Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: ALEX LUU
Interviewer: JONATHAN SHIN
Date: May 25, 2014
Location: Sierra Madre, California
Sub-collection: Vietnamese American Experience Course, Spring 2014
Length of Interview: 01:30:20

FIELD NOTES

The interview was conducted outside the Sierra Madre Library. It was a Sunday, so the library itself was closed so the recording included passing vehicles and minor ambient noise. The narrator and interviewer were the only people present during the interview. After a brief introduction, we followed protocol and signed all consent and release forms before beginning.

Alex Luu showed up to the interview dressed casually in a grey T-shirt and jeans. He seemed very comfortable and approachable. Fortunately, he spoke perfect English so communication was not an issue. The interview began a little choppy and awkward as the initial questions were asked, but eventually Alex began to open up and talk freely about relevant stories and memories.

As we continued, the interview began to feel more like a conversation and the dialogue became much more relaxed. In fact, well into the interview, Alex began using more colorful vocabulary to embellish his stories. At times, I had questions, but I did not want to stop his train of thought as he briefly gave accounts of his many different stops on the way to his current place of residence.

With the exception of the background noise, the interview went smoothly with Alex Luu, but we may have to follow-up to verify certain keywords that may have been hard to make out in the recording.