

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Brannon, Truett

DATE OF INTERVIEW: February 2, 2006

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER: David Marshall

FORMAT: CD

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LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 2:10

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Truett discusses growing up in the cowboy culture and how his early interests in cowboy activities, and his friends and family, affected the West Texas lifestyle. He also recounts family stories about the cowboy culture, and his current thoughts on the subject.

ABSTRACT:

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TIME STAMP

Background information about Truett	0:01
Born in 1948	
Lived in Silverton	
Parents natives of Silverton	
Dad and maternal grandfather in John Deere Business	
Lived there until age 8	
Parents' education	
Dad was successful coach	
Drought and tornado in Silverton	
Survival in the tornado	
Dad born in Seymour, 1924	
Paternal granddad was a carpenter	
Granddad's name Jess Brannon, Sr.	0:03
Four boys and one girl in granddad's family	
Dad's experience playing with horse	
Dad's school	
Mother's place of birth--Denver	

Maternal granddad's occupation in Ford Motor Company	
Granddad's wrestling experience	
Location of Granddad's birth	
Experiences of motorcycle and band	
Marriage of grandparents	0:08
Granddad served as county judge twice	
Story with the sheriff	
Ownership of a hardware store	
Childhood experience	
Childhood experience with cousins	0:12
Moved to Canyon	
Graduated high school in Canyon	
College life	
Went to college at West Texas State	0:15
Changing idea of major	
Kept the job in the recession	
Life after college	
Oldest child was born	0:16
Moved to Amarillo	
Great grandparents	
Great grandparents' family members	0:18
Overpopulation of rabbits	
Rabbit hunting	
Gun hobbyist	
CRP land	
Early life of Grandfather	
Grandfather's virtues	0:25
Experience with horse raising	
Story with Monte Stephens	
Nearly killed a bull	
Left after the bull woke up	
Secrets of handling bulls	
Great-grandfather	
Confederate army	0:37
Cattle driving	
Working with sheep	
Building fences	
Battle with Indian	
Died in the 50's	
Virtues of great granddad	

Hired a caretaker who wrote a book about him	
Funny stories	0:44
Started cow herd	
Bought bank	
Moved to Amarillo	
Story of storm	
Great-grandfather's family	
Great-grandfather's siblings	0:49
Marriage	
Constantly moving	
Conception of cowboy culture	
Aspects of cowboy culture	0:53
Cowboy spirit	
Copy of great grandfather's manuscripts	
Life in Ruston County	
Went to kindergarten	0:56
Life-long friends	
Got first horse at the age of 5	
Fell off	
Horse sent to rodeo	
Lost horse	
Dad's experience of horse riding	
Attributes of horse named Roxy	01:05
Horse named May	
Horse named Hotshot	
Father's life at early age	
Dad's hardware store and John Deere dealership	01:09
Sold to others	
Teaching experience of parents	
Dad's interest in Texas	
Father's football coaching experience	
Coaching for other sports as well	01:14
Rivalry	
Got married and moved	
Recalled a girls' basketball game	
Fan behavior after game	
Last regional championship until 1980s	
Other schools of Silverton	
Perspectives about wild animals	
Change from wild life to current life	01:21

Hunting snakes	
Morris Stephens—a well-known cowboy	
Served in the Army in Burma	01:26
Came back and started rodeo	
Developing the farm	
Characteristics of Morris	
The way Morris ran his Rodeo	
Bull fighting	
Special bulls Morris owned	
Cowboy rescued from a bull	
Personal connection with Morris	
Horse riding experience learned from Morris	01:41
Taught others to train horses	
Swam a horse across river	
Flood during junior high	
Water issues	
Lake in Canyon	01:50
Irrigation controversy	
Springs	
Different canyons	
Tule Canyon near Caprock Canyon	01:54
War in the canyon against Indians	
Landscape neglected by passers-by	
Caprock Canyon	
Establishment as Caprock Canyon State Park	01:59
Trails in the park	
Drove down the trail in the canyon	
Escaped from the railroad	
Wildlife in the canyon	
People who lived in Silverton	
Played with magic	02:03
“Superman” game	
Funeral	
Condolence letter	
Youngest son	
Daniel Mayfield	
Other relatives and their families	
Aunt and uncle and two cousins	02:08
Cousins’ occupations	

Cousin died from cancer

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1948

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: White