

THE MARIA ROGERS

Oral History Program

JULY 2001

NEWS FROM THE JULY ORAL HISTORY MEETING



New Volunteer

We are pleased to welcome Liz McCutchin, who has been thinking about joining the Oral History Program for a long time and has decided to take the plunge. Liz has been involved with Anne Dyni in creating the Lohr-McIntosh Museum.

New Interviews

Anne Dyni completed an interview with Juanita Vigil, who lived in the Lohr-McIntosh house. Wendy filmed the interview, which took place on site at the Lohr-McIntosh Museum.

Jung Soo Kim completed her first Oral History interview—an interview with Evelyn Haskins, who emigrated to Boulder in the 1930s from Goodland, KS.

Lise Cordsen interviewed Betty Wickstrom, whose father and grandmother were born in Caribou. Betty talked about subjects as diverse as gold mining in Caribou, the Sugarloaf community in the 1930s, and prejudice in the 1930s against Italians and Catholics in the area.

Several volunteers who had an active month of interviewing in June were not on hand at our July meeting because they were out having too much fun—backpacking and rafting and such. We hope to have a full report of their oral history and other activities at our August meeting!

Susan registered five new interviews in June and completed processing for three inter-

views, which now are available to the public for viewing or listening (see box).

Oral History Miscellany

In June, we discussed purchasing some books pertaining to oral history and genealogy in memory of Jim Cox. We have purchased three books:

- *The Directory of Genealogical and Historical Libraries, Archives and Collections in the United States and Canada*
- *To Our Children's Children: Preserving Family Histories for Generations to Come*
- *How to Tape Instant Oral Biographies*

NEW ADDITION TO THE COLLECTION

The following interviews were added to the collection in June:

OH 1013V: **Robert and Ronny Bush** talk about Bush's Drive-In, which was owned by their father and uncle from the 1940s to the 1970s, and growing up in Boulder during the 1950s. Interviewed by Marvin Woolf (video)

OH 1015: an audio recording of a lecture by **Wayne Arner** to the Lafayette Historical Society about the life of his great-grandfather, Joseph Simpson, and the about the Simpson Mine. Recorded and transcribed by Anne Dyni. (audio)

OH 1017V: **Dave Cook** talks about the growth of the field of business law in Boulder in the past twenty years. **Martha Cook** describes teaching at Boulder Country Day School and discusses private vs. public education. Interviewed by Marvin Woolf (video)

Please stop in at the Carnegie Library during our regular hours to listen to or view the above interviews or any of our 1,000-plus other interviews.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebration Countdown: 1001 in 2001. Just two months to go till our celebration of the Oral History Program. The festivities will take place September 9, from 2–5 pm at Carnegie Library.

(Meetings take place the first Saturday of each month)

NEXT MEETING:
Saturday
August 4
9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in donating money toward the purchase of these books, please send a check **made out to the Boulder Public Library**, with “Jim Cox Book Fund” in the memo line, or see Susan, Mary Jo or Wendy.

Dorothy Ciarlo will be giving a talk in San Francisco in August at which she will make mention of interviews she has done for the Oral History Program. In June, she and Susan worked their way through Jim Cox’s instructions for using software that can capture slides and still photos from digital video recordings, so that Dorothy could create slides to use at her talk. This technology now is available for others in the program to use.

Jack Raese brought in a film clip of an NBC Nightly News report about the developing field of

commercial production of oral histories for families that want to document the lives of their elderly family members. The Carnegie Library kept a copy of the report; ask Mary Jo or Wendy to view it.

Barbara has completed a mailing list for all interviewees since 1985 that will be used to mail out invitations to the September Oral History Celebration.

Equipment update: Mary Jo reports there are now three new tape recorders on hand—one is available for patrons to use to listen to interviews on audio cassette at the library, but the others are available for volunteers to use for interviewing. You may choose to conduct a tape recorded interview if you are not comfortable using the camera equipment or you may want to make an audio tape of

your interviews as a backup to the video recording.

There also are now headphones in each of the camera bags so that you may do better sound checks before beginning an interview. Each bag also contains a 3-to-2-prong adapter. Some older homes don’t have 3-prong plugs, making the adapter a handy gadget that allows you to plug the camera into these wall outlets.

Tip from Anne Dyni
✦ Start your interview with an introduction for the listener. Include the date of the interview, your name, the fact that you are interviewing for the Maria Rogers Oral History program, the name of the person you are interviewing, and a little background about the interviewee.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ORAL HISTORY? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

If you would like to know more about the Oral History Program, call Mary Jo Reitsema at 303-441-3110

The Oral History Program has volunteer opportunities for people who would like to interview, people who would like to film interviews, and people interested in entering interviews into our new computerized digital archive system. Training is provided in all areas.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Catherine Childs, volunteer coordinator for the library, at 303-441-3114.

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MORE INFORMATION ON THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM:

www.boulder.lib.co.us/branch/carnegiemariarogers.html