

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Pierre Lee

IDENTIFICATION (title): Pierre Lee Interview

INTERVIEWER: Don Davis

DATES: 3/19/2013

FOCUS DATES (dates of things they're talking about): 1965, 1970s, 1986, 1987, from Vietnam War to today

SUMMARY: Lee tells the tale of his escape from Vietnam with his family after the war ended. He discusses being the first Vietnamese to transition to Abbeville, Louisiana for the warm climate and the strong Catholic influence. Although trained as a pilot and engineer, Lee began his life in the U.S. as a car washer, worked his way up to mechanic, and then became a top engineer for an oil company. Lee discusses the challenges of this process and how he later decided to expand his goals to helping out new Vietnamese immigrants (the Boat People) and those who remained in Vietnam by entering the shrimping industry. He describes working with banks to get the first boats and fighting the politics and jealousies involved in the shrimping industry. He talks about fostering immigration from Vietnam by helping immigrants to find jobs and learn English. He also discusses military technology and world politics.

RECORDINGS (1 of 1, 1 of 2...): 1 of 1

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 01:35:36

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 18

RESTRICTIONS: ?