Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: LEE BRANDT
Interviewer: Hye Jin Kim
Date: March 2, 2013
Location: Irvine, California
Sub-collection: Linda Vo Class Oral Histories, Winter 2013
Length of Interview: 00:55:24

Time Log

00:00:47  Lee Brandt talks about the locations he's lived in.
00:01:34  Lee Brandt discusses his childhood memories.
00:03:34  He talks about leaving Vietnam and about his adoption.
00:07:47  He talks about his adoptive family.
00:08:43  Lee Brandt talks about the challenges after he was adopted.
00:09:36  He gives examples of the cultural shock he felt.
00:12:12  He talks about his biological family.
00:13:40  His mother supported the family after his father's death.
00:15:56  He explains the influences both sets of families had on his life.
00:17:43  He discusses contacting his biological family after he was adopted.
00:20:34  Lee Brandt talks about the reunion with his biological family.
00:22:11  He still contacts both families.
00:23:06  He celebrates the Vietnamese New Year, along with other holidays, with his biological family.
00:24:50  He met his wife in Switzerland.
00:25:26  He moved around a lot to experience the world.
00:25:38  He talks about his travelling experiences.
00:26:24  He speaks about differences in culture and why he moved around so much.
He talks about sharing his history with his son.

He reminisces about travelling back to Vietnam.

He talks about getting past the language barrier.

Lee Brandt shares about his college life and experiences.

He talks about his impressions of the United States.

He talks about why he is settled in California, currently.

He compares life in Massachusetts to life in Southern California.

He talks about the racism he encountered as a child.

He talks about the different types of jobs he had.

He talks about how his story is the similarity between all the communities he's lived in.

He speaks on his relationship with the Vietnamese community.

He states that future generations of Vietnamese Americans should remember their Vietnamese culture and how this stems from his own experiences.