LIFE AND TIMES IN SEATTLE'S CHINATOWN-INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT



Digitally connecting users to this community's unique history through online oral history transcripts and recordings



collections.wingluke.org

The Problem

Limited access to:

- 900+ interviews collected by the Wing Luke Museum
- Recordings: in-person access, by appointment
- Online and distance users: access to record descriptions and digital transcripts by request

Through online access, users can:

- Browse numerous oral history collections
- Listen to members of the community share their stories
- Read oral history transcripts for easy access

Rabins

Our Solution

How did we do it?

Created a functional website with *Omeka* platform

Focused on stories that illuminated the Chinatown-International District neighborhood

Curated ~200 transcripts, audio recordings, historical images, and contextual information

Design oral histories exhibit on *Omeka* platform

Define descriptive metadata standards

Create records; attach transcripts & audio

DESIGN

DEFINE

PROCESS

CDEATE

ENHANCE

Define scope of oral histories & collections

Process transcripts & audio

Enhance with photos, historical context, & featured collections

A Meaningful Connection

An expanded presence to better serve its public

A greater digital presence will expand accessibility to generate more digital and physical visitors

Engaging with personal stories **celebrates** the unique **community** & culture of **Asian-Americans**

Value | |

Listen

Experience

Understand

Next Steps

- Enhancement through further curation of oral histories
- Digitize more recordings from the Oral History Program
- Strengthen tags for greater subject access and discovery

A Quantitative

Look

194 Records
196 PDF transcr

196 PDF transcripts
We 39 MP3 recordings

39 historical images

10 collections