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OH832b

Chapman, Irvin C.

"An oral history with Irvin C. Chapman"

Interviewed by Ann L. Spencer

Date: October 31 and November 29, 1984

Language: English

Ephemera : none

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 28 pp.

Abstract : Youngest son of C. C. Chapman , pioneer citrus rancher in north Orange County , describes the large family home, family trips, different family automobiles, and daily routines of his parents on their citrus ranch. Comments on frequent house guests, family reunions, childhood activities , businesses in Fullerton , and city holiday parades.

OH2162

Coffman, Ethel and Mary

"An oral history with Ethel and Mary Coffman"

Interviewed by Patricia Rankin Bothamley

Date: October 19, 1989

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 28 pp.

Abstract : Two sisters recall their early education in Santa Ana schools, including the curricular offering of "commercial course"; ice cream, vegetable and tamale vendors; travel on red cars and the "dummy"; pitting apricots. Ethel remarks on her employment in Rankin Department Store (owned by interviewer's father) and reaction of local merchants to the all-inclusive merchandise format, the pneumatic tube system for paying bills, fashion shows, employee parties and picnics, customer service policy, and effects of 1933 earthquake on the building. Comments on clothes styles and early nylon stockings.

OH2672

Collins, Mildred Spicer

"An oral history with Mildred Collins"

Interviewed by Barbara Oldewage

Date: May 5, 1998

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, cards, certificates, letter, newspaper articles

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 47 pp.

Abstract : Descriptively detailed accounts of businesses in Santa Ana , especially the successful Spicer department store; of various homes she lived in and schools she attended; of trips she took including to Alaska in 1924 and to Europe in 1931. Parents helped found the Santa Ana Country Club and mother was active in the Ebell Society. Includes accounts of the

grand opening of the Bowers Museum , her wedding, medical treatment for her brother, her son's schooling and employment . Genealogy of Talbott and Spicer families.

OH2852

Cook, Leroy Glen

"An oral history with Leroy Cook"

Interviewed by Eileen De Cair

Date: March 14, 30 and April 18, 2000

Language: English

Ephemera : newspaper articles, pedigree chart

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 54 pp.

Abstract : Early resident of the San Juan Capistrano area whose Congdon and Cook ancestors extensively planted walnut trees in the area and interacted with the Irvine and O'Neill ranches recalls the restoration of the San Juan Capistrano mission buildings, San Juan hot springs , silent movies being made in the town, rumrunner episodes and other Prohibition antics. Details his employment as fireman for the Santa Fe railroad , in shipyards, for the flood control district, with the division of state highways, and as a vegetable farmer. Briefly comments on Basque shepherders in San Juan Capistrano and on the Moulton and Irvine ranches. Reports on accomplishments of his wife and children and their descendants.

OH127

Corona, Manuel

Corona , Adelaide

"An oral history with Manuel and Adelaide Corona"

Interviewed by Esther Cramer

Date: May 25, 1966

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: La Habra Valley , Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 74 pp., bound in *La Habra Pioneers* , vol. 3

Abstract : Manuel gives family background, including names and birthplaces. Describes past jobs baling hay, installing cement irrigation pipes, fumigating trees, managing the Bastanchurys' citrus irrigation, and picking avocados . Discusses current job as an avocado buyer. Mexican ancestors played significant roles in California history, his uncle led the sheep shearing operation that serviced the Bastanchury ranch, and his grandfather fought in the Civil War. Discusses arrival of Mexican citrus workers and the camps and housing tracts they lived in; his father worked as an interpreter selling lots there. Explains method of paying sheep shearers. Recalls exploring as a child, finding Native American artifacts, local wildlife, and local plants. Describes baseball, car races, and other old-time recreation . Discusses Mexicans' relationship with non-Mexicans in the community. Adelaide gives her family background.

OH131

Cramer, George Washington

"An oral history with George Cramer"

Interviewed by Esther Cramer (daughter-in-law)

Date: May 26, 1963
Language: English
Ephemera : photos, death notice, genealogy survey
Project: La Habra Valley , Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 12 pp., bound in *La Habra Pioneers* , vol. 4

Abstract : A worker in the oil fields near in the Puente Hills and Brea Canyon describes living conditions on the oil leases, sources for groceries, and some jobs done on the wells. Worked for Puente Oil Company, Columbia , and Standard. Brief description of the valley in 1906.

OH1880

Dowling, Robert and Marquita

"An oral history with Robert and Marquita Dowling"

Interviewed by Susan Spurgeon

August 2, 1984

Language: English

Ephemera : photo

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 44 pp.

Abstract : Marquita's Norwegian grandparents arrived in California from Wisconsin in 1887; her father, Sigvald Salvesson, started first grocery store/bank in Brea that served the oilfield workers. Robert's family came in 1909 in a camp wagon from Pasadena . His father was a minister in Fullerton but the family lived in Placentia area and had walnuts and citrus grove. Robert talks of family water supply and mother's daily tasks as a homemaker. Both share recollections of family gatherings, childhood toys, Christmas and other holidays , church activities , typical meals like gravy on waffles, and making ice cream on the running board. Several references as to the high safety level children enjoyed. Marquita recalls grandparents' experiences in Civil War and repercussions on the Dyer ranch, the funeral of C. C. Chapman , and the rebellious marriage of his daughter Ethel. Discuss modes of transportation . Robert's brother started Fullerton Airport about 1926, earned living as professional pilot; soundtrack for early talking movie, *Hell's Angels* , was made at Fullerton Airport . About 1919, Bebe Daniels and Will Rogers came to help sell Victory Bonds for WWI. Home gardens were plentiful during the war. Recalls early radios and gramophones. Lists stores in Fullerton , and describes large Stern and Goodman general store which at one time had 57 clerks; Mr. Starbuck owned the telephone exchange. Describes schools and libraries and their activities in Placentia , Brea , and Fullerton . Students were invited to perform prologue to silent movies at the early Fox Fullerton (Chapman Alician Court Theater). Compares the house and outbuildings on the Dowling ranch in Placentia and Marquita's childhood home in town. The advent of electricity to the farm was costly because of the miles of wires needed; town homes always had electricity. Summer vacations at Newport Beach were popular.