

Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: Vu Nguyen

Interviewer: Howard Diep

Date: February 21st, 2013

Location: Irvine, California

Sub-Collection: Linda Vo Class Oral Histories, 2013

Length of Interview: 53:24

FIELD NOTES

The interview was conducted in Irvine, California. Present during the interview was the Narrator, Mr. Vu Nguyen and the interviewer Howard Minh Diep. We followed protocol and signed all consent and release forms prior to conducting the oral history interview. I received photos of the narrator and he was very cooperative throughout the entire process.

Mr. Vu Nguyen was dressed very casual with a baseball cap, shirt, and shorts. Alongside with him was his puppy. The interview was conducted very late at night in the living room. He brought with him an electronic cigarette, in which he occasionally puffed on. The house was prepared for the interview properly, being clean with sufficient lighting. Mr. Vu Nguyen was very considerate in the interview, offering to take time out of his busy schedule and day to participate in the oral history interview. Mr. Vu Nguyen proudly shared the immigration stories of his parents and what life was like for them and his grandparents back in Vietnam. He was especially proud of his grandfather, who was a famous fisherman on the Island of Phu Quoc.

Beforehand we had discussed some very important aspects of Mr. Nguyen's life that had pertinent information that related to many 1.5 Vietnamese American generation. Due to sensitive information regarding organized crime, Mr. Nguyen was hesitant and reluctant to share, although he did briefly mention a short story about it. Overall, the interview was quick and to the point with many interesting stories about his experiences growing up in Orange County.