Guide to Stan Felson oral history interview OHP.2412

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Abstract: This collection comprises one videotape with accompanying transcript of an oral history interview with Stan Felson conducted by the Holocaust Oral History Project on February 12, 1989.
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Related Archival Materials note
See also Don Felson oral history interview - OHP.2413. Don Felson and Stan Felson were brothers.
Biographical/Historical note
Stan Felson was born Zalman Feigelson in Glubokie, Poland (now Hlybokaye, Belarus), the oldest of two brothers. His father was a merchant. Mr. Felson attended public and private school, and business school, and began work at age 14.
Upon the invasion of Glubokie by the Russians in 1939, Mr. Felson's father was forced to sell his business. When Nazi Germany occupied Glubokie in 1941, anti-Semitic laws were imposed. In June 1942, 2,500 Jews were killed in an Einsatzgruppen action. Mr. Felson and his family hid in the attic and escape this fate. That winter, Mr. Felson became involved with the partisans, and lived in the forest until 1944 and the liberation by the Russians.
Mr. Felson returned to Poland and was able to emigrate, along with his brother Don Felson, to San Francisco, where members of his mother's family lived, in 1947. He married Pearl Benson in 1951, and they had three sons. The Felsons settled in Hayward, California. Mr. Felson works in real estate.
Scope and Contents note
This collection comprises one videotape with accompanying transcript of an oral history interview with Stan Felson. The interview was conducted by Barbara Berrera on behalf of the Holocaust Oral History Project on February 12, 1989. Stan Felson is a Holocaust survivor.
The interview describes Mr. Felson's childhood in Glubokie, Poland (now in Belarus), the occupation of the town by the Russians in 1939 and events during the Nazi occupation, including the mass murder of 2500 Jews in June 1942. Mr. Felson describes the ghettoization of his village, his involvement with the partisans and their activities in the forest until their liberation by the Russians in 1944. He recounts a visit to his village in 1943 to visit his family, who were reluctant to leave with him and were later killed. Mr. Felson discusses his emigration to San Francisco in 1947, his life in San Francisco, family and work as a real estate agent.
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