

**ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION**

**MAIN ENTRY:** Baker, Rollin

**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** March 24, 2004

**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Eagle Lake, Texas

**INTERVIEWER:** David Marshall

**FORMAT:** CD

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** CD # 3159 2121 0652

**LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:** 2:05

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Rollin Baker talks about his life, about growing up and traveling with his father. He talks about how he became interested in natural history, about his field studies and the life experiences that reinforced his interest in animals, such as the U. S. Navy and his trips to Mexico.

**ABSTRACT:**

<b>CD ONE</b>	<b>TIME STAMP</b>
Birth information	00:00
Family history	
His parents	
Moving around the country	
Zoology interest	00:09
Studying at Texas A&M	
Developing animal related programs	
First trip to the Big Bend National Park	
Impressions of the Big Bend National Park	
Predators in the Big Bend	00:20
Talks about Barton Warnock	
Talks about his impressions of Ross Maxwell	
The ranches that existed before Big Bend became a national park	
The fauna of the Big Bend	00:30

<p>His interest in mammalogy at Texas A&amp;M  Research trips to the Texas islands  Going to northern Mexico</p>	
<p>Working in the Wildlife Research Unit at A&amp;M  Working with muskrats</p>	00:40
<p>Black bears in Texas  A confederate veteran that he met and talked to about the past  How to set up a conservation area for an endangered animal  Talking about habitat protection</p>	00:50
<p>Quail hunting  Going to Notre Dame in the Navy program  Navy duties after graduation  Sinking submarines</p>	01:00
<p>Identifying birds of the ocean  Identifying whales  Joining the Naval Medical Research  Preparing to research in Pacific</p>	01:10
<p>Arriving in Guam  Journals of the collection</p>	01:20
<p>A. E. Goldman and Stanley Young on southern Mexico animals  Talking about Stanley Young  Talking about his work with Raymond Hall  Field trips to Mexico</p>	01:30
<p>Making good relations with locals in Mexico  Teaching people in Mexico about their work  Students that deserve recognition</p>	01:43
<p>Most rewarding part of his work  Field biology  Ideas of how to study animals more effectively  Some animals he studied</p>	01:51

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:**

1916

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:**

Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:**