

C Joplin Tornado Oral History Project, Records, 2011-
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INTRODUCTION

The collection consists of interviews with people who experienced, were affected by, and/or were a part of the devastating EF5 multiple-vortex tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri, on May 22, 2011. The focus of this project is to help document the community of Joplin both before and after the tornado, as well as the rebuilding of this community. The collection consists of digitally recorded interviews, transcripts (forthcoming), and ephemera.

PROJECT SKETCH

The project began in collaboration with the Society's oral historian, Jeff D. Corrigan, and Dr. Virginia Laas, a Joplin resident and retired history professor from Missouri Southern University, and also a trustee of the Society. The idea for this project began only a few months after the tragedy but both felt that it was too soon to begin interviewing people, especially about rebuilding a community when the cleanup process was still underway and the rebuilding process just begun.

With the second anniversary only a few months after from the start of this project and realizing that it still may be too early for some people to want to share their experiences, the project moved forward with initial interviews being conducted with willing participants in February 2013.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Joplin Tornado Oral History Project consist of oral history interviews digitally recorded and placed onto CDs for patron use (transcripts forthcoming). The collection is arranged into two series: **Interview** and **Ephemera**.

The **Interview** series consists of CDs of the interviews, (forthcoming) transcripts, and in some instances, interviewees have donated supporting biographical information such as photographs, written recollections, and other miscellanea.

The **Ephemera** series consists of supporting materials such as photographs, written recollections, and other miscellany donated by other individuals.

Because this is an ongoing project the attached list of CDs and transcripts might not be up-to-date. Consult the research center staff for more information.

Interview Series

CD 1, 2	Jim Fleischaker, Joplin, Missouri, 22 February 2013
CD 3	Diana Fleischaker, Joplin, Missouri, 22 February 2013
CD 4, 5	Paul Teverow, Joplin, Missouri, 1 April 2014
CD 6, 7	Laura Teverow, Joplin, Missouri, 2 April 2014
CD 8, 9	Brennan Stebbins, Joplin, Missouri, 3 April 2014
CD 10, 11	Craig Tally, Joplin, Missouri, 3 April 2014
CD 12, 13	Steve Patterson, Joplin, Missouri, 14 August 2014
CD 14, 15	Roy & Bev Winans, Joplin, Missouri, 14 August 2014
CD 16, 17	Sallie Beard, Joplin, Missouri, 15 August 2014
CD 18	Mary DeArmond, Joplin, Missouri, 15 August 2014
CD 19, 20	Richard Miller, Joplin, Missouri, 16 August 2014
CD 21, 22	Terry Wachter, Joplin, Missouri, 22 June 2015

Ephemera Materials Series- Not available yet

f. 1	Photographs taken by Jeff D. Corrigan around Joplin, August 9, 2011
f. 2	Photographs taken by Jeff D. Corrigan around Joplin, April 1-3, 2014

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