

Sun Cities Area Historical Society
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Case # 217

Interview with Harvey Finks

February 14, 1991

Harvey Finks arrived in the Sun City area as a young attorney and set up his practice. He worked with a number of Youngtown and Sun City residents.

Synopsis:

- Lawyer since 1956 degrees from Syracuse, Boston, and Harvard.
- Moved to Sun City vicinity in May, 1963 at age 30.
- Heard of Sun City from friend; had been doing business in Phoenix
- Opened practice in Youngtown; about 1500 residents there then
- Thought Sun City and Youngtown weren't interesting
- First two years he lost money; incorporated about 50 clubs for free
- Problems: water, sewers, lights, age gaps, etc.
- Age zones were in effect in Sun City
- Stayed out of politics
- People came to retire in the sun; most people had no children
- Medical care was totally needed
- Cotton bugs were a big problem
- Del Webb was never around

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Release Form

This interview agreement is made and entered into this 14th day of February, 1992, by and between Harvey Finks (herein after called "Interviewee") and Melanie 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 transcripts 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: