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Overview of Greave's Collection



Digitize, index, catalog and create public access to more than 100 oral history recordings.

The recordings from the late-1980s and early-1990s all relate to post-war Seattle history and cover a diverse array of topics -- transportation, race relations, housing, city planning and labor -- narrated by an equally diverse group.

Process

- Interviews
- Digitization and Indexing
- Funding
- Repurposing Recordings
- Funding
- Cataloging
- Funding
- Creating Public Access



Ruby Chow in her kitchen, ca. 1960.
Restaurateur and a first Asian American
member of the King County Council.
*Courtesy MOHAI (Seattle P-I collection, Neg.
1986.5.21497)*

Interviews

This project covers decades of work, started by Greaves in 1987. The recordings were intended to inform a book he was researching. His unexpected and untimely death in 2009 at the age of 57 stalled the project.



Gary Greaves. Courtesy of Frances McCue.

Challenge

Recordings are not Oral Histories, per se. Greaves did not follow best practices for recording interviews (no date/time/names noted on the recordings). Have to trust Gary's handwritten notes that are often crossed out and confusing.



Hazel Wolf. Activist and environmentalist who live in the Seattle area most of her live. Died in 2000 at age 101. Source: *UW Special Collections (PH Coll 666.14)*

Digitization and Indexing

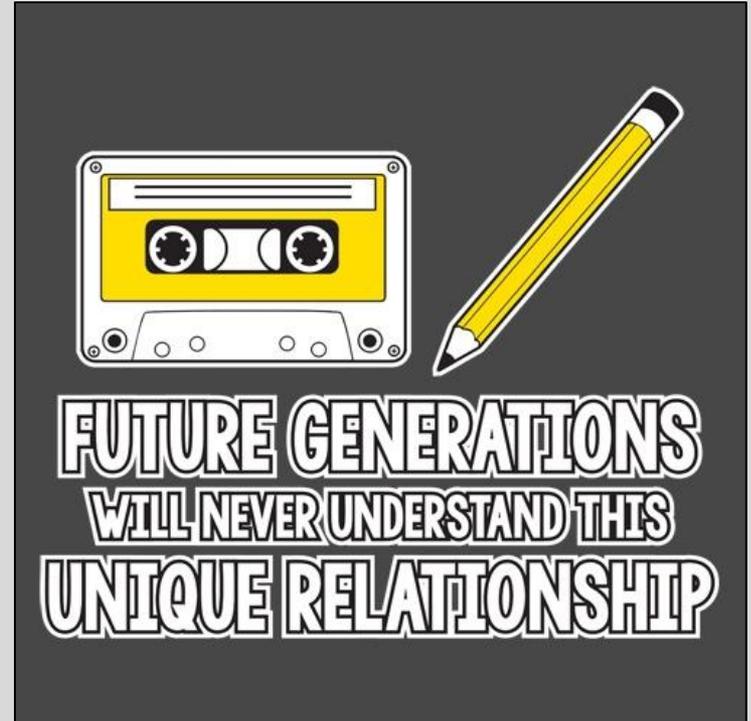


- Converted more than 100 cassettes to WAV files.
- Sony tape deck.
- Software = Logic Pro
A/D Converter = Apogee Duet
- Converted to 24 bit/48kHz.
- WAV files archived by UW.
- Ripped to MP3 for public access.



