

# Davis Bitton oral histories and autobiographies, 1966-2005

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Collector</b>	Bitton, Davis, 1930-
<b>Title</b>	Davis Bitton oral histories and autobiographies
<b>Dates</b>	1966-2005 (inclusive) 1966 2005
<b>Quantity</b>	4.25 linear feet
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS 0039
<b>Summary</b>	The Davis Bitton oral histories and autobiographies (1966-2005) are a collection of transcripts of oral histories conducted as an assignment for History 110 at the University of Utah. The interviews cover a wide range of Utah history, politics, government, and every day life. Bitton taught history at the University of Utah from 1966 to 1995.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections.</a> Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library University of Utah 295 South 1500 East Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0860 Telephone: 801-581-8863 <a href="mailto:special@library.utah.edu">special@library.utah.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Twenty-four hour advanced notice encouraged. Materials must be used on-site. Access to parts of this collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Historical Note

Davis Bitton (b. 1930) taught history at the University of Utah from 1966 to 1995, the oral histories and autobiographies are the assignments turned in to him, by his students.

## Content Description

The Davis Bitton oral histories and autobiographies (1966-2005) are a collection of oral histories assigned to the students from Bitton's 110 history class. The subjects are broad, ranging from family reminiscences of the late nineteenth century to the bombing of Manchester, England, in World War II in box 1. Interviews that include Depression experiences in the West as well as several University of Utah professors discussing their respective departments are included in box 2. Issues such as the advent of the council form of government in Salt Lake City to a woman who speaks of her near-death experience are in box 3. Box 4 contains interviews that run the gamut of private detective work, to war experiences, to raising a child with AIDS. Box 5 contains a bound collection of student autobiographies as well as family histories. Each history is identified with a brief summary of the content of the interview.

If a collection is identified as "Life Experiences," that is because the subject is not concentrating on one event, but is giving a broad painting of life. Essentially, the collection is a microcosim of life in Utah, over almost 100 years. Examples of virtually every walk of life have been included and each box in arranged alphabetically and according to surname.

## Use of the Collection

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Boxes 1-4 were donated in 1997-2001.

Box 5 was donated in 2005.

### Processing Note

Processed by Elizabeth Rogers in 2002 and Lindsey Moore in 2006.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Barker to Williams

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	James L. Barker, interviewed by Glenna Barker An interview with a Salt Lake City Commissioner.	1970
1	2	Albert L. Bott, interviewed by Ward Mortensen An interview with an Ogden City Comissioner.	1971
1	3	Selvoy J. Boyer, interviewed by Kathryn Leilani	1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Experiences as a Utah state legislator (1939-1946), mayor of Springville, and president of the British Mission in 1946.	
1 4	George Dewey Clyde, interviewed by Rodney J. Nelson A governor of Utah (1957-1965) speaks about Depression influences on state government.	1970
1 5	Veronica Colby, interviewed by Steven Zwisler A discussion of the Nazi bombing of Manchester, England, from 1940 to 1942.	1971
1 6	Roy Maughan Darley, interviewed by D. Michael Quinn An early Mormon Tabernacle organist.	1971
1 7	Carl Petersen Dea, interviewed by Leon Hales The depression in Magna.	1970
1 8	Charles E. Dibble, interviewed by Barbara Chapman A professor of anthropology at the University of Utah.	1970
1 9	Robert L. Erdman, interviewed by Susan Detton A professor in the Department of Special Education, speaks on mental retardation.	1971
1 10	William A. Evans, interviewed by Louis Graham Experiences in the mining camps of Mercur and Sunshine between 1896 and 1910.	1970
1 11	Catherine Fratto, interviewed by Phil Notarianni Italian culture and folklore in Utah.	1971
1 12	Brewster Ghiselen, interviewed by Barbara Chapman Ghiselen was an instructor in the English Department at the University of Utah.	1971
1 13	Jesse Marguarite Pace Graham, interviewed by Ruth R. Yeaman Interviewed concerning the early history of her family in Utah.	1971
1 14	Jesse D. Jennings, interviewed by Elva Smith The founder and director of the Museum of Natural History at the University of Utah.	1970
1 15	Leroy J. Kimball, interviewed by James Leroy Kimball Jr.	1970

