

Alvin Josephy Project - Index of tapes

Alvin Josephy (1915-2005) lived near the center of many of the 20th century's most important cultural and political events. He worked with writers, movie stars, revolutionaries, environmentalists, American presidents, and many American Indians.

This collection includes extensive interviews with Alvin Josephy, covering his early years growing up in New York through a lifetime in which he donned many different hats—(1) reporter during the Depression; (2) Marine combat correspondent during World War II (including an encounter with a group of Navajo Codetalkers, who spurred him to think in new ways about American Indians); (3) feature writer for Time magazine during the 1950s (which lead to his first contact with Nez Perce, a meeting that changed the trajectory of his life's work forever); (4) government advisor on Native American affairs during the Nixon administration; (5) historian, writer, and advocate for the American Indian.

This collection also includes (1) interviews with people who worked with Josephy during these different periods; (2) footage from a variety of events where Josephy was present (the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian; the annual Chief Joseph Days in Joseph, Oregon; academic and non-academic conferences, etc.); (3) other filmed interviews with Josephy; (4) samples of Josephy-related material collected from the National Archives, and other collections; and (5) informal footage of Josephy and others recorded at his homes in Connecticut and Oregon, in New York City, etc.

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Josephy talks about historian Patty Limerick

Buffalo

Edited Albert Barros interview

Interviewer: Patricia Keith

62 minutes

9/05/01

Original Tape Number: 59

Josephy - Log Cabin BookFest

Log Cabin writer's conference

Diane Josephy Peavey introduces her father

Josephy reads from his book about bombing of Pearl Harbor

Alvin Josephy discussion with Mark Hofflund (Managing Director of Idaho Shakespeare Festival)

Location: Boise Art Museum, Boise, ID

60 minutes

9/14/2001

Original Tape Number: 53

Josephy - Log Cabin BookFest

Log Cabin writer's conference

Alvin Josephy discussion with Mark Hofflund

Panel Discussion w/ Claire Davis, Alvin Josephy, Kim Barnes, Robert Olmstead? 34:22

Location: Boise, ID

60 minutes

9/15/01

Original Tape Number: 54

Josephy - Log Cabin BookFest

Log Cabin writer's conference

Interview w/ Roseanne Abrahamson (descendant of Sacajawea) & niece Alana Baldwin

Shoshone/Bannock tribe

Location: Boise, ID

48 minutes

9/15/01

Original Tape Number: 55

Camp Reunion on Josephy Ranch

Buffalo near Joseph, OR

Various shots of Josephy ranch

A reunion of some of the tribal people who in their youth attended a summer camp that Alvin and Betty Josephy established on their ranch in the 1960's.

Includes film footage from the 1960's

61 minutes

Original Tape Number: 56

Camp Reunion on Josephy Ranch

A reunion of some of the tribal people who in their youth attended a summer camp that Alvin and Betty Josephy established on their ranch in the 1960's.

Albert Barros, Edna (?)

33 minutes

Original Tape Number: 57

Conner, Bobbie

Roberta (Bobbie) Conner, Tamástlikt Cultural Institute Director

Leah Conner (Bobbie Conner's mother)

Living Demonstrator

Lots of problems with recording

Interviewer: Patricia Keith

52 minutes

11/10/2003

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Deloria, Vine Jr.

Historian, author, activist

Frank's Landing, WA

Interviewer: Chris Riggs

5/4/2002

Original Tape Number: 67 ?

Deloria, Vine Jr.

Historian, author, activist

Frank's Landing, WA

Interviewer: Chris Riggs

5/4/2002

Original Tape Number: 68

Echohawk, John

Executive Director of Native American Rights Foundation

Interviewer: Patricia Keith

22 minutes

06/10/2002

Original Tape Number: 66

Nancy Halfmoon

Met Josephy through husband Richard Halfmoon in 1950's

Father died when she was 2 years old

Discusses differences in attitudes toward Indians over the years

Says the Majestic (Chinese restaurant in Lewiston ID) was one of the few restaurants that served Indians

Looks at photo of Richard (1982?), Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee for 16 years

Interviewer: Connie Evans

41 minutes

4/30/04

Original Tape Number: 92

Hart, Richard

Writer/Historian

Winthrop, WA

Interviewer: Sean Cassidy

24:30 minutes

10/21/01

Original Tape Number: 73

Horse Capture, George P.
 Special Assistant for Cultural Resources at Smithsonian NMAI
 Gros Ventre A'aninin tribe
 Meaning of museums to Indian peoples
 Interviewer: Patricia Keith
 61 minutes
 06/26/2002
 Original Tape Number: 60

