

Sun Cities Area Historical Society
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Case # 218

Interview with Elizabeth Inwood

February 14, 1992

Date of Birth: 1907

Place of Birth: Seattle, Washington

Elizabeth was one of the earliest residents of Sun City. An avid pilot, she was one of the first 99 women in U.S. to receive her pilot's license.

Synopsis:

- Parents from Indiana; father graduated in engineering/education from Purdue; mother lived in Marion, Indiana; they married in 1903
- Father hired on as an engineer in Seattle; moved from Indiana in the midst of the black small pox epidemic; was afflicted.
- I moved to California with parents and two younger siblings when six years old; first to the small town of Santa Monica; later they moved to Berkeley and my father became officer with California Edison Company; we were never affected by the Depression

- Became a pilot at age 12 due to her father's interest in flight; got pilot's license at age 16; knew Amelia Earhart from air races
- When I flew across the country, enclosed cockpits were just coming in

- Went to college at Berkeley to become a teacher; never graduated; got married instead; both interested in learning to fly; started a flying school in Alhambra; moved east; husband later became director of airports in Philadelphia
- One son; one daughter; got interested in PTA
- Husband became director of airports in Phoenix; Sun City just beginning;

- Sun City grew like a mushroom; helped organize first Homeowners Association; husband became first Homeowners Assoc. President
- Nice homey place; small; nice; nice homes; good yards
- Not much here when we arrived: a grocery store or the churches was where you got acquainted

Release Form

This interview agreement is made and entered into this 14th day of February, 1992, by and between Elizabeth Inwood (Inwood) (herein after called "Interviewee") and Helene I. Sturgeon (herein after called "Interviewer".)

I agree to participate in a tape-recorded interview with Interviewer in association with her research on Sun City, this research being done under the supervision of the Arizona State University Graduate Program in Public History.

This agreement relates to any and all materials originating from this interview or subsequent interviews by the Interviewer, namely the tape recordings and the indexes and abstracts of the interview, and any other written materials, including but not limited to notes, transcripts, or any other materials prepared from the tapes.

In consideration of the mutual covenants, conditions, and terms set forth below, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Interviewee irrevocably assigns to the Sun City Area Historical Society and the Arizona Historical Foundation, co-owners, all his/her copyright, title, literary property rights, and interest in and to the Interview.
2. By virtue of this assignment, Interviewer and the Sun City Area Historical Society and the Arizona Historical Foundation will have the right to use the interview for research, educational, and other purposes, including possible publication.
3. All materials from the Interview, including but not limited to transcriptions or other finding aids prepared from the tapes, may be copied, reproduced and/or published.
4. Interviewee acknowledges that he/she will receive no remuneration or compensation for either his/her participation in the Interview or for the rights assigned hereunder.
5. Interviewer and the Sun City Area Historical Society and the Arizona Historical Foundation agree to honor any and all reasonable restrictions on the use of the Interview, if any, for the time specified below as follows:

X Signed Elizabeth K. Inwood

Date February 14, 1992

Interviewee: _____ (name)

_____ (address)

Signed Melanie I. Sturgeon

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