

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

Five new interviews are available for patrons to use. Stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to and/or view these interviews—or the more than 1,000 other interviews in the collection.

OH 1147V A-C. Jim Walker's family homesteaded land west of Boulder in 1882 that eventually became the 6,000-acre Walker Ranch. Mr. Walker talks about growing up on the ranch; ranch life; and the roads, buildings, and families of the surrounding area. By Dock Teegarden and members of the Boulder County Parks and Open Space staff. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. Transcribed by Anne Dyni.

OH 1173V A-B. Gene Ideker, talks about the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant from the perspective of his 25-year career there, which included jobs ranging from machinist foreman to Deputy General Manager of the plant. By Hannah Nordhaus.

OH 1180V A-B. Dr. Jock Cobb describes his work on Governor Lamm's Rocky Flats Task Force, his research examining the amount of plutonium in the tissue of people who lived near Rocky Flats, and his concerns about contamination of Rocky Flats workers and suppression of research results. By Hannah Nordhaus.

OH 1181V. Dr. Lee Newman describes his work

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Jim Walker (right), reminisces with Dock Teegarden about his childhood on the 6,000-acre Walker Ranch. (See OH 1147V A-C.)

on the development of a test to diagnose beryllium sensitivity and beryllium disease; his studies of the incidence of berylliosis in Rocky Flats workers; and worker treatment, safety, and illness compensation issues. By Dorothy Ciarlo.

OH 1183V. Dr. Max Greenlee, Jr. talks about the life of his father, Dr. Max Greenlee, Sr., who was one of the early

members of the Boulder Medical Center, where he was an ophthalmologist from 1959 to 1973. Dr. Greenlee, Jr., also relates memories of his mother, Helen Lisle Greenlee. By Marvin Woolf.

Volunteers' Report

Welcome to new volunteer Joyce Gordon. Joyce started doing oral history interviews by interviewing her parents and has continued to film interviews on her own. She is looking forward to having a group with which to share her interest in oral history.

Interviews completed last month: Dorothy Ciarlo interviewed the co-authors of *The Ambushed Grand Jury*, about the grand jury that considered evidence pertaining to Rocky Flats. Anne Dyni interviewed Albert Leyner, whose great-grandparents came to Boulder County by covered wagon in 1859. Robyn Crispe interviewed Sharon Dalebout about her involvement in fiber arts.

Next volunteer meeting
Saturday, May 1
at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming interviews: Volunteers have scheduled a variety of interviews for the near future. Shirley Steele plans to interview both Josie Heath and Janet Roberts. Rocky Thompson hopes to do a series of interviews with people about renewable energy. Doris Olsen is setting up interviews with women who are or have been homeless in Boulder County. Robyn Crispe is planning to interview rock climber Beth Bennett.

Kudos to these oral history volunteers:

- June Howard, who has been honored with the Ricky Weiser Award by PLAN-Boulder County
- Beth Simmons, whose manuscript, *Idaho Springs: A Quick History*, has been accepted for publication.

A reminder: Rocky Thompson is available—when his work schedule allows—to volunteers who want a videographer to film while they interview.

Oral History Program News

Rocky also will be exploring options for outfitting our cameras with dual microphones to help prevent the problem of our interviewers' voices not being as loud as the narrators' voices.

Check out the Carnegie display created by Mary Jo Reitsema for the month of April on Boulder's Historic Schools. Several oral histories, including ones by Jewel Wolcott, are featured.

Susan has started a folder with information about OH offshoot projects, such as books and documentary films based on oral histories. Ask to see the folder if you are looking for inspiration, ideas about formats, or contacts with whom to discuss similar projects of your own.

Next meeting is the VERY FIRST DAY of May!

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