

The Clinton Lake Historical Society & Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum
are pleased to announce an ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

VOICES FROM THE VALLEY

The Voices from the Valley Oral History Project will preserve first-person accounts of those people whose lives were affected by or were involved with the construction of the Clinton Lake Dam and the flooding of the Wakarusa Valley. There will be two phases: maintaining the current oral history collection and interviewing locals to gather new oral histories.

The Museum Oral History Collection has over 75 cassette tapes of treasured interviews, family histories and radio programs from the early 1970s - late 1980s. These are in need of restoring to a more modern and stable medium. These tapes and corresponding slides will be transferred to a digital format and the interviews transcribed.

Many family histories were collected before the dam was completed and lake filled in the 1980s. We know there are more accounts out there of people who lived through this event that has shaped Wakarusa Valley and Douglas County. These interviews will be a part of the Museum's Oral History Collection that tells the narrative of the many changes of the Wakarusa Valley.

**Local History
told by
Local People!**



Did you own land in the valley before the construction of the Clinton Lake Dam?

Did you live in one of the rural communities that did not survive the lake?

What was life like in the valley before it was flooded?

Did you move your house to higher ground?

**If you are interested in participating:
Being interviewed OR Volunteering**

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