Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: An Do
Interviewer: Thinh Do
Date: May 16, 2016
Location: Cerritos, California
Sub-Collection: Thuy Vo Dang Oral Histories
Length of interview: 59:42

FIELD NOTES

The interview was conducted in Narrator’s living room in Cerritos, California. Present during the interview were the Narrator, An Do and the interviewer Thinh Do. We followed the protocol and signed all consent and release forms prior to beginning. I took photos of the narrator and he was very accommodating throughout the entire process.

An Do showed up to the interview dress comfortably at home in shorts and a polo. He seemed like he had a good rest the night before. The house was quiet so it was just him and me. In the beginning the everything sounded very formal but as the interview went on we both got comfortable and the stories started flowing. His interview was short because something came up with his wife and he had somewhere to be. We both were more comfortable speaking English during the interview but there are some Vietnamese used as well.

It recommended that both parties should have known more of what he interview was going to be like or what questions were involved, but perhaps with questions given to him in advance so he can reflect on his experiences more. A better time should have been set up so that he didn’t have to leave so abruptly during the interview. Altogether, the interview went pretty well, nice and smooth.