Challenge

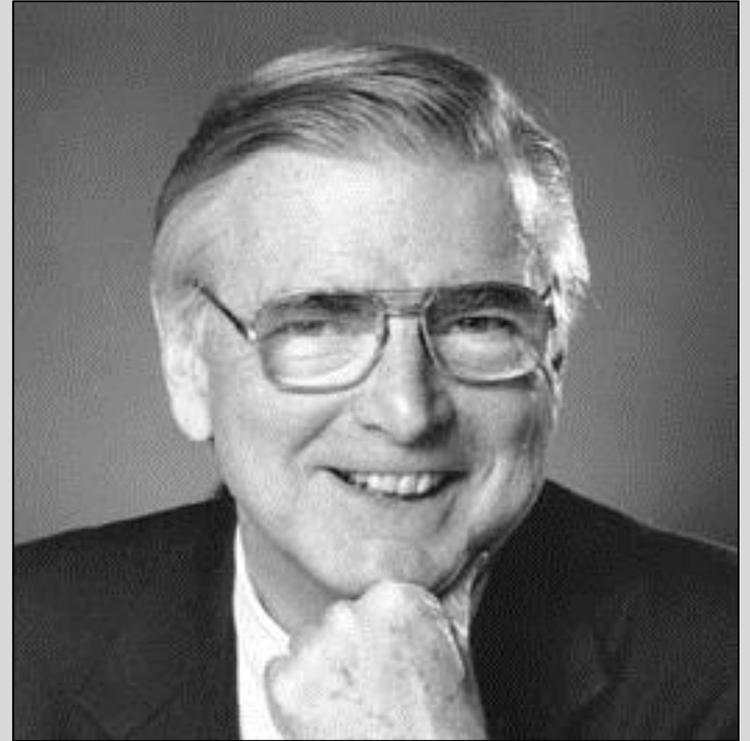
Teaching college students the joys of analog technology.



[Source.](#)

Repurposing Recordings

Interviews were initially intended to inform a book. We had to contact narrators or their heirs to get permission to post them on line.



Brewster Denny. Descendent of Arthur Denny, who was leader of the Denny party and credited with founding Seattle in 1851. Passed last year at age 88. From: [HistoryLink](#)

\$\$\$ Funding \$\$\$

Multiple Sources

- Personal Donations
- In-kind Donations
- Volunteering
- Grant from 4Culture supported public access.



Aaron Dixon. Author and founder of the Seattle Chapter of the Black Panthers.
Image source: Joe Mabel via [HistoryLink](#)

Public Access

Multi-year process that grew and morphed.

- UW Digital Initiatives agreed to post audio.
- Cataloging to UW Standards.
- UW Special Collections accepted the Collection.



Bob Santos, 1971. Filipino American activist from Seattle's International District.
*Photo by Phil H. Webber, Courtesy MOHAI
(Image 1986 5.54102.1)*

Challenge



Coordinating multiple partners, mostly individuals, but also UW Libraries, MOHAI and 4Culture.

PEOPLE

- **Gary Greaves** – Made the recordings in the 1990s to inform a book. Died in 2007.
- **Frances McCue** – His widow, who pushed to digitize and repurpose the recordings. Paid for several steps of the project, including digitization.
- **John George** – Trained student workers and digitized. Later led effort to create public access
- **Deborah Mangold** – Rights management. Contacted narrators and their families to get permission to post.
- **Students** – At least five involved with digitization, cataloging, managing transfer to UW Libraries.

ORGANIZATIONS

- **4Culture** – Funded public access portion.
- **UW Libraries Media Center** – John Vallier took on digitization of the recordings.
- **UW Libraries Digital Initiatives** – Ann Lally and Anne Graham agreed to host the recordings.
- **UW Libraries Special Collections** – Ann Jenner accepted the entire collection of recordings.
- **Museum of History & Industry** – Held a portion of the recordings after Gary's death. Supported access portion. Transferred their recordings to UW Libraries Special Collections.

Digitize Our Community History Overview



- **Goals**
 - Partner with Historical Preservation Organizations
 - Digitize, preserve and share community images and treasures
 - Integrate in Catalog
 - Develop Sharing Opportunities
- **Started with Rural Heritage Project Grant**
- **Expanded to five more locations in 2013**

The Team

Collaborative Partners :

- ❑ **Sno-Isle Libraries**
- ❑ **Partner organization**

L-R:

- **Technical Specialist**
- **Building Manager**
- **Historical Society Volunteers**