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		The director of Nauvoo Restoration Incorporated.	
1	16	Amarilla Hamblin Lee, interviewed by P. T. Reilly Jacob Hamblin's last daughter discusses her life.	1970
1	17	Otto Liebergesell, interviewed by Sister Christine Eheman A German POW in World War II.	1970
1	18	Claude D. Mangum, interviewed by Stephen W. Julien Segregation and integration in the army during and after World War II.	1970
1	19	John Benjamin Matheson, interviewed by David L. Crowder A city commissioner from 1937-1949.	1970
1	20	Vince Mayer, interviewed by John D. Sylvester Experiences in Nigeria during the Civil War from 1968 to 1970.	1970
1	21	S. S. Murthy, interviewed by Frank Thomason An immigrant discusses the differences between India and America.	1970
1	22	William W. Newby, interviewed by Ruth R. Yeaman A professor of Zoology at the University of Utah.	1971
1	23	Gottfried Nuemann, interviewed by Lynn Jensen A German soldier in World War II.	1971
1	24	Waldemar P. Read, interviewed by David A. Moore Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Utah.	1970
1	25	Dorothy G. Snow, interviewed by Ruth R. Yeaman A professor of English at the University of Utah.	1971
1	26	Thomas Soter, interviewed by Leonard Holman A Greek immigrant in Utah.	1971
1	27	Royal Swasey, interviewed by Kent Powell Two parts: An interview about a cabin constructed at the head of Eagle Canyon and the horse business. Also, a reading by Eva Swasey from a journal kept by her husband in 1927.	1970

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1	28	Elizabeth Vance, interviewed by Peggy Hall The field representative in the Anti-Discrimination Division of the State Industrial Commission.	1971
1	29	Heinz Wagner, interviewed by Linda Wilcox A German soldier's experiences in Leningrad during World War II.	1970
1	30	Blair W. Walkington, interviewed by Judith Dieteman Cornell Discusses the Division of Industrial Promotion for the State of Utah.	1970
1	31	Ardean Watts, interviewed by Spencer T. Gould Ardean Watts was the associate conductor of the Utah Symphony Orchestra.	1971
1	32	Mary E. Webster, interviewed by Ruth R. Yeaman Webster was a Professor Emeritus of Speech at the University of Utah.	1971
1	33	J. H. Wheeler, interviewed by Raymond S. Wright III Wheeler and his wife, Venus, discuss their youths in Utah and Idaho.	1970
1	34	Calvin Whitehead, interviewed by Glenna Barker The chief of police in Salt Lake City, Utah.	1970
1	35	J. Claire Williams, interviewed by Thomas L. Owen An attorney with the Union Pacific Railroad. The interview is concerned with an attempt to block the rezoning of a piece of property.	1970

## Atiya to Young

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
2	1	Aziz Atiya, interviewed by George Pence An "ancient Egyptian" in America.	1975
2	2	Carl Frederick and Bertha Beigle Buehner, interviewed by Doug Bradshaw	1975

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	"The Story and History of Carl Frederick Buehner (1873-1935) and his wife, Bertha Geigle Buehner (1874-1935)."	
2 3	Jay J. Campbell, interviewed by Rex Lorenzo Christiansen The Utah State Board of Education and its relationship to higher education.	1971
2 4	Jefferson Fordham, interviewed by Ann Marie Dykstra Recollections from a professor of law at the University of Utah.	1975
2 5	William Gonzales, interviewed by Steven Piott Dr. Gonzalez was instrumental in founding the Chicano studies program at the University of Utah.	1972
2 6	Frank R. Goodman, interviewed by David L. Washburn A Mormon in Vietnam.	1975
2 7	Joy Hasimoto, interviewed by Ron Rainger World War II relocation experiences in Granada, Colorado.	1971
2 8	George Herzog, interviewed by Ray K. Cunningham He served as a prison guard at Fort Douglas during World War I.	1975
2 9	Harvey and Norma E. Johnson, interviewed by H. Thayne Johnson Recollections of Cotterel, Idaho.	1975
2 10	Armanag and Arick S. Kerzerian, interviewed by Brian Winterowd Immigrant perspectives on early Murray, Utah.	1975
2 11	Friedrich Latendorf, interviewed by Norman J. Storrer A German soldier on the Eastern Front in 1945.	1975
2 12	Brigham D. Madsen, interviewed by David J. Singer Experiences in the west during the Depression.	1975
2 13	Keith T. and Bernice T. Mann, interviewed by Ann Marie Mann	1975
2 14	Thomas Martin, interviewed by Susan Hanson "A Life Worth Living."	1975

