

Galbreath Wildlands Preserve Fairfield Osborn Preserve Los Guillicos Preserve

SSU Preserves Oral History Project

The SSU Preserves Oral History Project gathers information about historic land management practices that have influenced preserve lands. Understanding land use history provides context and understanding of the patterns we see on the landscape today.

Some of the interviews explore land management activities and others explore regional trends. A portion of the information gathered as part of the oral history project has been integrated into preserve Cultural Resource Management Plans.

This project is a collaboration between the Center and Dr. Steve Estes's graduate course, The Art & Craft of History (History 500). Each year the course is taught, the Center identifies people in the region who remember land use practices and environmental changes within their lifetimes. Each interviewee is paired with a student who conducts an in-person interview. Audio and sometimes video recordings are made of each interview and later transcribed by the student. In some cases, students have been hired to conduct follow up interviews, transcribe videos, or conduct field visits to identify locations described in the interview. All interviewees sign agreements of informed consent to make the content available publicly.



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	Description	Data	Metadata
Sam Youney Interview	Interviewed 28 April 2016 by Robert Watson. Sam Youney is the Director of Landscaping at Sonoma State. He was involved in maintenance of the preserve since the early 1990s.	Sam Youney transcript; audio available on request.	Los Guilicos Oral History Project