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OH2264

Nalle, Florence Brownridge

"An oral history with Florence Nalle"

Interviewed by Alexander Nalle

Date: December 6, 1992

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, genealogy, certificate

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 20 pp.

Abstract : Narrator shares Mullinix and Brownridge family histories, lists names of her parents' friends as well as her of own schoolmates, and recalls businesses in Santa Ana , including Rankin's department store. Recalls fatality in earthquake of 1933, streetcars and rail lines used to go shopping, and her husband's military career in World War II .

OH2302

Nisson, C. Arthur, Jr. and Nisson, James Mathias

"An oral history with Arthur and James Nisson"

Interviewed by Barbara Oldewage

Date: April 27, 1993

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 15 pp.

Abstract : Brothers recall childhood events after 1933 flood and 1938 earthquake, school, family trips on the red car to Los Angeles and in wagon to Big Bear, vacations at the beach where fish were caught in nets drawn by horses, and their own early employment . Give description of Halloween pranks and father's practical jokes; list of businesses in Tustin and Santa Ana as well as vendors who came to their home. Nisson and Montgomery family histories.

OH2673

Noutary, Marguerite

"An oral history with Marguerite Noutary"

Interviewed by Tracy Smith

Date: May 17, 1998

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, maps, manuscript

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 21 pp.

Abstract : Marguerite's mother came from France through Ellis Island and later worked as maid for Bastanchury family; gives brief description of Mexican camp life on the ranch. Her father did dry farming on leased land in Fullerton . Marguerite attended Orange County School of Nursing and served in the China-India-Burma arena during World War II . She stayed in the military reserves and worked in a California state hospital until retirement in 1978, then took up travel and painting.

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OH2484

Onstott, Phyllis Gerrard

"An oral history with Phyllis Onstott"

Interviewed by William Gulley

Date: April 8, 1996

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, handwritten poem

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 17 pp.

Abstract : Narrator provides a detailed history of the Gerrard family beginning in Scotland until their settling in California ; mother's family came to California from Ohio ; the large family gave theatrical presentations for neighbors during Depression. Remembers her wedding to Jake Onstott, their life in the military service and a trip in Japan that was basis of movie, *The Bridge at Toko-Ri*. Family was deeply involved with the Christian Church in Santa Ana , and in 1959 Phyliss's husband and father went on a mission trip to the Belgian Congo ; memoirs of this trip are read into the text. Gerrard family, uncles of narrator, founded the Alpha Beta market chain, the first one-stop, self-service market in southern California . It was family owned and operated. Briefly reviews achievements of siblings, their spouses, and her daughters. Has hobbies collecting period clothes and making dolls.

OH 2158

Osterman, George Dewey

"An oral history with George Osterman"

Interviewed by Betty W. Pinkston

Date: October 12, December 18, 1990

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 33 pp.

Abstract : Born in Trabuco Canyon , narrator attended school there for three years then moved into El Toro, sold watermelons to sheep shearers on Moulton ranch, opened a general store in El Toro , and served as mailman for 25 years. Describes shivarees, family holiday

traditions , post retirement activities , and early fire fighter equipment. Names children and descendants.

OH144

Oxarart, Joseph Bertrand

"An oral history with Joseph Oxarart"

Interviewed by Esther Cramer

Date: October 22, 1964

Language: English

Ephemera : none

Project: La Habra Valley , Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 38 pp. , bound in *La Habra Pioneers* , vol. 5

Abstract : Taciturn narrator was nephew to one of the Bastanchury women and comments on the Bastanchury ranch, the Discovery Well episode with Murphy Oil Company, and the eventual loss of the ranch during the Depression. Comments on Basque, Japanese, and Mexican workers on various ranches; sheep shearing process; Basque barbeques held on Bastanchury ranch; water reservoir on his ranch; La Habra C itrus Association; dry farming and trading crops for supplies. Hualde, Bastanchury, and Berrocochea family connections explained.

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OH2207

Pankey, Edgar and Elizabeth

"An oral history with Edgar and Elizabeth Pankey"

Interviewed by Bonnie Pendleton

Date: March 22, 1991

Language: English

Ephemera : photos

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 36 pp.

Abstract : Edgar relates frontier experiences of his grandfather, Henry Sterling Pankey, who came to California in a wagon train, survived mistreatment of a cruel stepfather, worked at the Butterfield stage station in the Anaheim area, eventually purchased land and ran an apiary in Temescal. Henry Pankey's exploits in dealing with bears who stole his honey, a horse thief, and working with Nicholas Earp are recounted. Ed's father was a sharecropper on the Irvine ranch but he later owned farmland in Tustin . Ed recalls his own childhood , community barbecues and picnics, smudging citrus groves, party line telephone and witnessing a shivaree. Discusses his land holdings, damaged cabbage crop, his affiliations and family .

