

Oral Histories

Searching for an Oral History

The PA History Society Oral History Collection is stored in two places: featured oral histories are on the PAHx website (www.pahx.org) and the complete collection of interviews is stored in the PastPerfect™ Database.

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To search for an oral history, simply locate the orange SEARCH box in the lower right corner of any page on the website and type in the name of the person or subject you wish to search for.



* **NOTE:** The oral histories on our Oral History Webpage are our featured oral histories and our more recent oral histories. If you do not see what or who you are looking for on webpage, either visit the complete oral history catalog available on the PastPerfect™ Database or use the orange SEARCH box.

Searching the PastPerfect™ Database

Once on the Oral Histories webpage (<https://pahx.org/oral-histories/>), please click on the gold-highlighted link to open the PastPerfect™ Database. (see diagram below)

You can also [click here](#).

ORAL HISTORIES

The Oral History Collection contains audiotapes, videos and DVDs with corresponding transcripts produced either by the Society or by others and then gifted to the Society. Holdings from the collection have been digitized and placed in the Society's digital archival collection using PastPerfect™ software.

While there is no substitute for original correspondence and other primary source materials, interviews help us understand better the context in which decisions were made, offer fresh insights, and suggest directions for further research. The Society continues to identify, collect, catalog and preserve existing audio and video oral histories and is conducting additional interviews with key individuals to fill in gaps of missing information.

To access the entirety of our Oral History Collection, please visit our PastPerfect website [here](#).

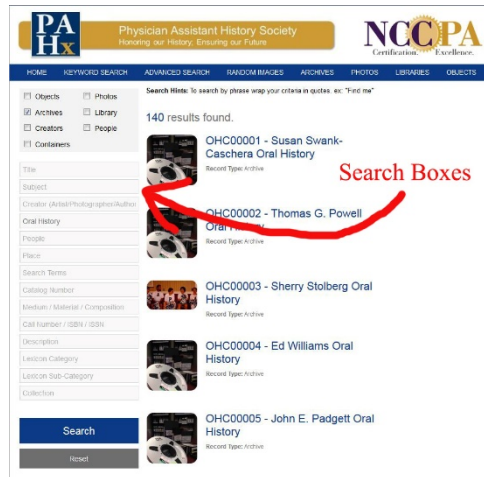
Voices of the PA profession: Please use the **suggestion box** to recommend individuals who should be interviewed about specific events in their own or our collective professional history.

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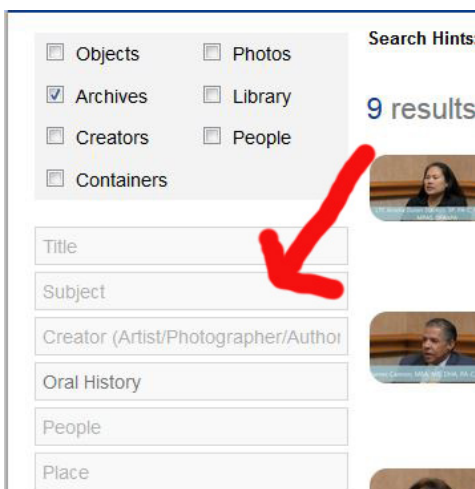
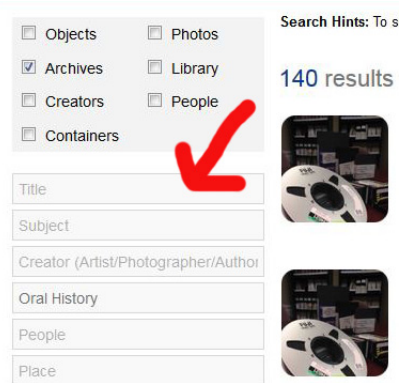
You will now see the PAHx's complete collection of oral histories!

If you want to search for someone specific, locate the search boxes to the left of the screen.



In the box called “Title” write the name of the person that you are searching for. This can be either first name, last name, or full name. Then press the blue SEARCH button at the bottom of the search boxes.

***NOTE:** Some people might be listed under their full first name, even if they go by a nickname. Make sure to try different variants of a person’s name (ex. Will or Bob for William, and vice versa).



If you are looking for oral histories that deal with a certain subject, for example, military or veteran PAs, PA educators, etc., use the “Subject” box.

Type in a keyword that best describes your search, such as: military, veterans or educators.

Then press the blue SEARCH button at the bottom of the search boxes.

A complete list of oral histories in the PA History Society collection with your selected “keyword” will be displayed.

Examples of a few Keywords

*There are many more keywords used in our catalog descriptions.

Military	Educator	White House	PAHx	PA Students
AAPA	Legislature	Accreditation	nccPA Health Foundation	Rural PA
PAEA	InterService	MEDEX	LGBT	Program Director
NCCPA	Commissioning	International	Pioneer PA	Caucus

If you have any questions when conducting a SEARCH on the PA History Society website or PastPerfect catalog, please contact the PAHx Archivist at: contactus@pahx.org