

# THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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## New Interviews

Seven 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 1,200 other interviews in the collection. Summaries and transcripts for our oral histories are available online at [www.bpl.carnegie.org/oralhistory](http://www.bpl.carnegie.org/oralhistory).

**OH 1210V A-B.** Former Rocky Flats employee and whistleblower **Jacque Brever** talks about working at the plant; the reaction of other workers, the union, and other management to her whistleblowing activities; and her role in the Grand Jury investigation of Rocky Flats. By Dorothy Ciarlo. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

**OH 1254V A-B.** **Bob DelPizzo** talks about working at Rocky Flats as a lab technician and lab supervisor from 1959 to 1995. He describes the technical aspects of the work he did and discusses safety and security at the plant, as well as some of the things that made it a good place to work. By Dorothy Ciarlo. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

**OH 1271V A-B.** **Wes McKinley** talks about his experiences as foreman of the Grand Jury that investigated the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant and about the book he co-wrote detailing that experience (*The Ambushed Grand Jury*). By Dorothy Ciarlo. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

## FEATURED INTERVIEW



**Clara Perez-Mendez discusses being an adult second language learner, becoming a U.S. citizen, and the Hispanic-American community of Boulder in OH1289V.**

Station, talks about opening and running the store, his philosophy of personalized customer service and of paying employees a living wage; developments in the film rental industry; and the climate for small businesses in Boulder. By Joyce Gordon.

**OH 1289V A-B.** **Clara Perez-Mendez** relates her experience of immigrating to the United States from Mexico, being an adult second language learner, and becoming a U.S. citizen. She also talks about the Hispanic-American community of Boulder, the many social service agencies for which she has worked, and her consulting company, Puentes Culturales. By Joyce Gordon. Transcribed by Joan Podgorski.

**OH 1295V.** **Iletta Teague**, who worked at Rocky Flats from 1963 to 1979, talks about the “Life is Fragile”

**OH 2375V A-B.** **Eileen Metzger** and her daughter **Becky Howard** talk about the long history of the Gould, Doud, and Knutson families in the area. Includes discussion of farming, the Tommy Jones Stage Stop, and Erie schools in the 1920s and 1930s. By Shirley Steele. Filmed by Shirley Steele and Liz McCutcheon.

**OH 1284V A-B.** **Scott Woodland**, the original co-owner of Colorado’s largest independent video rental store, The Video

**Next volunteer meeting**  
**June 4**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**

program, security procedures at Rocky Flats, and general work conditions at the plant. By Nancy Nachman-Hunt. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

## History News

**Sound on the Internet.** The oral history web site currently is being revised so that it will be able to stream the audio of our oral history interviews. We expect sound to be available via internet sometime in June. The sound option will work best for users who have high speed internet connections (such as DSL or cable). Summaries and transcripts will continue to be available for all internet users.

**Oral History Presentation.** Wendy Hall will give an hour-long presentation about the oral history program at the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists

meeting in Denver on June 4.

**Kudos.** Congratulations to Anne Dyni, who received a Square Nail Award from the Heritage Roundtable for her many contributions to researching and recording the history of East Boulder County towns and the agricultural heritage of the area. Congratulations also to Wendy Hall and Marti Anderson, who received Preserving Community Awards from the Heritage Roundtable for their library work in the field of historic preservation.

**Oral History Tip:**  
**Jot down names used by your interviewee as they come up, then ask for correct spelling before you leave. If someone else will be preparing the transcript, turn in the list of names with your interview tapes.**

**Livestock Day.** The Agricultural Heritage Center (8348 Ute Highway 66), presents "Livestock Day" Sat., June 11, from 10-4. Visitors will be able to see farm animals "on the moove" and find out what it means to "work like a dog." More info: 303-776-8848.

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