OH 2342

Pannier, Roger

"An oral history with Roger Pannier"

Interviewed by Barbara Mauerhan Pannier

Date: September 23, 1993

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, newspaper articles

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 13 pp.

Abstract : The challenge to make a living by growing citrus is outlined by the narrator. Using both his father and grandfather as models, he discusses the labor involved in successful citriculture. Born on a farm in Anaheim , narrator recalls his jobs in agriculture, his interest in sports, and the local social life that centered on the Evangelical United Brethren church that his grandfather helped construct. Narrator eventually owned and managed four groves but worked at other jobs to make ends meet for his family .

OH2037

Parke, Elaine

"An oral history with Elaine Parke"

Interviewed by Bettie Webber

Date: July 27, 1988

Language: English

Ephemera : None

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 2 pp.; bound with OH 2038 and OH2039

Abstract : Very brief genealogy of Helen Parke and Ethel Moore, granddaughters of Dr. Willella Howe Waffle, first woman doctor in the area. Narrator is daughter-in-law of Helen Parke.

OH2038

Parke, Helen Huff

"An oral history with Helen Parke"

Interviewed by Bettie Webber

Date: April 12, 1988

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, diploma

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 15 pp.; bound with OH 2037 and OH 2039

Abstract : Granddaughter of Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle recalls time spent with her grandmother visiting patients and in her back yard hot house and aviary learning names of plants and birds. Helen stayed in a tent with her sister at grandmother's home when they had small pox. Recalls trip to San Francisco with her father after 1906 earthquake.

OH2305

Parslow, Dorothy Dinkler

"An oral history with Dorothy Parslow"

Interviewed by Barbara Oldewage

Date: January 26, 1993

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, certificates

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 23 pp.

Abstract : Resident of early Anaheim shares recollections of the community's holiday parades and dances, numerous businesses, local floods in 1916 and 1938, earthquakes in 1922 and 1933, Santa Ana winds, reaction to Aimee Semple McPherson, announcement of Armistice in 1918, influenza precautions, and response to Ku-Klux Klan. Remembers radio announcement about Pearl Harbor, seeing Connie Mack's team winter in Anaheim , and Herbert Hoover at the train depot. Lists schools she attended and recalls Japanese and Mexican classmates; mother

was afraid of Chinese laundry business because of opium use. Gives genealogy of Danker and Dinkle families, anecdotes about parents' philosophy and social involvements, and description of her residences.

OH2344

Plavan, Lloyd Richard

"An oral history with Lloyd Plavan"

Interviewed by William Gulley

Date: February 15, 1994

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, newspaper article, biographical manuscripts

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 18 pp.

Abstract : Grandson of Frank and Katherine Plavan explains the connection between Plavan, Planchon, and Newell families; grandfather helped reroute Santa Ana river to control flooding; uncle and father developed large plow to improve land for farming and invented several other pieces of farming equipment. Narrator was a navy pilot in World War II and had a career as an airline pilot. Tells of his car stalling at the single automatic light in Santa Ana and gives some family genealogy.

OH2767

Porter, Elsie Eckhoff

"An oral history with Elsie Porter"

Interviewed by Barbara Oldewage, assisted by Tom Porter, Elsie's son

Date: April 14, 1999

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, documents, newspaper articles

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 44 pp.

Abstract : Describes childhood home near Orange including the installation of utilities and threat of flooding, family cars replacing the buggy. Recalls first Armistice day, flu quarantine, family trips to the beach, tonsillectomy without anesthesia, and getting driver's license at age 14. Mother had been live-in seamstress, Elsie attended college and majored in home economics and later directed the state's WPA sewing program where she was awarded equal pay for equal work. Married and lived in Berkeley for a while and then returned to Orange to live on orange grove property; dealt with smudge pots , wind machines, and KFI radio weather reports. Eventually obtained real estate license to handle building and rental issues on land as the groves diminished. Tom tells of the Sunkist Exchange Building that he owns and operates as an art gallery.

OH 2481

Proud, Wilber

"An oral history with Wilber Proud"

Interviewed by Esther Cramer

Date: January 13, 1995

Language: English

Ephemera : photos, genealogy, newspaper article

Project: Orange County Pioneer Council

Status: Complete transcript , 54 pp.

Abstract : In his account of the Proud family history, Wilber names all uncles and aunts and gives brief life reviews of each. His father was Orange County District Road Superintendent, responsible for the construction of many early roads in north county. The numerous Proud descendents populated Fullerton High School from 1910 to 1952, though Wilber did not finish high school but went to work to assist the family finances. He recalls many residences he occupied as a child and those he had with his own family, blankets school children knitted for World War I soldiers, odd jobs he held during the Depression, and expresses some embarrassment with the National Recovery Act. Worked many years as machinist for Globe Oil Tool company before retirement. Shares school and Halloween pranks and information of family's affliction with Ehlers-Danlos disease.