Narrator: TRINH NGOC NGUYEN
Interviewer: Christina Quynh Huong Nguyen
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Time Log

00:00:03: Christina Nguyen begins introductions of Oral History project.
00:00:25: Narrator, Trinh Nguyen introduces herself and provides her date of birth and place of birth.
00:00:43: She speaks about her parents and then describes them.
00:01:24: She talks about where she grew up and talks about what it was like.
00:01:49: She begins to explain about the other cities she have lived in.
00:02:06: She starts talking about some childhood memories of when living with her grandparents.
00:03:15: She starts talking about her neighbors.
00:04:02: She begins talking about her siblings.
00:05:01: She starts talking about some ghost experience with her family.
00:06:39: She explains that her family gathers together once in a while and explains what they do together.
00:07:20: She begins talking about her immediate family such as her husband and children.
00:09:00: She gives examples of traditions she does with her family, but hard for her to think about it on the spot, but eventually begins talking about traditions for ancestors as well.

00:10:30: She begins talking about the celebrations of Tet.

00:11:15: She begins talking about her religions and the religion within the family.

00:12:18: She explains their family has no family recipes.

00:12:50: Talks about how they have no family heirlooms in America, but they have photo albums in America.

00:15:07: She talks about how the war affected her family and community.

00:15:28: Talks about where she lived during the war and what she did during the war.

00:16:20: Explains her brother roles during the war and what happened to them.

00:17:05: She tries to send food to her brothers.

00:18:30: explains the chaos during the last few days of the war.

00:19:48: Begins talking about the time she finally left Vietnam, how she left, and how it felt.

00:20:50: Her boat lands in Indonesia.

00:22:34: Explains how she felt when she was able to leave to America.

00:23:40: Talks about who left with her and her stay during the refugee camp.

00:25:01: Left by sponsorship.

00:25:37: She explains how she felt about America and her experiences.

00:27:35: Felt lucky and does not regret coming to the United States.

00:28:03: She explains about the challenged of moving to America.

00:29:23: She explains how long she was in school and how she met her husband.

00:30:47: Talks about the differences between the people in Vietnam and in America.

00:32:28: She identifies herself as Vietnamese.
00:32:55: She begins talking about some memorable moments from when she first came to America.

00:33:28: Made friends in America, but no longer keeps in contact with them.

00:33:47: She talks about how she became a citizen of The Unites States.

00:34:52: Talks about how long she has been a citizen.

00:35:26: Explains why she votes and which political party she is on.

00:36:11: She talks about the family members she has in Vietnam.

00:36:37: Talks about her visitation to Vietnam.

00:38:40: Some portraits in her house remind her of Vietnam she says.

00:40:40: Explains how she keeps traditions such as wearing the ao dai.

00:41:16: She explains her thoughts on the Vietnamese culture in America.

00:41:51: Talks about why she visits Little Saigon and how she feels about it.

00:43:29: Explains her thoughts on what the future Vietnamese generations should know.

00:43:58: She explains what language she speaks and how she tries to preserve it.

00:45:10: Begins telling stories about how she and friends would bike around in Vietnam.

00:46:17: She begins describing the schools in Vietnam and how it’s the same as the schools in America.

00:47:13: She tells how she would get hit by the teacher for not doing her homework.

00:48:58: Begins talking about other cities she lived in beside My Tho and Saigon and why she lived in the other cities.

00:50:26: She tells that she doesn’t have a lot to remember in Vietnam because she moved around a lot.

00:50:55: Tells how her siblings live close by to her.
00:51:40: She begins to tell more stories about her and her siblings and how she ate out at night.

00:52:12: She talks about her favorite dish.

00:53:21: She said it took fourteen years before she was able to live with her parents.

00:54:39: Explains how she and her family left to California separately.

00:55:23: She explains how her mom sponsored for her two sisters to come to America.

00:57:19: She talks about how she enjoys her life in America right now. She has no regret.

00:58:20: She explains she wouldn’t live in Vietnam again because she feels more American now.

00:59:17: She explains how she feels about the people in Vietnam. She feels sorry for them.

00:59:50: She hopes it can change one day.

01:00:04: Conclusion of the interview.

01:00:22: End of Interview.