

The Memory Project

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The Project and the Archive

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 - Ralph Litzinger, Professor of Cultural Anthropology
 - Nicole Barnes, Professor of Chinese history
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 - Kevin Smith, Duke's former Scholarly Communications Officer **Deed of Gift**: The Donor will grant Duke a non-exclusive, perpetual license to publish and provide access to the content using a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International license.
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 - Ann Elsner, AUL for Administrative Services
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Summary of the Archive in Numbers

- 160 filmmakers participated since 2010
- 1100 villagers from 17 provinces and 2 province-level municipalities:
 - 628 interviews have transcripts and/or blogs
 - other interviews have only basic information of the interviewees
- **1117** videos
 - Length: 1 to 120+ minutes
 - 12 Formats: MPG, AVI, MTS, M2T, MP4, VOB, MOV, WMV, FLV, M2V, MKV and MPA
 - Subtitles: about 5% have Chinese subtitles
- 629 blogs: 89 have been translated into English
- 229 transcripts: some were supplied by the filmmakers, some were transcribed by student interns; 119 transcripts have been translated into English

Metadata Schema

- Descriptive Metadata:
 - Title: English & Chinese
 - Interview date
 - Location: province, city, county, village, in Chinese & pinyin
 - Interviewee: name in Chinese & pinyin, gender, age
 - Filmmaker/Interviewer: name in Chinese and pinyin
 - Subject: English & Chinese
 - Interview summaries: English & Chinese
- Technical Metadata
 - Item unique ID
 - Video: length, format, etc.

The Memory Project: Finding Aids

https://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/findingaids/memoryprojectpilot/



The Memory Project pilot video oral histories

Series: Interviews All Series »

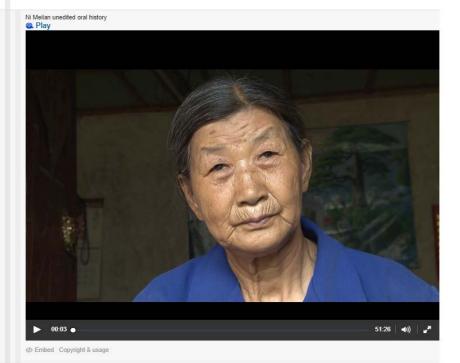
Gaojia Village (昆明市富氏县款圧乡高家村), 2010

Oral history interviews in this sub-series were conducted by Wu Wenguang, Gaojia Village is located in Yunnan Province

Ni Meilan (倪美兰), 2010

Ni Melian (b. 1942) lives in Gaojia Village, Fumin County, Kunmin City, Yunnan Province. In this interview, Ni narrates her experiences from 1958 to 1991 (during the Great Famine). She joined the Great Leap Forward and Great Collaboration at 16 years old. Without enough cattle for plowing, people did it themselves, and someone died because of that. Once Ni got caught stealing food; not only were her work points deducted, she was forbidden to eat for three days. In May 1999, her parents were poisoned to death because they were too old to work.

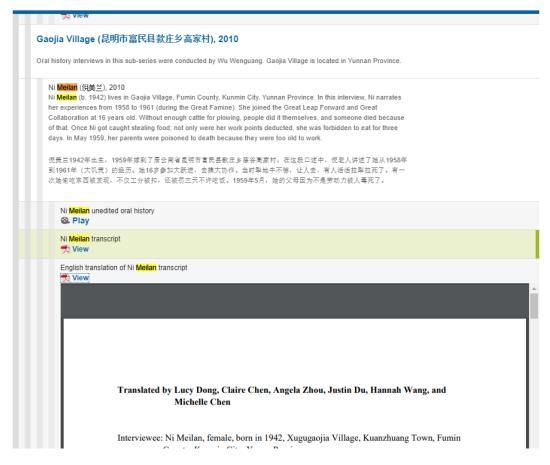
假美兰1942年出生,1950年提到了居西省亳锡市富县悬胜乡原谷条集村。在这数口运中,但老人讲述了她从1958年 到1981年(大饥荒)的经历。她195多部北铁进,去摄大协作。当时率地牛不够,让人去,有人语语拉率拉死了。有一次继维吃来居做发现,不仅工价被投,还被罚三天不许吃饭。1959年5月,她的父母因为不是劳动力被人毒死了。





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Moving Forward

- An updated finding aid: data normalization
- A digital collection in Duke Digital Repository (DDR)
- Challenges
 - Reformat video files for long-term preservation
 - The project continues with new materials deposited every year
 - Create more transcripts and translations

Thank you!