Our Partner Groups, 2013



- Snohomish Library and Snohomish Historical Society
- Edmonds Library and Edmonds Historical Society
- The Everett Herald Photo Archive
- Darrington Library and Darrington Historical Society
- Oak Harbor Library and Oak Harbor Garden Club
- Langley Library and South Whidbey Historical Society

The Process



- Planned and Managed by Central Team
- Invited Groups to Apply via Local Library
- Selected Applicants for Participation
- Held Kick-Off Meetings
- Provided Copyright and Technical training
- Volunteers Select, Describe and Scan Photos
- Descriptive Data Entered into Catalog Record
- Live on Sno-Isle's Catalog and Website

Applications and Training Information



- Modeled on Rural Heritage Project
- Forms
 - Application
 - Permissions Agreement
 - FAQs
 - Guidelines
- Created Copyright Training Webinar
- For sample copies and links, email Colleen Brazil
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Digitization Station



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- 1. *Snohomish* Ice Cream Parlour.**

Publisher, Date: Unknown, circa 1915
Description: Digital photographic image
Summary: An interior view of an ice cream parlor in *Snohomish*. A waiter stands behind a large, wooden bar with stools. Tables and chairs line the floor of the parlor. This business was located in the building that later was home to the Silver King Restaurant.
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- 2. *Snohomish* Baseball Club.**

Publisher, Date: Unknown, circa 1920-1924
Description: Digital photographic image
Summary: Members of the *Snohomish* baseball team, including Hall of Famer Earl Averill, pose with their club president Herb Ness at Harvey Ballpark in *Snohomish*.
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- 3. Earl Averill at the Old Timers versus *Snohomish* Baseball Team Game.**

Publisher, Date: 1932
Description: Photographic Image
Summary: Baseball Hall of Famer Earl Averill poses with former and current *Snohomish* baseball players after an exhibition game at Harvey Ballpark.
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Snohomish Library - Historical Photo Gallery

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The following historical images are a result of a digital preservation project between Sno-Isle Libraries and the Snohomish Historical Society called **Digitize Our Community History**. This historical photo gallery from the Snohomish Historical Society's collection will continue to grow as more images are digitized and made available.

 Barnes Grocery.	 Baseball at Harvey Ballpark.	 Bickford Motor sales crew.	 Bicycle path through cedar tree between Everett and...	 Bicycle Tree.
 Bicycle Tree with Smith Family and Abel Johnson.	 The Black Prince.	 Bruhn and Henry, exterior view.	 Bruhn and Henry from First Street.	 Bruhn and Henry, view from unpaved First Street.
 Carriage at Bicycle Tree.	 Earl Averill at the Old Timers versus Snohomish Baseball...	 Early Mukilteo.	 Fats versus Leans.	 First locomotive in Snohomish County operated by...

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\$\$\$ FUNDING \$\$\$



Washington State Library Rural Heritage Project

- Training and Support
- Purchase Equipment
- Digitization Staffing
- Professional Services for Film Digitization

<http://www.washingtonruralheritage.org/>



*Photographer Charles Farmer, circa 1940.
South Whidbey Historical Society
Collection*

\$\$\$ FUNDING \$\$\$



Sno-Isle Libraries Strategic Initiatives Grant (Internal)