Container(s)		Description	Dates
2	15	Joyce Matsuno, interviewed by John A. Pitts Japanese-American perspectives on the West during and after World War II.	1971
2	16	Charles William Mays, interviewed by Desiree Mays "Charles William Mays, a Profile."	1975
2	17	Mayola R. Miltenberger, interviewed by Carol Clark General secretary-treasurer of the Relief Society.	1975
2	18	Lucille Olsen, interviewed by Robert D. Jensen Recollections of an Ogden citizen.	1975
2	19	Hans Ranglack, interviewed by Clint Bailey A German soldier in World War II.	1975
2	20	Clark Ronnow, interviewed by Stephan Moss Experiences in prison.	1971
2	21	Eldon M. Tolman, interviewed by Roland T. Astin Experiences in a German prison camp during World War II.	1971
2	22	Mary W. Warmuth, interviewed by Margaret Brady The Humane Society in Utah.	1975
2	23	Elizabeth Biehler Yearsley, interviewed by Sharon Pugsley A Gentile in Abraham, Utah.	1975
2	24	George Cannon Young, interviewed by Carol C. Madsen An architect in Salt Lake City.	1975

## Afeaki to Thiriot

Container(s)		Description	Dates
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>		
3	1	Paul Afeaki, interviewed by Jessica Millward Former University of Utah "Runnin' Utes" center.	1992
3	2	Lynn Anderson, interviewed by Glenn Anderson A safari to Africa.	1994

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3 3	Jim Aumann, interviewed by Heather Brereton A swim team assistant coach at the University of Utah.	1994
3 4	Roger Blake, interviewed by Charlotte Langston A poet and his craft.	1994
3 5	Brinton R. Burbidge, interviewed by Brooke A. Burbidge Experiences as the chairman of the Bicentennial of the Constitution for the State of Utah.	1992
3 6	Roger Candland, interviewed by Rebecca Candland Discusses his parents, Guy and Sophrona Candland.	1994
3 7	Jacqueline Clifford, interviewed by Chantal Vanessian A professor of modern dance at the University of Utah.	1994
3 8	Elaine Elliot, interviewed by WillieAnn Bandy The head women's basketball coach at the University of Utah.	1994
3 9	Ronald Esplin, interviewed by Michael Le History professor at Brigham Young University.	1992
3 10	Sydney Foncesbeck, interviewed by Melissa Foncesbeck Discusses the advent of the City-Council form of government in Salt Lake City.	1992
3 11	Howard Franklin, interviewed by Brittany Rickford The president of the Utah All Breed Horse Association.	1994
3 12	Don Fullmer, interviewed by Hud Fullmer A Utah boxer discusses his career.	1994
3 13	Emily Goehring, interviewed by John T. Roberts Utah culture in the 1940s and 1950s.	1992
3 14	Kenneth Dean Gray, interviewed by Kenneth J. Gray Life experiences, including teaching in Huntington, Utah.	1992
3 15	Reiner Groebs, interviewed by Richard Juluson Life in East Germany during World War II, his escape after the war, and his arrival in Utah.	1992
3 16	Lehi Milton Jones, interviewed by John R. Siddoway	1975



Container(s)		Description	Dates
		A family history in Cedar City.	
3	17	Howard J. and Mary Leone Green Layton, interviewed by Rick Thornton "Life Sketches of Howard James and Mary Leone Green Layton."	1975
3	18	Herbert B. Maw, interviewed by Thomas J. Moore Jr. A prominent Utah politician.	1978
3	19	Sam N., interviewed by Jomanna Dajany Under guarantee of anonymity, discusses "near-death" experience.	1992
3	20	Carl B. and Anna May Newton Shipp, interviewed by Milton P. Shipp "The Life Histories of Carl Bingham and Anna May Newton Shipp."	1975
3	21	Tui Sullivan, interviewed by Nancy Densley Life experiences.	1994
3	22	Richard Thiriot, interviewed by Layne Olsen Early television in Utah.	1992

