Your Great Salt Lake: Wetlands History Project (Box Elder County)

**Purpose:** The purpose of the project is to gather the stories and traditions of the Great Salt Lake wetlands and preserve/present them online at Utah State University’s Special Collections & Archives. Project partners include Utah State University, Weber State University (USU), Westminster College, and the University of Utah.

**Procedures:** During the community collecting day on 6 May 2017, our trained interviewers will work with you to conduct a 30-minute to one-hour audio recorded interview and take photographs (if you are comfortable with this). During the interview, you will be asked questions (below) about your Great Salt Lake wetlands experiences and opinions. Before the interview, you will be asked to review the USU Special Collections & Archives (SCA) release form. After the interview if you still agree to participate, you will be asked to sign the form. This permits us to add your important interview to SCA digital collection that will make your interview audio, transcript, and images available online (internet), making the information available for research. Your interview will be transcribed and you will be invited to review and revise. You will be given a copy of the final interview transcript and audio.

**Risks:** This is a minimal risk research study; the risks of participating are no more likely or serious than those you encounter in everyday activities. If you have a bad research-related experience or are injured in any way during your participation, please contact the principal investigator of this study right away at 435.797.3493 or randy.williams@usu.edu.

**Benefits:** The materials collected from the Great Salt Lake Wetland communities we will add a unique voice to the history of the West.

**Confidentiality:** If you desire to participate, but would like to use an alias/pseudonym that is allowed. However, it may be possible for someone to recognize your particular story and identify you. With your consent, we will collect your information through audio recorded interviews and photographs.

**Voluntary Participation, Withdrawal [and Costs]:** Participation in this project is voluntary and free. You may refuse to participate, withdraw, or refuse to answer interview questions, or refuse to be photographed, at any time without consequence. If you agree to participate and change your mind, you may withdraw your information by emailing randy.williams@usu.edu.

**Compensation:** There is no compensation (payment) for participation.

**IRB Review:** The Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the protection of human research participants at Utah State University has reviewed and determined that this study does not qualify as human subject research and is not subject to oversight by USU’s IRB. If you have questions about the research study itself, please contact the Principal Investigator at 435.797-3493 or randy.williams@usu.edu. If you have questions about your rights or would simply like to speak with someone other than the research team about questions or concerns, please contact the IRB Director at (435) 797-0567 or irb@usu.edu and reference Protocol# 8533.

Thank you,

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**Questions**

1. What is your full name and your birth year?
2. Please tell us about your background: family, where grew up, occupation/avocation.
3. Please explain your relationship to and activities associated with the Great Salt Lake wetlands. (Birding, hunting, fishing, family, subsistence, etc.)
4. Are animals (bird dogs), materials/crafts (duck decoys, boats), plant life, traditions (stories, songs, events) important to your connection to the wetlands? If yes, how so? Do you produce/cultivate/teach about these things?
5. What are your feelings about the Great Salt Lake wetlands?
6. If you are involved with any organizations association with the wetlands, please tell us about that.
7. Why did you choose to come today?
8. Is there anything else that you would like to share about your Great Salt Lake wetlands’ connection(s)?