

Dana Lee Bell

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Silver Linings Oral History_ Steven Bell

Interviewee: Steven Paul Bell

Interviewer: Dana Lee Bell

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Location of interviewee: Rogue River, Oregon

Location of Interviewer: Fairfield, California

Transcriber: Dana Lee Bell

Abstract: This interview was for the Silver Linings mini oral history project within the JOTPY archive. The interviewer Dana Lee Bell is an intern with the JOTPY archive and is also the daughter of the interviewee Steven Paul Bell. Steven is a wildlife artist residing in Oregon with his wife of 25 years. In the interview Steven talks about how it is nice spending time with family during Covid-19. He also talks of enjoying spending time alone walking and hiking with his dog. Steven had a hard time reflecting on the positive things to say about the Covid-19 experience. Steven Bell is the father of Dana Bell. He thought it very amusing to try and act more formal for the interview.

Dana Lee Bell 0:06

Okay, are you there?

Steven Bell 0:07

Yeah, I'm here.

DB 0:10

Okay. So, hi, my name is Dana, and I'm a graduate student intern with the COVID-19 archive at ASU. The date is February 19, 2021. The time is 1:36pm. And I am speaking with Steven Bell. I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience. But before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 archives. The COVID-19 archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

SB 0:56

Yes.

DB 0:58

Thank you. First, can you tell me your name?

SB 1:03

My name is Steven Bell.

DB 1:06

And what is your age?

SB 1:09

It's 66.

DB 1:11

What race are you?

SB 1:14

Well, mostly Caucasian, but I have a Native American in me.

DB 1:21

Okay, and where do you live?

SB 1:23

My. My dad was Choctaw Indian. I lived in Oregon.

DB 1:28

And you are also registered Choctaw Oregon, correct?

SB 1:33

Yes I am. Okay.

DB 1:35

So and you live in?

SB 1:39

I live in Rogue River, Oregon.

DB 1:43

Thank you. Now I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020. And many have been negative and disruptive. But perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

SB 2:02

One positive thing. Well there's not too many. Probably. I think it was, I think it's about family, you, you're just with family more than having lots of people over. Which is not a bad thing. But it's kind of nice spending time with family. And it gives me more time to do stuff as far as stuff that I want to do. But I do a lot just by myself. So but that's the that's one of the positive things as far as that goes. But as far as anything else, there's not a whole bunch of positive things about that.

SB 2:55

Um, I don't know what else to say on that. As far as that it's just [laughs] we get to spend time you go out and spend time, you know, I walk the dog and do a lot of hiking and stuff like that, but it's not around a lot of people. Which is, you know, which is good for me. I mean, I don't mind that at all.

DB 3:18

Right, right. Awesome. Thank you so much

SB 3:25

Okay.

DB 3:23

And thank you for your time today.

SB 3:24

I don't know what else— You're welcome. I wish I had more information, but I just can't think of a whole bunch of really nice things to think about. Something that's so bad.

DB 3:35

Right? Right. Absolutely. Okay, well, I'm gonna get off the phone now. Okay, thank

SB 3:44

Okay, Thank you. Um, Miss Bell? I think. Yes, yes. All right.