Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: NAM QUAN NGUYEN
Interviewer: Jennifer Le
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Location: Irvine, California
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Length of Interview: 01:37:06

Time Log

00:00:50 Nam Quan introduces himself
00:10:04 He talks about his hometown Qui Nhon, Buon Ma Thuot, and Saigon.
00:14:38 He discusses his schooling in Vietnam.
00:18:29 He talks about his memories of his grandparents.
00:18:54 He talks about his siblings.
00:19:45 He talks about the languages he speak and what he chooses to speak in certain settings such as work and school.
00:32:01 He talks about his family’s traditions, religion, and about his grandparents.
00:42:13 He talks about how the war affected him and his family.
00:45:55 He talks about how he feels about leaving Vietnam and discusses his opinions on U.S. policy.
00:54:12 He discusses his experience and challenges he faced when he first came to the U.S. and how their sponsors and the government helped them during this difficult transition.
01:00:01 He talks about his career, the career changes he made, and why he decided to change careers.
01:04:04 He talks about how he identifies himself in American society.
01:10:37 He talks about how he became a citizen and how he exercises his right to vote.
He talks about the current Vietnamese community in Vietnam and here in Orange County. He focuses on how different the first and second generations are.

Nam Quan talks about his hobbies and shares a personal story about how he connected with the youth in Vietnam through a song he composed.