explains the changing agricultural scene in Orange County, California; rivalry between Tustin and Santa Ana, California for Southern Pacific railroad right-of-way; involvement with the Christian Advent Church of Tustin, and the Tustin Women's Club.

PHILLIPS, Everal (ca. 1920-)

O.H. 1560

Interviewer: Mark Collins
Date: November 5, 1977
Status: Edited/approved, 60. pp.
Tape length: 2 hrs.

An officer of the Advent Christian Church of Tustin, California gives general information about the beginnings of the church, lists its pastors, and outlines the role of the church in the community: its doctrine, accomplishments, and missionary work.

PLUMB, Frances J. (ca. 1890—1982)

O.H. 59

Interviewer: Stephen Gould
Date: May 19 and 31, 1968
Status: Final typed, 92 pp.
Tape length: 3 hrs. 30 min.

Memories of early days in Tustin and Santa Ana, California including pioneer families, churches, schools, early railroad and other modes of travel.

RAWLINGS, Walter (1895-)

O.H. 32a

Interviewer: Stephen Gould
Date: May 30, 1968
Status: Transcribed, 33 pp.
Tape length: 1 hr. 40 min.

Recollections of early Tustin, California; the Tustin Water Works; the Irvine partnership in the San Joaquin Fruit Company. Includes information on the Newport pier and early clambakes.

RAWLINGS, Walter (1895-)and Cora (n.d.)

O.H. 32b

Interviewer: Paul F. Clark

Date: June 20, 1979

Status: Edited, 21 pp.

Tape length: 60 min.

Stockholder of the Tustin Water Works, a private corporation, recalls his fifty—year association with the company and its founder, E. C. Utt; comments on early employees, various independent water sources, types of equipment, and areas serviced.

RAWLINGS, Walter (1895-)

O.H. 32c

Interviewer: Jim Sleeper

Date: Not recorded

Status: Not transcribed

Tape length: 60 min.

A longtime resident of Tustin, California recalls his childhood; Sam Tustin and other early residents; various sites and buildings in Tustin; finding Indian artifacts and fossils in the nearby hills; a “water witch”; Gospel Swamp agriculture; early Irvine Park; the Tomato Springs bandit; and Madame Modjeska’s house in Silverado Canyon.