Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator(s): JENNIFER YEN PHAM & DUY “DAVID” DO
Interviewer: Zed James I. Santiago
Date: March 4, 2013
Location: Orange, California
Length of Interview: 1:48:30

FIELD NOTES

The interview was conducted in the living room of Mrs. Pham & Mr. Do’s home in Orange, CA. Present during the interview were Narrator(s), Jennifer Yen Pham and Duy David Do, and the interviewer, Zed James Santiago. We followed the protocol and Mrs. Pham signed all consent and release forms on behalf of the two of them prior to the interview. I took photos of the narrators using my iPhone camera.

David Do welcomed me into his home and offered me a drink instantaneously. He was dressed very casually in a polo shirt and jeans and the same goes with Jennifer Pham. They were very interested about the project and were open to answer the questions asked to them. The interview was a bit long but this was due to them sometimes answering question individually or even contributing more to their significant other’s previous response. They were elaborate but seemed to spend a lot of time talking about their transition from Vietnam to America a lot more than early childhood and such.

The interview overall went pretty well, I have been told that I have done one of the first joint or couple VAOHP projects, so it came to me as a challenge but it was awesome. Future reference, ask your closest friends first if you can interview their parents because sometimes they will be more willing to do it than with others who you aren’t close with. Also have numerous back up plans and be on top of it all just in case anything fails on short notice.