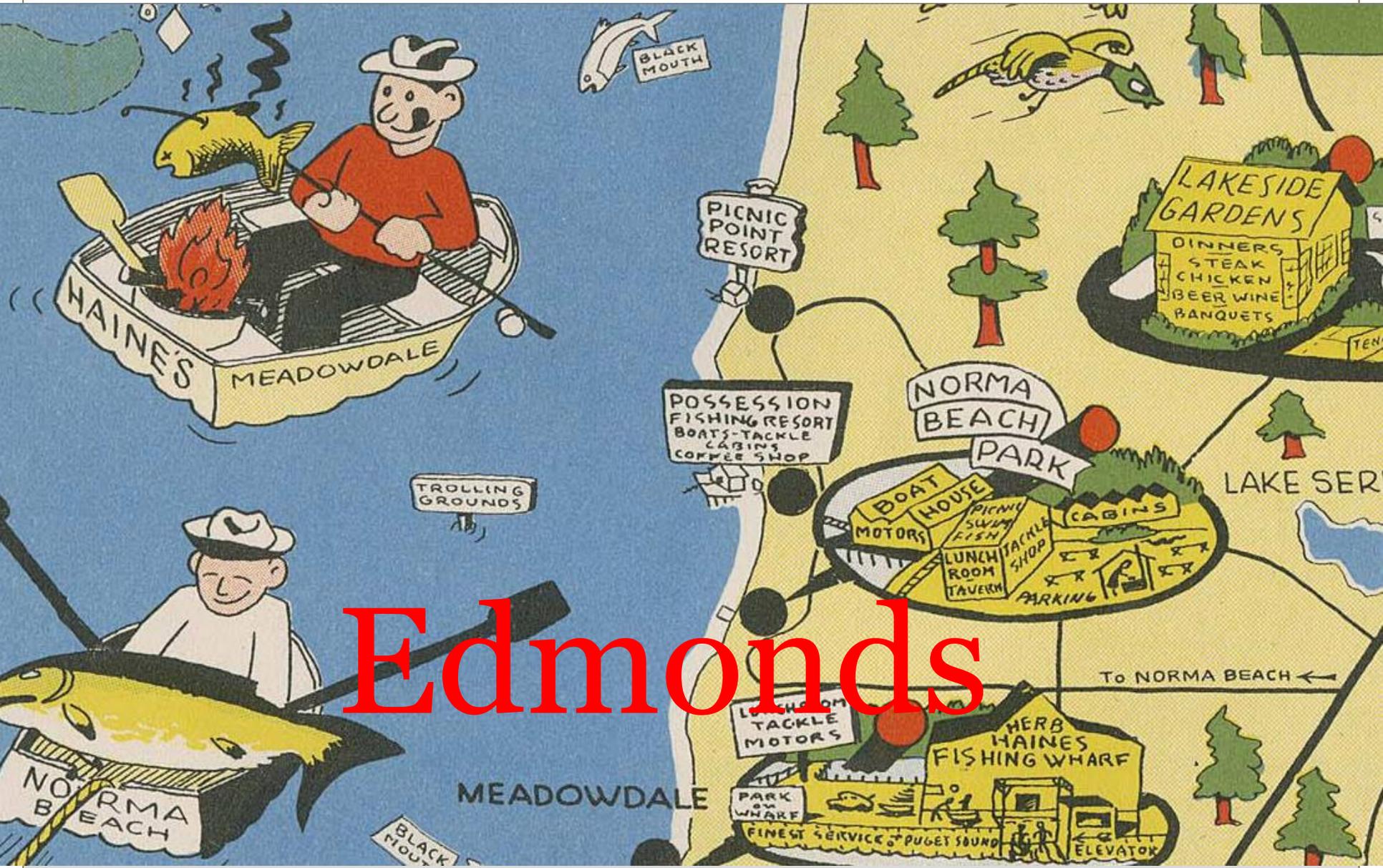
- Purchase of Digital Asset Management Software
- Archival Quality Scanner
- Servers for Long Term Storage
- Miscellaneous Archival Supplies



Photographer Unknown, Bobo Studio, Snohomish circa 1900. Snohomish Historical Society Collection



A Few Favorites



Edmonds

First Photograph of Snohomish, 1866



Lady Bicyclers, 1900



KRKO Timber Bowl Radio Promo, 1955



Edmonds Ferry Line, 1927



Downtown Edmonds, 1909



Roxy Theatre Projection Booth [Everett], 1966



Disappearing Boat Trick, South Whidbey



Round Two – What's Next?



- New Applications accepted in 2014
- Continuing work with 2013 participants
- Evaluate each project
- Programming opportunities?
 - ✦ Preservation Week 2015
- School and community engagement
 - ✦ Family Photo Scanning Events
 - ✦ Mystery Photos

Questions? Comments? Ideas?



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