



## **Granby, Missouri Oral History Collection (R1459)**

**Collection Number:** R1459

**Collection Title:** Granby, Missouri Oral History Collection

**Dates:** 1984

**Creator:** Granby Historical Society

**Abstract:** The Granby Missouri Oral History Collection consist of a DVD containing interviews of locals that lived in Granby, Missouri in October 1984. The video contains the interviews of John Hurn, Richard Eustler, and Bill Farris. John Tuggle conducted the interviews. Also included is a letter written by R.J. Savage containing background information on how the interviews were conducted.

**Collection Size:** 0.02 cubic foot  
(1 folder, 1 DVD)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Granby, Missouri Oral History Collection* (R1459); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

**Donor Information:** The collection was loaned for copying to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the Granby Historical Society, on November 14, 2007 (Accession No. RA1365).

**Existence and Location of Originals:** The original VHS tape is held by the Granby Historical Society.

**Processed by:** Processed by Wendi Pyle-Fields, January 16, 2018. Revised by Erin Smither, February 6, 2018

**Historical Note:**

William “Bill” W. Farris was born on September 25, 1881, in Granby, Newton County, Missouri. He resided in Granby, Missouri all his life. He passed away on November 17, 1984, a month after Tuggle interviewed him. Bill Farris served in both World War I and World War II and was also an avid painter of scenes relating to the Granby, Neosho, and Shoal Creek areas in Missouri.

John Harrison Tuggle was born April 2, 1908. He married Bertha Frances Cook on June 5, 1930 and together they had two children: Bette and Jerry. Bertha passed away June 3, 1987 and John passed away November 7, 1998 at the age of 90. They are buried in Granby Memorial Cemetery.

Richard Ray Eutsler was born May 7, 1937, the son of Luther L. and Edna M. Eutsler. He was the youngest of seven children. He married Goldie Delores Clouse on January 21, 1964.

John Hurn Jr. was born on May 31, 1924, the son of John Hurn Sr. and Cora Box Hurn. He worked for twenty years in California as a manager of a farmer’s market, but returned to Missouri in 1967 and opened the Green Door Tavern which closed in 1983. He married Jeanie Calloway on October 19, 1952, who passed away on December 31, 1971. He married Lexine Hoover on September 9, 1977. They were married until her death on October 16, 1994. He had four children, Jackie, Steven, Kim, and John III. John passed away on April 2, 2008 at the age of 83 and is buried in Granby Memorial Cemetery.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in one folder.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Granby Missouri Oral History consists of a DVD containing interviews of locals that lived in Granby, Missouri in October 1984. The video contains interviews of John Hurn, Richard Eustler, and William “Bill” Farris. John Tuggle conducted the interviews. Also included in the collection is a letter written by Ray J. Savage containing background information on how the interviews were conducted. The men talked about the Granby community, the people who lived there, the mining industry, World War I, and World War II. Of particular interest are the stories

in relation to the history of Granby, meetings of Civil War veterans, the life of George Hudson, and the mining industry in Newton County.

**Container List:**

f. 1                      DVD  
 Box 001    f. 1                      Oral history interviews, 1984

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