Frederick Hoxie
 Professor of History at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 Ethnohistorian
 Josephy advocated fairness in treatment of Indians
 What makes an Indian an Indian?
 Importance of Josephy legacy
 National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)
 Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
 45:50 minutes
 06/13/2002
 Original Tape Number: 74

Joseph Days
 Sunrise on Josephy ranch (14:49)
 Parade
 Alvin eating (34:39)
 Allen Pinkham and Horace Axtell are at the table with him (ends 36:50)
 Tipis and American flag
 Rich Wandschneider (39:29)
 Josephy in banquet hall (40:56) with Rich Wandschneider briefly, with Horace Axtell, with his son (Alvin Josephy, Jr.)
 Josephy ends (47:10)
 Josephy resumes with son & grandson (?) (49:11)
 Watching pow wow dancers
 61 minutes
 7/29/2001
 Original Tape Number: 49

Joseph Days
 Pow Wow (Joseph OR)
 26:34 Josephy ranch (some artifacting)
 28:41 Josephy family reunion (some artifacting)
 48:54 Eagle feather
 Josephy ranch
 Cleaning the irrigation ditch
 59:48 minutes
 7/29/2001
 Original Tape Number: 51

Josephy NYC Trip
 Alvin Josephy goes to New York City by train
 Talks with his agent (Ann Close?)
 60 minutes
 Around 01/11/2001
 Original Tape Number: 45

Josephy Ranch (AJ's Ranch)
 Alvin Josephy, Steve Evans , Allen Pinkham, Connie Evans, Betty Josephy
 Walking around, Eagle feather photo, saying goodbye to Alvin & Betty Josephy
 9:18 minutes
 9/22/02
 Original Tape Number: 81

Josephy, Evans, Pinkham
 Alvin Josephy, Steve Evans, Allen Pinkham
 Discussion among the three men (no interviewer)
 Shots of Josephy Ranch
 Location: Josephy Ranch OR
 48 minutes
 9/20/02
 Original Tape Number: 78

Josephy, Evans, Pinkham
 Josephy greeting Allen Pinkham, Steve & Connie Evans (1st clip 4 minutes)
 All four talking at a table 29:45
 Location: Josephy Ranch OR
 56 minutes
 9/22/02
 Original Tape Number: 79

JOSEPHY, ALVIN INTERVIEWS

Josephy Ditch Interview
 Josephy talks about his property
 Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
 18:36 minutes
 7/29/2001
 Original Tape Number: 52

Josephy, Alvin
 Topic: Indians (Part 1 of 2)
 Location: Josephy Ranch
Time magazine & Indians
American Heritage magazine
 Writing *The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest*
 Forming Western History Association
 Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
 49:36 minutes
 9/11/2000
 Original Tape Number: 3S

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: Indians (Part 2 of 2)
Interview conducted at: Josephy Ranch, Joseph OR
Navajo code talkers
Ira Hayes
Assimilation
Nixon & self-determination
Indians in the Wallowa Valley
Cutaways of Alvin on ranch
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
51 minutes
9/11/2000
Original Tape Number: 4S

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: Writing
Interview conducted at: Greenwich, CT
How he became a writer
Childhood
Horace Mann school
Working on Wall Street, at *Herald Tribune*, and in junior writing unit in Hollywood
Interviewing Trotsky
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
51 minutes
1/7/2001
Original Tape Number: 30A

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: Writing
Interview conducted at: Josephy home Greenwich, CT
Working for WOR
Working for Office of Facts and Figures after Pearl Harbor
- Wartime restrictions
Working in Hollywood
Working for *Time* magazine
Working for *American Heritage* magazine as Managing Editor
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
32 minutes
1/7/2001
Original Tape Number: 31B

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: World War II
Interview conducted at: Josephy home Greenwich, CT
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
44 minutes
1/8/2001
Original Tape Number: 32 A

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: World War II
Interview conducted at: Josephy home Greenwich, CT
AJ looking at photos
Heading out to war on transport ship
Guadalcanal
Old Russian soldier named Margolis
Asked to have his friends sing "God Bless America" to him as he died
3rd Marine Division
McArthur
Guam
Liberating Japanese concentration camps
Walter Page combat photographer looking for a writer
Iwo Jima with 21st Marines
Joe Rosenthal, flag-raising photographer
Reads from his book
Writing book on World War II
Return to Guam
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
55:38
1/8/2001
Original Tape Number: 33A

