

## ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Simpson, Travis

DATE OF INTERVIEW: February 11, 2010

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER: B. Lynn Whitfield

FORMAT: Digital Recording

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1.03 hours

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Travis Simpson talks about his military career and experience in the Electrical Engineering Department at Texas Tech. Much of the interview discusses his involvement in the Crosbyton Solar Power Project, and the department under Russell Seacat.

### ABSTRACT:

DVD	TIME STAMP
Background	00:01
Born Oklahoma 1928 (logging camps)	
Family History	
Graduated high school January 1946	
University of Arkansas – Major in Physical Education, Minor in Math	
Joined ROTC	
1951 Air Force - Ellington Field, Houston - Military Training Officer	
Drill Team to New Orleans	08:00
Nuclear Weapons Maintenance School, Denver 1955	
Orlando, FL 1960 – Winged Nuclear Safety Officer	
Came to TTU in 1961 – Sent by Air Force Institute of Technology	18:00
Coached with JT King '61-'63	
Electrical Engineering Graduate Program	20:00
Traveling for TTU as project administrator/coordinator	
Department instructors/professors	
Engineering Faculty	
Reichert and Seacat	38:15

Crosbyton Project	43:30
Involvement	
Citizens of Crosbyton Involved in Project	45:30
Politics and DOE	
Structure Tests (mirrors)	50:30
DOE interest in Barstow v. Crosbyton (Photograph)	
Building and Construction – Functions	
Student Involvement	
Photograph Descriptions	01:00:00

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1928

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: