

THE MARIA ROGERS

Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2002

NEW INTERVIEWS

OH 1003V A-B. A recording of the 41st Annual PLAN-Boulder County dinner. Filmed by Guy Errickson.

OH 1004V A-B. Alan Cass talks about his childhood, his career as an event announcer, and the history and contents of the Glenn Miller Archive at CU, of which he is now curator. By Boyce Sher. Filmed by Jon Raese.

OH 1062V A-B. Charles "Binx" Rugg discusses mining, life in Eldora in the 1930s and the Nederland Mining Museum. His daughter, Cindy McCollum, describes present-day mining contests. By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

OH 2068V. Inez Gamble describes growing up in Boulder from 1920 on. She also discusses the Watts house at 1220 17th St. and the formation of the Hillside Historic District. By Shirley Steele.

News from the June Meeting...

During our June meeting, we watched a portion of Anne Dyni's interview with Howard Morton in which he talked about a series of early twentieth century photos that show his family using farm machinery for threshing. The portion of the interview we viewed demonstrated effective use of photos for eliciting memories and storytelling, as well as excellent interviewing technique (by Anne) and filming technique (by Liz McCutcheon).



Alan Cass (OH 1004) is the curator of the Glenn Miller Archive at CU

Several recent deaths have brought home to us the importance of the work that oral history volunteers do. Bill Dennison, whom Dorothy Ciarlo interviewed about Rocky Flats, and John Morris, whom Nicky Lee interviewed about his job as a former Boulder Planning Director, died recently. Mr. Dennison's family and Mr. Morris' successors at the Boulder Planning Department each expressed their appreciation at having copies of the interviews, which preserve the experiences and knowledge of these two men. Brian Dennison, who also worked at Rocky Flats, contacted Dorothy after seeing his father's interview, to thank her and tell her he had additional information to add about Rocky Flats. She has since interviewed him.

Shirley Steele gave us an update on the Superior Industrial Mining Camp project. She now has the names of twelve people to be interviewed who lived in Superior in the 1930s or whose families came to Superior to work in the coal mines. She will interview them about living in the company town that was built and run by the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company. Nicky Lee will work with Shirley on these interviews, but there are enough interviewees for more volunteers to get involved. Contact Shirley for more information.

June Howard is helping Guy Errickson set up interviews with some of the founding members of PLAN-Boulder County. They hope to have the first of the interviews done by the end of June.

COMING EVENTS

Volunteer & Staff Get-Together:

Wednesday, June 26,
5:15 p.m.
at the Oasis Restaurant

Volunteer Meeting:

Saturday, August 3
9:00 a.m.



Virtual Photo Library

The Carnegie Library is ready to accept photos for a virtual photo library. This photo collection will consist of photographs that will not be physically in the collection but will be scanned and available for viewing on the library's web site. The photos will be able to be viewed on a computer monitor screen, will be accessible to people all over the world, and thus will be a valuable tool for researchers. Please tell your interviewees who have interesting photographs that they can donate the images to the Carnegie collection without relinquishing the actual photos. The process would involve filling out a catalog sheet and a deed of gift form for each photo and loaning the

photograph to Carnegie for about two weeks for scanning. See Wendy for more information or to arrange for the donation of scanned images. Of course, if your interviewees would like to donate their actual photos to the library, Carnegie would be most appreciative.

Architectural Photo Collection

Spread the word: the Carnegie Library is beginning a new collection of photographs that will document homes and businesses in Boulder from the 1950s to the 1990s, which will complement an already extensive photo collection of buildings through the 1940s. The library is interested in acquiring photos of structures from the 1950s on from both individuals and organizations.

IN BRIEF

We will NOT have a monthly volunteer meeting in July. The next volunteer meeting will be the first Saturday in August, which is August 3.

Those of our volunteers who can't bear the thought of waiting that long to get together again (or those of you who just like to have fun), are invited to join us for an **Oral History social evening at the Oasis on Wednesday, June 26.** Come anytime after 5:15 and stay for as short or long as you like for beer, coffee, appetizers, or dinner. Please let Susan know (see contact information in box at left) if you are going to join us, anytime up until the day before, so we will know how big a table to reserve.

An **updated volunteer list** is available that includes contact information for several new volunteers. If you did not get one at the June meeting, stop by and ask Susan for a new list or pick one up at the August meeting.

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The public is invited to stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to or view any of our more than 1,000 interviews.

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