Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: VU VAN HOAT
Interviewer: Vince Vu
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Location: Santa Ana, CA
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Length of Interview: 1:03:06

TIME LOG

00:43 Narrator states name, age, and place of birth.
01:11 He describes hometown.
01:26 He talks about childhood in hometown village and his religion.
02:24 He talks about demographics of Sa Chau Village.
03:20 He discusses history of his Catholic faith and his village.
04:30 He describes traditions of Sa Chau Village including Tet.
08:17 He talks about learning how to read.
08:34 He explains moving from North to South Vietnam.
10:43 He describes about siblings.
11:08 He describes his parents.
14:20 He talks about Catholicism in Saigon.
15:33 He talks about going to school.
20:15 He remembers about his family’s participation in war, and his role.
25:40 He recalls family injuries and re-education camp.
27:20 He recounts last days of the war.
32:58 He talks about escaping Vietnam.
38:43 He explains entering America.
42:27 He talks about settling in America.
43:40 He talks about working in America.
47:25 He compares America to Vietnam.
49:43 He tells a story about his first American acquaintance.
51:07 He tells his opinion on Little Saigon.
52:15 He tells his feelings toward future Vietnamese Americans.
54:33 He remembers the passing of his parents.
57:35 He talks about more experiences in America.
59:03 He explains what he is doing currently in his retired life.
1:00:35 He shares his final thoughts on the war and questions American action.
1:03:06 END