

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Nelson, George

DATE OF INTERVIEW: July 28, 2010

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER: Andy Wilkinson

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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1:54

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: George Nelson explains his life experiences, family history, and career through a scrapbook that he made.

ABSTRACT:

Part 1

Family history	00:00
Family moves to Hermleigh, Texas	
Parents get teaching jobs	
Family moves to Tahoka, Texas	
Father becomes city attorney	
Father runs for senate	
Father's election is contested	
Father passes first old age assistance bill in Texas	
Family moves to Lubbock	00:10
Father starts law practice	
Father dies in 1983	
Card that George Mahon sent	
Tracing family history	
Family photographs	
Letter to Superman	
Song writing contest	00:20
Western song contest at Lubbock High School	

Song beat Buddy Holly
Performing with Buddy Holly

Part 2

Singing tenor for Buddy Holly Going to Texas Tech University Last time seeing Buddy Holly Singing after Lubbock High School Going to Texas Tech University playing baseball Quits the baseball team Grandfather becomes mayor of Linden County Story about grandfather clearing land Wrote song “Always Brought a Tear to Daddy’s Eye”	00:00
Father helps George Mahon run for congress Seeing less of the Mahons Mahons visiting Lubbock, Texas Learning Washington D.C. secrets Memories of George Mahon Mahon fights for cotton farmers Visiting with Roy Bass Listening to father and George Mahon talk	00:10
Thoughts on George Mahon Playing golf with Gerald Ford Knowing how to compromise Statesman versus politician Singing beginnings Love for music Popular music during high school Enjoying Buddy Holly’s music Buddy Holly’s influence on music Early years in Lubbock, Texas	00:20
Mrs. Baskin's Kindergarten class Remained in class for one year Skipped to second grade School experiences Deciding to become a lawyer Father’s law practice in Lubbock, Texas Practice evolving Deciding to run for the court of criminal appeals	00:30
Driving the Pontiac to every county in Texas	00:40

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Father loses election Nickname in school Mahon agrees to put boys through military school Family owns farm near Reese Air force Base Military wanting to buy some of the farm for expansion Offering low price for the land Story about George Mahon by Charlie Guy 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Story about the election of 1934 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduating law school Not working in father's firm County attorney hopes Timing is everything Not becoming district attorney Going into private practice 	00:50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interesting partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting offered a job Interesting characters President of the bar association Differences in practicing law in the past Opinions on advertising law practices Opinions on retiring from law practice Being in the junior league follies 	01:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being a rhinestone cowboy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving a standing ovation Being recognized by the public Interest in sculpting Bringing water to West Texas Capturing water from the Mississippi River Shrimp fishermen end capturing water idea Father on the Texas Water Commission Regulations on surface water 	01:10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Father's interest in water law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Father's active hand in bringing water to West Texas Water shortages Water problems in the future Price of equipment on farms Putting together family history Racetrack gambling bill Father's first law case 	01:20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records of Father's case fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talks about more family history 	01:30

Story about buying lard

Interview ended

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: December 1936

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: