

Big Top Oral History Project
Interview Log

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

00:00:00	Introduction
00:00:39	Place of birth
00:01:10	Parents, where they met
00:02:04	Grandfather, Vernon Pratt
00:02:20	Pratt's fascination with circus
00:02:54	Pratt's offer to bring circuses to Hugo, Oklahoma
00:03:40	Grandmother, Jewel Patterson
00:04:01	Vernon Pratt starts circus, travels to Hawaii
00:05:17	Introduction of Mark's parents in Hawaii
00:05:59	Move from Hawaii to Hugo
00:06:40	Father's occupation, propane business
00:07:23	Mother's occupation, florist
00:08:07	Mark on traveling with his grandfather's circus as a young boy
00:09:05	James Christy Brothers Circus
00:09:20	Grandmother putting out arrows for trucks
00:10:02	Riding elephants and horses
00:10:50	Living on the road
00:11:54	Impact of weather on the circus
00:12:24	Mark's siblings
00:12:51	Schooling in Hugo, OK
00:13:18	Grandfather had the circus "bug"
00:13:54	Vernon Pratt's children
00:14:56	Pratt's grocery business
00:15:23	Possibility of Pratt investing in other shows
00:16:23	Miller family appreciative of winter quarters from Pratt
00:17:18	Vernon Pratt's role on the circus, horse training
00:18:04	Mother's role on the circus
00:19:42	Grandparent's resting place in Hugo, Oklahoma
00:20:40	Last time Mark attended a circus
00:21:37	Perception of circus people versus carnies
00:22:42	Financial impact on community
00:23:16	Seeing elephants in Hugo, Oklahoma
00:23:37	Interactions with D.R. Miller
00:24:04	D.R. Miller funeral
00:24:34	On remembering Vernon and Jewell Pratt
00:25:57	Staying informed on Hugo, Oklahoma happenings
00:26:49	Mark's life after high school
00:28:27	Future of circus
00:29:51	Location of original Pratt property
00:30:49	Ownership of the property today

00:31:23	Mark's favorite part of the circus growing up
00:32:45	Eating in the cookhouse
00:33:46	Remembering the elephant Hank
00:34:34	Smells
00:35:19	Remembering the Cole Circus
00:36:41	Remembering other Hugo circuses
00:37:28	Vernon Pratt's circus bug
00:39:27	On the Rawls family
00:41:17	Riding elephants
00:42:13	End of interview