

Oral Histories at the Placentia Library

LOCAL HISTORY SHELF items are available for checkout.

AUDIO items are available to listen to in the History Room

1. *Charles D. Griffen* *Local History Room 979.496 GRIFFEN*
Charles D. Griffen, son of Placentia dentist Bedford B. Griffen, discusses his father's practice, growing up in Placentia and the Valencia High School football team.

2. *Memories of Placentia with Robert C. McFadden* *Local History Room 979.496 MCFADDEN*
Robert C. McFadden, the youngest son of Placentia pioneers William and Sara McFadden, reflects on his family and the development of the city.

3. *Edmund M. Ponce* *Local History Room 979.496 ORAL*
Edmund M. Pounce, former Placentia City Clerk, discusses the Mexican-American community in Placentia and Placentia LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens).

4. *Placentia Packing House Oral History Project* *Local History Room 979.496 PLAC*
Interviews from 19 individuals document the impact the citrus industry had on life, labor and the businesses of Placentia.

5. *Interviews with Ray and Jessie Pound* *Local History Room 979.496 POUND*
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979.496 POUN LOCAL HISTORY SHELF
Ray Pound reflects on his life as a photographer and the city government. Jesse Pound, the former Placentia mayor's wife, discusses her marriage, business, life in early Placentia, and being a housewife. Jesse discusses what she did in her free time, segregated schools, the people who the streets are named after, and her trip with Ray to Hong Kong in 1979.

6. *Victoria Allec Weselich* *Local History Room 979.496 WESELICH*
979.496 WESL LOCAL HISTORY SHELF
Victoria Allec Weselich, decent of the Allec family, tells the story of her family's immigration to Placentia 1887.

7. *Alfred Aguirre* *Local History Room BIO AGUIRRE*
AUDIO available
Alfred Aguirre, Placentia's first Hispanic City Council Member, discusses how he came to Placentia, working at his father's barbershop until 1932, and his father's death when he was 14. He also talks about his education, the Americanization school that his family attended, and firefighting. Alfred Aguirre discusses his jobs, getting drafted into the air force and living on ships, reactions to the Japanese internment camps, and curfews. Alfred Aguirre talks about going to the schoolboard to have their children go to the same schools as white children. He wanted to change segregation before his youngest son started school. He was also the first Latino on the city council.

8. *Edward "Eddie" Castro* *Local History Room BIO CASTRO*
AUDIO available

Eddie Castro reflects on life in the La Jolla colony, 1938 flood and Bryant Ranch. Eddie Castro tells different stories he remembers about the 1933 earthquake in Long Beach, moving to Rancho Santa Ana, working the picking season, snow in January 1949, and getting drafted into the army.

9. *Norma Tuffree Fleming* *Local History Room BIO FLEMMING*
Norma Tuffree Fleming, granddaughter of Colonel J.K. Tuffree, reflects on her family's heritage and life as a student at Valencia High School in the late 1930's.
10. *George Johnson* *Local History Room BIO JOHNSON*
George Johnson, nephew of George Gilman Key, recounts on life in the Key family and growing up in Placentia.
11. *Lewis E. Richard* *Local History Room BIO RICHARD*
Lewis E. Richard served custodian for the Placentia School District for over 40 years, retiring in 1951. Lewis' wife, Elsie, served as the ordained leader of the Placentia branch of The Undenominational Church of the Lord.
12. *Marie Slyker Schmidt* *Local History Room BIO SCHMIDT*
AUDIO available
Marie Slyker Schmidt, Placentia resident and local historian, discusses plaques given to local historical sites, the Placentia Historical Committee's home tours, and her book about Placentia's street names. Marie Schmidt talks about her interesting experiences in Placentia such as volunteering at the Red Cross, the cannonball story, and wrapping oranges in the packing boxes.
13. *John O. Tynes* *Local History Room BIO TYNES*
John O. Tynes a former Superintendent of the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District and longtime City Council member discusses his life in Placentia.
14. *Gualberto Valadez* *Local History Room BIO VALADEZ*
Educator Gualberto Valadez taught in the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District from 1939 until 1983, his oral history covers early redevelopment efforts and Placentia's school athletic programs and segregation.
15. *Rene Kamen* *AUDIO available*
Rene Kamen, the grandchild of A.S. Bradford, describes her family, focusing on her relationship with her father. She also discusses the children of the other important members of Placentia.
16. *Fannie Bradford Allen* *AUDIO available*
Fannie Bradford Allen discusses her grandfather, A.S. Bradford. Fannie Bradford Allen tells how A.S. Bradford came to Placentia. She describes what it was like living with her grandfather and what he was like with the family.
17. *Mae Lemke* *AUDIO available*
Interview with Mae Lemke as part of the Placentia Oral History project. She discusses taking care of the farm, the schools in the area, and her children with her husband Lawrence Lemke. She discusses the Lemke family background coming to Placentia.
18. *Anna Allec Cushing* *Unbound Copy Only*
Anna Allec Cushing reflects on her life in early Placentia, the Kramer family, local schools and Fullerton Junior College. She also discusses her experiences in the 1933 Long Beach earthquake and the 1938 flood.