Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: TU ANH VU

Interviewer: Richard Anh Vu

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Location: Huntington Beach, California

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Length of Interview: 01:10:50

Time Log

00:00:19 Tu Anh Vu discusses his birthplace and birthdate
00:00:49 He discusses his emigration to Gia Dinh in South Vietnam.
00:03:26 His childhood and impressions growing up in Gia Dinh.
00:04:24 The traditions of a Catholic Vietnamese community.
00:06:52 Joining the military and experiences training in the United States.
00:11:49 Returning to Vietnam for active duty.
00:13:30 Thoughts concerning marriage
00:17:22 Experiences near the end of the Vietnam War
00:22:31 Escape the day South Vietnam fell
00:27:38 Experiences in refugee camps in order to get to the United States
00:32:39 Arrival in the United States and living with his mother-in-law
00:35:52 Leaving Georgia and heading to California
00:37:44 Establishing himself in California
00:40:31 Finding a Catholic Vietnamese community in Gardena
Moving to Huntington Beach, California
Feelings concern the transition between Vietnamese and American culture
Returning to Vietnam for the first time since leaving
Contacting other relatives who escaped from Vietnam
The traditions he still keeps here in the United States
Struggles with working in the United States.
Getting his degree at Cal State Long Beach
Appreciation for being able to come to the United States
Thoughts on the Vietnamese American community in general
Message to the younger generation of Vietnamese American and closing thoughts