

Guadalupe Speaks Oral History Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Guadalupe Speaks Oral History Collection

Dates: 2003-2004

Collection Number: MS0120

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 1LF, 2 boxes

Online items available  <https://digital.lib.calpoly.edu/rekl-guadalupespeaks-ms0120>

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Abstract: The Guadalupe Speaks Oral History Collection contains transcriptions, audio cassette, and video tape interviews of long-time residents of Guadalupe, California recorded in 2003 and 2004 by California Polytechnic State University students and faculty. The stories reflect history, culture, and life in Guadalupe and reflect the multicultural mix of residents including Swiss-Italian, Portuguese, Filipino, Chumash, Mexican, Chinese, and Japanese ancestry. Materials in English and Spanish.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Transferred to the archives as a partner in the collaborative community project.

Biography/Administrative History

Guadalupe Speaks! was a collaborative project grant-funded by the California Council for the Humanities as part of "California Stories", a multiyear initiative designed to connect Californians through stories that document multicultural communities in present day California. Planning for the project began under the leadership of Project Director Larry Alkire. Project partners included the City of Guadalupe, Guadalupe Union School District, Comité Civico Mexicano de Guadalupe, Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes National Wildlife Center, Cal Poly Ethnic Studies Program, Cal Poly Special Collections and Archives, and others. The project plan included collecting and preserving oral histories, distributing the stories via public art installations and special events, and a project webpage. Ten stories were collected and recorded by Cal Poly Ethnic Studies students under the guidance of professor Marian Perales. Recordings were later transcribed by the students. The stories reflect history, culture, and life in Guadalupe and reflect the experiences of residents including those of Swiss-Italian, Portuguese, Filipino, Chumash, Mexican, Chinese, and Japanese ancestry.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Guadalupe Speaks Oral History Collection contains interviews of Guadalupe residents recorded in 2003-2004 by California Polytechnic State University students and faculty. The collection includes printed and electronic (PDF) transcriptions and interviews on audio and video tape.

Indexing Terms

Agricultural laborers
Civil rights movements
Filipino Americans
Japanese Americans

Mexican Americans
Migrant labor
Oral history
Swiss-Italian Americans
United Farm Workers of America
World War II
Farm labor
Guadalupe Speaks
Guadalupe, California
Santa Barbara County
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