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: American Indians (Part 1 of 2)
Interview conducted at: Josephy home Greenwich, CT
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
53 minutes
1/9/2001
Original Tape Number: 34 B

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: American Indian (Part 2 of 2)
Interview conducted at: Josephy home Greenwich, CT
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
55 minutes
1/9/2001
Original Tape Number: 35B

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: The Land, the West, and Progress (Part 1 of 2)
Interview conducted at: Josephy home Greenwich, CT
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
48 minutes
1/10/2001
Original Tape Number: 36 B

Josephy, Alvin
Topic: The Land, the West, and Progress (Part 2 of 2)
Interview conducted at: Josephy home Greenwich, CT
Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider
15 minutes
1/10/2001
Original Tape Number: 37 A

Josephy, Alvin

Topic: Follow up

Interview conducted at: Josephy home Greenwich, CT

"Getting it right" on Indian history

Problem with writing from a white perspective

Indians had 3 choices (become white Christian; stay Indian, but move away from whites; extermination)

Patriot Chiefs

Talks about Edison Real Bird calling Josephy and thanking him for recognizing Indians as Patriots

Talks about family

Why he dedicated his books to wife Betty

Wants his ashes scattered in "the West"

Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider

40 minutes

Original Tape Number: 38 B

Kane, Dan

Recordings of Alvin Josephy made by Dan Kane at Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston ID (not originally recorded for the Cassidy/Keith project)

Alvin's conversion to becoming a Democrat

Josephy at Harvard

Josephy in Hollywood (1934)

Josephy working on Wall Street as a newsletter editor (1936)

Discomfort as a Roosevelt fan at Wall Street

Job with *New York Herald Tribune* doing radio program with WOR

Trip to Mexico and Trotsky

Interviewer: John Bradbury

61 minutes

Original Tape Number: 200

Kane, Dan

Recordings of Alvin Josephy made by Dan Kane at Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston ID (not originally recorded for the Cassidy/Keith project)

World War II

Interviewer: John Bradbury

61 minutes

Original Tape Number: 201

Kane, Dan

Recordings of Alvin Josephy made by Dan Kane at Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston ID (not originally recorded for the Cassidy/Keith project)

World War II

Indians

Interviewer: John Bradbury

60 minutes

Original Tape Number: 202

Kane, Dan

Recordings of Alvin Josephy made by Dan Kane at Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston ID (not originally recorded for the Cassidy/Keith project)

Indians' modern-day contributions

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) takeover

Indian summer camp

Interviewer: John Bradbury

49 minutes

Original Tape Number: 203

Josephy, Betty

Interview conducted at: Greenwich, CONN

Wife of Alvin Josephy

Interaction w/ Indians, problems with Indians adjusting to white educational system, summer camps, 30 kids one summer, Albert Barros

Interviewer: Rich Wandschneider

32 minutes

1/10/2001

Original Tape Number: 43

Limerick, Patricia & Hutton, Paul

Interview conducted at: Western History Association Conference, Colorado Springs, CO

Patricia Limerick and Paul Hutton (30:38)

Interviewer: Patricia Keith

44 minutes

10/04/2002

Original Tape Number: 72

Jack Loeffler

Interview conducted at: Sante Fe, New Mexico

Met Josephy through Stewart Brand (*Whole Earth Catalog*)

On the question of Indian-ness

Reads from his first book, which includes a passage quoting Josephy about "Indianess"

He talks about recording Seri Indians on Sea of Cortez & their stories about connection to the land

Native American art

Ed Abbey and Josephy

Interviewer: Sean Cassidy

50 minutes

06/06/2002

Original Tape Number: 76

Marine Combat Recordings by Josephy

Recordings made by Alvin Josephy while working as a Marine combat correspondent during World War II

Retrieved from the National Archives

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150 minutes

Original Tape Number: 110

Marine Combat Recordings by Josephy

Recordings made by Alvin Josephy while working as a Marine combat correspondent during World War II

Retrieved from the National Archives

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51 minutes

Original Tape Number: 111

National Museum of the American Indian Opening

Location: Washington, DC

Shot by Mary Jane Oatman (Nez Perce)

Poor quality with audio and video dropouts

9/21/2004

61 minutes

Original Tape Number: 94

National Museum of the American Indian Opening

Location: Washington, DC
 Richard West opening speech
 Shots of the new building
 Buffy St. Marie 13:00
 Interviews with participants
 Joyce Campbell (Cherokee)
 9/21/2004
 61 minutes
 Original Tape Number: 85

