

Sp Howerton, Charles Henry, Oral History, 1911-1950
11 2 DVDs

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INTRODUCTION

The Charles Howerton oral history contains an oral interview with Charles Howerton conducted by his daughter, Sue Howerton Victoria and son-in-law, Doug Victoria. The interviews took place on June 30, 1995, July 4, 1995, and July 6, 1995.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Douglas Victoria on 23 March 2016 (Accession No. 13).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles 'Charlie' Henry Howerton (1911-1996) was born in Noel, Missouri, on June 18, 1911, to John W. Howerton (1882-1969) and Cora R. Howerton (1881-1959). He lived, was married, and worked in Noel and Southwest City, Missouri for the majority of his life. He married his wife Marie Benefiel (1913-1991) in Noel on June 25, 1929. They had three children Charlene Howerton Wallace (1931-), Wesley Howerton (1933-1995), and Sue Howerton Victoria (1941-). Charlie worked on farms at different points in his life, including in Noel and Southwest City. He drove fuel trucks for Pick out of Southwest City, Missouri, during the 1930s and into the 1940s. Around 1942 Charlie bought the business and continued driving trucks while running the business.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

There are two DVDs, each approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes in length. The recording and editing was done by amateurs. In the interview Charlie talks about his life growing up in Noel, Missouri. This includes: chores, school, farming, family, and how world events effected Noel and Southwest City. On disc 2, Charlie mentions an accident where his fuel truck was struck by a Fricso train in Joplin. He states that this occurred on December 7, 1941. The *Macon Chronicle-Herald* ran the story of this incident on November 4, 1941. A copy of this news article was included in the collection.

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