

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

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New Interviews

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OH 1196V. This interview includes video of a painting by **Clark Richert** that was commissioned by the Boulder Public Library for the main branch of the library. The artist discusses the artistic concepts, techniques, and symbolism of various objects in the painting. By Karen Ripley. Filmed by Wendy Hall.

OH 1301V A-B. Ken Korkia talks about his staff positions for the Rocky Flats Cleanup Commission and the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board. He discusses the work done by each of these groups and their funding, processes, and accomplishments, including the reduction in the allowable amount of residual surface soil contamination from plutonium on the Rocky Flats site after the cleanup. By Dorothy Ciarlo. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

OH 1325. Bob Grigsby talks about his military experience during World War II, including a description of the liberation of Dachau and a discussion of some of the realities of war. He also talks about his family history, including the family's acquisition of land in Longmont, his mother's tenure as a University of Colorado regent, his father's election to the Colorado Senate, his own career in law and in real estate, and his avocation of singing in a barbershop quartet. By Luke Lorenz. Transcribed by Dee Baron.

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Retired CU math professor **Robert Ellingwood** talks about a 1949 search and rescue operation in Rocky Mountain Park (OH 1352V) and the history of CU buildings (OH 1365V).

OH 1336V A-B. Cleveland McCarty, a pioneer in rock climbing and co-author of *High Over Boulder*, talks about his love for rock climbing and mountaineering since his boyhood days in Boulder. He shares stories of some of his more memorable climbs along the Front Range and elsewhere. By Robyn Crispe. Transcribed by Carol Jordan and Catherine Jopling.

OH 1352V. Robert Ellingwood talks about a search operation that took place in 1949 when two Colorado A&M students became lost in Rocky Mountain National Park. He points out mistakes that were made during the hiking trip that preceded the students' disappearance and illustrates good mountaineering technique by relating the story of a subsequent climb that he and friends made on Mt. Owen in Wyoming. By Wendy Hall. Transcribed by Tim Crook.

OH 1357V. Sam Sussman talks about starting the store that became Penny Lane; about his business, *Eight Days a Week*; and about the evolution of the Boulder business community. He also talks about Open Studios, the Boulder Dushanbe Teahouse, and living in the mountain community of Sugarloaf since 1977. By Joyce Gordon.

OH 1365V. Retired University of Colorado math professor **Robert Ellingwood** details the history of growth of the University of Colorado system from the 1950s to today. He describes the campus in 1952 and gives the history of many of the buildings constructed at CU-Boulder since then. He also

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at 9:00 a.m.

describes the development of the CU-Denver, CU-Colorado Springs, and CU Health Sciences Center campuses. By Wendy Hall. Transcribed by Diane Briel.

OH 1370V A-B. Burt Kelchner, who worked at Rocky Flats from the plant's beginnings in 1951, addresses the siting of the plant, safety at Rocky Flats, the plant's role in the Cold War, and the 1969 fire at the plant. He also describes the four original major buildings. By Hannah Nordhaus. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

OH 1377V A-B. In this interview, filmed on location at the Dodd farmstead and Dodd Lake, Nancy Dodd Hindman talks about the history of this Centennial Farm, which has been in her family since the 1860s; about the Dodd family; and about growing up in that area. She shows the various buildings and outbuildings on the farm and describes how they were used. By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

OH 1378V A-B. Mark Graf, who worked at Rocky Flats from 1982 to 2004, details his actions as a whistleblower due to concerns about nuclear safety and security issues during the cleanup of Rocky Flats. He also discusses the classification of information at the plant, radiation contamination, buildings that were on the site, and the role of nuclear weapons in the Cold War. By Hannah Nordhaus. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

OH1380V A-B. Jeremy Karpatkin discusses his jobs at Rocky Flats as Director of Communications and Economic Development (1995-1999) and Special Assistant to site manager and Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management Jessie Roberson (1999-2005). He talks extensively about public policymaking, improving the processes used for interfacing with community groups and local governments, and various aspects of the Rocky Flats cleanup. By Nancy Nachman-Hunt. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

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