National Museum of the American Indian Opening Final Dub 112

Location: Washington, DC
 Picture and sound are out of synch and break up throughout the tape
 31:28 minutes
 9/21/2004
 Original Tape Number: 112

National Museum of the American Indian Opening - Primeaux and Mike

Location: Washington, DC
 Singers: Verdell Primeaux & Johnny Mike
 Singers' tribal affiliation: V. Primeaux – Dakota (Yankton) Sioux & Ponca; J. Mike – Dine (Navajo)
 Bureau Indian Affairs building
 Various city shots
 Inside museum
 Musical performances
 9/21/2004
 63 minutes
 Original Tape Number: 95

O'Brien, Cy

Interview conducted at: Silver Spring, MD
 Cyril "Cy" O'Brien
 World War II Marine correspondent
 Friend of Josephy
 Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
 58 minutes
 06/25/02
 Original Tape Number: 71

Page, Walter & O'Brien, Cy (2)

This is the second part of interviews with Cy O'Brien and Walter Page
 Walter Page - Part 2
 Carlisle Barracks, PA Indian children's cemetery 40:37
 Cy O'Brien - Part 2 49:50
 Gruesome stories
 Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
 61 minutes
 Original Tape Number: 61

Page, Walter G.
Interview conducted at: Winedot, MI
WWII Marine combat photographer and friend of Josephy's
Gruesome stories
Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
55 minutes
6/15/02
Original Tape Number: 62

Pinkham, Allen & Evans, Steve
Interview conducted at: Josephy Ranch OR
Allen Pinkham (Nez Perce) historian
Steve Evans historian
Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
59 minutes
9/22/02
Original Tape Number: 80

Red Thunder, Soy (Part 1 of 2)
Interview conducted at: Elmer City, WA
Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce
Member of Long House
"I will fight no more..." in light of the fact that many Nez Perce are veterans
Viet Nam veteran, with Purple Heart
7 boys in family are veterans
Talks about fighting laws detrimental to Indians
Re-education of whites
Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
50:23 minutes
3/19/03
Original Tape Number: 89

Red Thunder, Soy (Part 2 of 2)
Interview conducted at: Elmer City, WA
Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
3/19/03
Original Tape Number: 90

Udall, Stewart
Interview conducted at: Santa Fe, NM
Former Secretary of Interior under Kennedy
Interviewer: Patricia Keith
Black screen w/ Sean and Patricia talking
56 minutes
06/05/2002
Original Tape Number: 69

University of Oregon archives
 Images from the Josephy Collection at the University of Oregon archives
 Vincent Price
 Jackson Sundown
 Nez Perce on Medicine Hat
 "I Will Fight No More Forever" poster
 Betty Josephy(?) at groundbreaking
 Indian Children at museum
 Private Raz Hester & dog in Iwo Jima
 Iwo Jima Marines on beach
 Marine next to cross
 Marines on beach
 Flag raising photo by Rosenthal
 Marines on phone
 Mary Croix playing piano (1982)
 Many photos of Indians
 Film footage of Marines on Iwo Jima landing
 Retrieved from Josephy Collection at the University of Oregon archives
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 49:38 minutes
 Original Tape Number: 42

Utley, Robert
 Interview conducted at: Western History Association Conference, Colorado Springs, CO
 26 min with a few additional minutes of Sean Cassidy talking to Utley
 Interviewer: Sean Cassidy
 10/04/2002
 Original Tape Number: 70

West, Richard
 Interview conducted at: Washington, DC
 Director of Smithsonian Institutes National Museum of the American Indian
 Member of Southern Cheyenne/Arapaho tribe of Oklahoma
 Talks about his interactions with Josephy and Josephy's role in creating the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)
 Interviewer: Patricia Keith
 48 minutes
 6/26/2002
 Original Tape Number: 61

Western History Association Honoring AJ
 Location: Las Vegas, NV
 Breaks up at 10:36 – 38:28 (audio drop out)
 Greg Thompson (Head of Special Collections at the University of Utah) 42:54 "What you've put together is very important. It's an excellent, excellent resource."
 Patricia Keith at spring with endangered pup fish.
 Flowing water with reflections at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, NV; Pup fish (44:00)
 52 minutes
 2004
 Original Tape Number: 206

WW II Josephy photographs

Location: Greenwich, CONN

Still photographs of Josephy during World War II and other combat photographs

From Josephy's own collection of photographs

Family photographs

3rd Marine reunion in San Antonio

Marine reunion with Walter Page

Josephy returning to Guam

Kate Smith singing "God Bless America"

58:06 minutes

Original Tape Number: 40
