

8. The value of oral research in helping us understand our history

- Oral history allows you to learn about the perspectives of individuals who might not otherwise appear in the historical record.
- Oral history allows you to compensate for the digital age.
- Oral history allows you to learn different kinds of information.
- Oral history allows you to ask the questions you're interested in.
- Oral history provides historical actors with an opportunity to tell their own stories in their own words.
- Oral history provides a rich opportunity for human interaction. History, after all, is all about the human experience.
- Through oral history, researchers and interviewees come together in conversation about a commonly shared interest—as with all human interactions, this has the potential to be tremendously rewarding for both parties.

