

# Oral history project Information Sheet

## SUGGESTED TOPICS:

Memories of the great Depression

Life for a World War I soldier

Life for a World War II soldier

Life on the Home front during World War II

Memories of the Japanese relocation camps

Memories of the German POW camp at Beale

Memories of the Korean War

Memories of the 1934, 1950 or 1955 flood

Technologies I never dreamed of, and how they've changed life

Old Radio shows I heard as a child

Life as a minority in California

My Grandpa's stories about the Civil War

My Grandparents' stories about pioneer life

Life before Cars and Electricity

Memories of the Packard Library

Memories of the 1960's civil unrest, and how it affected life in Yuba County

As a child, what I thought life would be like in the year 2000

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## BASIC INFORMATION:

1. Fill out the application on the Brochure, and leave at the library.
2. We will contact you, to set up a day and time to meet with our Video Technician to tell your story.
3. While waiting, we suggest you make out a plan of what you want to say. That way you won't forget! We also suggest having a friend or relative come with you, to act as an interviewer. You might also want to consider having several friends join you, since multiple memories can make for a more exciting video.
4. Consider bringing memorabilia and/or photographs with you, to illustrate your story. We won't keep them.
5. Be sure to bring a bottle of water or thermos of your favorite drink. Talking for an extended time can lead to a cotton mouth!
6. We will book the Community Room for the video session, for a period of 3 hours. If your story goes longer, we might have to cut the session short, and schedule a followup session.

Please don't be concerned how you look on the video. Thirty years from now, no one will care if you have makeup on; just seeing you and hearing your voice will be pleasure enough for your family!

Since the Video Technician is not an employee of the Library, but doing this as a volunteer interested in history, the sessions will be scheduled to meet both your and his schedules. Please be patient. Two DVDs will be made of your story; one of which will be mailed to you. In cases where a group come in to share their memories, a DVD will be mailed to each member. The Library's DVD will be cataloged into the California Room, so future historians and genealogists can enjoy them. Additional copies of the DVD can be arranged for, to use as gifts for family. Talk to the Video Technician about this.