



RSS Oral History Project

Reminders for Interviews

1. Sign the Release and Consent Form.
2. Obtain career information for the Biographical Cover Sheet (this can be done either during the interview or from the person's vita).
3. Test recording. If you are recording the interview, be sure to test the equipment to ensure that it is working properly and that both your voice and that of your interviewee are being recorded clearly.
4. Begin the interview by providing the following information:
 - Name of interviewee and interviewer
 - Date and place of interview
 - Purpose of interview (ie: For the RSS Oral History Project)
5. Questions common to all interviews:
 - How did you become interested in rural sociology?
 - What led you to decide to become active in (or run for President of) RSS?
 - What were some of the dominant issues or challenges confronting RSS/rural sociology or rural society when you first joined RSS and when you were active or President?
 - If you were involved in other associations (e.g. ASA, PAA, regional associations), based on that experience, how was rural sociology/RSS seen by those within that association?
 - What do you see as the future issues or challenges for RSS as an organization or rural sociology as a field?
6. Once the interview is complete,
 - Take a photograph of the person being interviewed (can be with the interviewer)
 - Make arrangements to share a copy of the interview.

After the Interview:

1. Be sure and share a copy of the interview with the person being interviewed.
2. Send to the RSS Historian the following items:
 - Signed Release and Consent Form
 - Completed Biographical Cover Sheet
 - Original recording of the interview
 - Photograph
 - (If possible) Transcript of the interview
 - Any additional materials that should be included with the interview (ie. photo, vita, etc.)
3. If you would like to, interviewers are welcome to share their own reflections from their experience of having conducted the interview(s). This could be a recording or in written form. This is not required, but it would constitute an additional resource for future scholars and students.