

# THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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## New Interviews

This issue describes **eleven new interviews** that are available in the Maria Rogers Oral History Program collection, available at the Carnegie Branch Library and online.

Additionally, if you are interested in our Rocky Flats collection of oral histories, you might want to check out interviewer Hannah Nordhaus' article, "**The Half-Life of Memory: The Struggle to Remember the Nuclear West,**" in the February 16th issue of High Country News, which is based on the information from our oral histories. You can read it online at [www.hcn.org/issues/41.3/the-half-life-of-memory](http://www.hcn.org/issues/41.3/the-half-life-of-memory).

**OH 1483V.** Poet and Ward resident **Kayanne Pickens-Solem** talks about how and why she joined the Ward community and about the arts in Ward, including artists who live and work there, readings and art shows the community has sponsored, the artist-in-residence program, and the library as an arts venue. By Pat Cypher. Filmed by Ann Gillis. Transcribed by Susan Becker.

**OH 1485V.** **Lorren (Smitty) Smith** talks about his involvement with Camp Tahosa, Camp Harmony, the Henderson Ranch, and Stapp's Lake Resort. He details the work that he and his wife Betty did with young people, such as backpacking trips and a high ropes course. He also talks about firefighting in the mountains and rescue services provided by the Indian Peaks Fire Protection District. By Pat Cypher. Filmed by Barbara Monroe. Transcribed by Phyl Thomas.

**OH 1492V.** **Virginia Aragon** describes growing up on ranches owned by her parents, Kingdon Carlisle Parsons and Marian Parsons, on South Boulder Road and later on Lee Hill Road (the Wineglass Ranch). Topics include family history, history of the Lee Hill Road Ranch, raising horses, ranch chores, area wildlife, and changes

## FEATURED INTERVIEW



**Roxanne Bailin, Boulder County District Courth Chief Judge since 1998, and a Boulder County Pacesetter in 2009, talks about her legal career and innovative programs she has created in OH 1537V.**

in Boulder. By Linda Batlin. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. Transcribed by Linda Batlin and Susan Becker.

**OH 1497V.** **Frank Dubofsky** describes jobs he has held in the legal field, including personal injury law for plaintiffs, being a judge in District Court and the Colorado Court of Appeals; being a mediation judge; and teaching law at the University of Denver Law School. He also talks about his political philosophy, his work in the civil rights movement, for the Democratic Party, and with Boulder Prep Charter School. By Marvin Woolf. Transcribed by Dee Baron.

**OH 1518V A-B.** This recording of a program sponsored by the Boulder History Museum features several speakers who discuss **migrant farm workers and farmers** in Boulder County as well as some of the programs that assist them. Filmed by Marvin Woolf. Transcribed by Dee Baron.

**OH 1522V.** **Clarence Kneebone**, a Lafayette native, talks about his family's long history of farming in the area and describes the Kneebone Dairy. The interview includes

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details about growing up on the farm and his boyhood chores, his later work with the National Bureau of Standards while continuing to raise cattle and hogs, his dedication to working with 4H students, and his role as beef superintendent for the Boulder County Fair. Interviewed by Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. Transcribed by Penny Heiple.

**OH 1523.** This recording consists of four episodes of **Forest Crossen's radio show, *Western Yesterdays***. In these episodes, he discusses horse-drawn transportation from Boulder to mountain towns during the 1800s and early 1900s; memorable stagecoach trips; early automobile trips from Boulder to the mountains for tourists; and the Caribou Mining Camp during the late 1800s. Recorded by Forest Crossen. Transcribed by Susan Becker.

**OH 1524.** In this recording of two episodes of the radio show ***Western Yesterdays*, Forest Crossen** talks about early transportation between Nederland and Boulder, the discovery of the Caribou and Poorman mines, the building of Barker Dam, tungsten mining in the Nederland area, and several mills in and near Nederland that processed ore. Transcribed by Diane

Baron.

**OH 1525V. Bob Greenlee** talks about the initial business opportunities that brought him to Boulder and others he has created. He also talks about being a Boulder City Council member and mayor and involvement with Republican politics. He speaks about balancing economic development with Open Space and growth control. He discusses the philosophy behind his philanthropic activities such as the I Have a Dream program and the Greenlee Family Foundation. By Shirley Steele.

**OH 1537V. Roxanne Bailin**, Chief Judge of the Twentieth Judicial District of Boulder County, talks about becoming the first female District Court judge in Boulder County in 1987 and the first female Boulder County District Court Chief Judge in 1998. She describes a series of Treatment Court Programs that she initiated to serve the community better, in particular by helping people in the legal system who have problems with drug and alcohol addiction and those who suffer from chronic mental health problems. She also addresses changes that have taken place in the Boulder County court system over the years. By June Steinberg. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. Transcribed by Susan Becker.

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