

## **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.



Fred B. Galbreath



William and Joan Roth

## Galbreath Oral History Transcripts

	Description	Data
Land Management Quotes	This document contains quotes from the oral history interviews conducted before 2012. Quotes are organized into the following subjects: fire, agriculture, dams on creeks, erosion, logging, grazing, hunting and fishing.	<a href="#">quote summary (doc)</a>
Fred Galbreath Presentation	Transcribed from 1995 video presentation at Humboldt State University by Matt Thompson.	<a href="#">fred galbreath transcript</a> ; video available
John and Brenda Blom Interview	Interviewed August 19, 2011 by Matt Thompson. John Blom grew up with the Galbreath family in Kentfield, CA and has known them for many years.	<a href="#">blom transcript</a> ; audio and video available.
Duane Ornbaun Interview	Interviewed May 14, 2011 by Garrett Morrow. Duane Ornbaun is an employee of Nancy Johnson and son of Pete Ornbaun, Fred Galbreath's close friend and sheep farming mentor.	<a href="#">ornbaun transcript</a> ; audio available.
Nancy Galbreath-Johnson and Duane Ornbaun Interview	Interviewed 2 April 2011 by Chris O'Sullivan. Nancy Johnson is Fred Galbreath's daughter and was joined for the interview by Duane Ornbaun.	<a href="#">nancy johnson transcript</a> ; audio available.
Bob Johnson Interview	Interviewed 16 April 2011 by Karl Byrn. Bob Johnson is the husband of the late Sue Johnson, the youngest daughter of Fred Galbreath.	<a href="#">bob johnson transcript</a> ; audio available.
Nancy Levensaler Interview	Interviewed 15 April 2011 by Matt Thompson. Nancy Levensaler and her husband, James Levensaler, were friends of Jean and Fred Galbreath and built a house on Fred's ranch which they used until the 1970's.	<a href="#">nancy levensaler transcript</a> ; audio available.
Nina Hyatt Interview	Interviewed 25 April by Colin Close. Nina Hyatt is Nancy Galbreath's daughter and spent summers and	<a href="#">hyatt transcript</a> ; audio available.

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	holidays on the ranch with her extended family from the time she was an infant.	
Charlie Hiatt Interview	Interviewed 26 April 2011 by Thomas Eddy. Charlie Hiatt knew Fred since childhood and helped Fred with the Ranch from the mid 1950s to present.	<a href="#">hiatt transcript 1</a> ; audio available.
Charlie Hiatt Interview	Interviewed July 7, 2011 by Matt Thompson. Charlie Hiatt knew Fred since childhood and helped Fred with the Ranch from the mid 1950s to present.	<a href="#">hiatt transcript 2</a> ; audio available.
Curtis Frost Interview	Interviewed in field July 14, 2011 by Matt Thompson. Charlie Hiatt knew Fred since childhood and helped Fred with the Ranch from the mid 1950s to present.	<a href="#">curtis frost transcript</a> ; audio available on request
Nancy Frost Interview	Interviewed at Tom Bickel's home April 16, 2016 by Alyssa Ballard. Nancy Frost is granddaughter of Arthur Edward Cooley who established the Cooley Ranch with his brother near the southwest corner of the preserve.	<a href="#">nancy frost transcript</a> ; audio available on request
Tom Armstrong Interview	Interviewed at Tom Bickel's home April 16, 2016 by Larry Levine. Tom Armstrong is grandson of Arthur Edward Cooley who established the Cooley Ranch with his brother near southwest corner of the preserve	<a href="#">tom armstrong transcript</a> ; audio available on request
Tom Bickel Interview	Interviewed at Tom Bickel's home April 16, 2016 by Stephanie Bertagnole. Tom Bickel's father purchased the ranch adjacent to the southwest corner of the preserve.	<a href="#">tom bickel transcript</a> ; audio available on request
Bill Bickel Interview	Interviewed at Tom Bickel's home April 16, 2016 by Andrew Hobbs. Bill is Tom's brother. Their father purchased the ranch adjacent to the southwest corner of the preserve.	<a href="#">bill bickel transcript</a> ; audio available on request