

Big Top Oral History Project

Interview Log

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Interviewee: Charles Baggett
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Minute Mark Topics presented in order of discussion on recording

00:00:00	Introduction
00:00:28	Place of birth
00:00:59	Father's occupation, car business
00:01:11	Father's early life
00:02:19	Presley B. Cole partnership
00:03:39	Father bought out Mr. Cole
00:04:07	Grew up in dealership
00:04:29	Early schooling in Hugo, OK
00:05:06	Hugo, OK as home
00:05:25	Served in the Army
00:05:57	Two sons, friends with circus people
00:06:51	Earliest circus memory
00:08:35	Relationship between D.R. Miller and father
00:09:41	D.R. Miller as a customer
00:12:08	Relationship between circus and business community in Hugo, OK
00:12:21	Buying locally
00:12:32	Ed Edinger, hardware store
00:12:39	Wayne Sanguin, welding shop
00:12:52	Development of canvas roll
00:13:04	Development of seating
00:13:22	Feed stores
00:13:36	Hay industry
00:14:03	Hugo High School foundation
00:15:11	Drop shipping cars
00:16:15	Thoughts on being part of the circus
00:17:12	Circus music change from live to tape
00:17:49	David Rawls' family
00:18:14	Circuses return for winter, friends return
00:18:54	Kirby Grant, Sky King
00:19:18	Impact of circus return on community
00:21:23	Loyalty
00:21:33	Employment of circus workers in business
00:22:52	Promotions with car dealership
00:23:05	Frank Ellis
00:23:47	Pontiac Judge promotion
00:24:35	Involvement with Chevrolet with promotions
00:25:06	Route book advertising
00:26:02	Became closer with D.R. after Baggett's father died
00:26:37	Endangered Ark
00:28:05	D.R. Miller's funeral

00:28:58 Delivered eulogy from the city perspective
00:31:10 People lining streets, paying tribute
00:31:30 Showmen's Rest
00:31:46 John Carroll
00:33:29 Bill Darrow
00:33:53 Naming of the town Hugo, OK
00:34:16 World champion cowboys
00:34:30 Eddy Ansley, Buster Brown
00:35:15 Location of Baggett family businesses in Hugo, OK
00:37:16 Cost of gas
00:37:41 Summer employment with oil company
00:39:48 Dolling up pickups
00:40:46 Joined father in business after college, military service
00:42:22 Desire to outsell father
00:44:48 Business from outside of Hugo, OK
00:45:00 Baggett boys
00:45:55 Being "sold" by father
00:47:03 Built new facility, 1986
00:49:12 Sold dealership, 1993
00:51:01 Choosing to attend Oklahoma State University
00:52:27 Saying, "howdy"
00:54:32 Major, business marketing
00:54:36 Graduated from college, 1965
00:55:42 OSU alumni board service
00:57:55 Making home in Hugo, OK
01:00:16 Finding niche in life working in the car business
01:01:12 Relationship between circus and Hugo, OK community today
01:03:29 Favorite part of the circus
01:04:48 Differences between carnival and circus
01:05:30 PETA
01:06:32 Circus as good, clean entertainment
01:07:39 Usage of seat trucks for high school football playoffs
01:09:03 Circus as part of American heritage
01:09:16 Appreciate work of performers
01:09:42 End of interview