## Anderson to Yorgason

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
4	1	Alma Anderson, interviewed by Jason Smith Life experiences.	1994
4	2	LeGrand Baer, interviewed by Michelle Koopmans Life experiences.	1994
4	3	Henry Dale Bott, interviewed by Richard Clay Cawley Naval experiences from 1955 through 1976.	1994
4	4	Mary Lythgoe Bradford, interviewed by Devery S. Anderson An editor at <i>Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought</i> .	1994

Container(s)		Description	Dates
4	5	Kelly Call, interviewed by Kristen Call A teenage drug addict's story.	1994
4	6	Jewel Clemens, interviewed by Ed Hartley An African-American woman's experiences in the Air Force during the 1960s.	1994
4	7	Benjamin Mabey Fisher, interviewed by Karen Fisher Bridge A Pearl Harbor survivor speaks of his experiences aboard the U.S.S. Honolulu.	1994
4	8	Norda Finlinson Gardner, interviewed by Elizabeth Greathouse Live experiences.	1994
4	9	Reita Hunt Hamblin, interviewed by Shawna Hamblin Life experiences.	1994
4	10	Sidney R. Henderson, interviewed by Michael Roach President of the Tacoma Washington Mission.	1994
4	11	Mary and John Holmes, interviewed by David Holmes Growing up in Iowa.	1994
4	12	Lienhard Hoppe, interviewed by Michael Hoppe A German immigrant's experiences in 1953.	1994
4	13	Grant Wallace Housley, interviewed by Edward K. Barker Mostly concerns World War II, including a meeting with Generals, Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall.	1994
4	14	Alan Jenkins, interviewed by Myrna Walton The owner of several pawn shops in Salt Lake City, Utah, discusses his business.	1994
4	15	Dick Johnsen, interviewed by Todd Kent Experiences in Vietnam.	1994
4	16	Doris Blanche Judkins, interviewed by Karen McNichol The Depression in Ogden.	1994
4	17	Andreas Kalt, interviewed by Dave Beagley	1994

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	Gold medalist in the 1993 Utah Summer Games triathlon event.	
4 18	Jeff Macleod, interviewed by Anita Feltenberger Scottish cultural events in Utah.	1994
4 19	Miyuki Maruka, interviewed by S. Cameron Beatty "A Commentary on Japanese Society."	1994
4 20	Jennie Laverne Felton Miller, interviewed by Chadd Watson Life experiences.	1994
4 21	Margaret Moffat, interviewed by Jennifer Bezzant Life experiences.	1994
4 22	Peter Michael Nicholas, interviewed by Jenny Nicholas An interview about the Coast Guard.	1994
4 23	Elbert Peck, interviewed by Blake Murray	1994
4 24	Kim Peek, interviewed by Frank Kimball "The Rainman."	1994
4 25	Arlo Prisbrey, interviewed by Joanna Robbins "Trucking History in Utah."	1994
4 26	Mildred Redd, interviewed by Shanette Despain Surviving the Depression in Salt Lake City.	1994
4 27	Scott Roach, interviewed by Kent McClannan An instructor in rock climbing and mountaineering at the University of Utah discusses climbing in the West.	1994
4 28	John Solis, interviewed by James David A member of the 101st Airborne discusses the Gulf War.	1994
4 29	Stephanie Spriggs, interviewed by Gregory William Pozan A family lives with AIDS.	1994
4 30	Tui Sullivan, interviewed by Jeff Rowland A New Zealand immigrant discusses her life in America.	1994
4 31	Camm Swift, interviewed by Susan Swift	1994

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		A trip the the Amazon in 1980.	
4	32	D. Cornell Thomas, interviewed by John D. Thomas Life experiences of a teacher, a private detective, and a university professor.	1994
4	33	Sariah Vellinga, interviewed by Kristie L. Cole Notes cultural differences between the United States and Taiwan.	1994
4	34	James Wolfe, interviewed by Ken Andersen A mathematics professor discusses his career at the University of Utah.	1994
4	35	Blaine M. Yorgason, interviewed by Tim Schulte An LDS writer and his career.	1994

## Articles, Correspondence and Histories

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
5	1	"The Reformation in Current Ecumenical Perspective"	1966-2005
5	2	Correspondence	1970-1983
5	3	Family Histories	1978
5	4	Student Autobiographies	1975-1978
5	5	Oral Histories	1975

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Interviews--Utah

### Geographical Names :

Utah--History

Utah--Politics and government

Utah--Social life and customs

### Form or Genre Terms :

Oral histories

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