Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: MIMI LUU
Interviewer: Beverly Luu
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Time Log

00:01:02 Mimi Luu begins discussing her family and childhood.
00:06:19 She talks about her time in jail after being captured by the Viet Cong.
00:09:21 She begins to talk about life after jail, and how her family fell from wealth. She begins to talk about her brother who lost his life trying to escape Vietnam on a boat.
00:14:30 She begins talking about her experiences when she first came to America.
00:16:18 She begins to talk about her experiences driving and looking for a job.
00:18:30 Ms. Luu talks about her divorce.
00:19:30 She begins to talks about Chinese New Year in Vietnam and how different it is from America.
00:21:23 She recalls funny childhood memories of her family and stories her parents have told her.
00:22:18 Ms. Luu talks about her mother and the progression of her mother’s sickness.
00:26:13 Ms. Luu begins to talk about her new life in America and the jobs that she has held.
00:28:42 She talks about her regrets since coming to America.
She talks about the place she traveled to when she first came to America.

Here she talks about how she got her driver’s license.

She begins talking about her memories of the war, mostly having to do with her interaction with the Viet Cong.

She talks about life after the Fall of Saigon as well as why she could not leave Vietnam until 1983.

Ms. Luu talks about how her aunt died because she was hit by a train as well as crying over her daughter’s admission to UC Irvine.

She talks about her mother and the dishes her mother used to make. Also talks about how her mother loved her and took care of her even after she was married.

Ms. Luu discusses her life after getting married.

She tells stories about her children.

She reflects upon her own life.

She tells funny stories about her children.

She recalls stories of her trip back to Vietnam.

She discusses her views of the future and the American government.

She passes a few last words to the next generation.