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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Thomas Saylor is a professor of History at Concordia University-Saint Paul. He is the author of three books, Long Hard Road, Remembering the Good War, and co-author of Minnesota in the ’70s.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
This oral history project was made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Cultural Heritage Grants Program—part of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. The project, Documenting Minnesota, focuses on themes of environmentalism, activism, and protest during the 1970s. The interviews in this collection cover two specific topics: protests of the planning and construction of a downtown Minneapolis stadium, the Metrodome, from 1972 to 1979; and, celebration of the 1976 American Bicentennial—specifically celebrations in Fertile and Duluth, Minnesota and leadership of the Minnesota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (MARBC).

The transcripts have been arranged numerically according to the numbers attached to them by Dr. Saylor. The organization of this collection reflects the division of the project into two distinct topics. The first set of interviews includes the Metrodome Protests, and, the second set includes the Bicentennial Celebration. The following list briefly describes the interviews; included in the description is the year of the interview, the interviewee, and the interviewee’s occupation during the 1970s (generally).

**Metrodome Protests**

- Metrodome Interview No. 2: (2010) Steve Brandt – Minneapolis Tribune reporter
- Metrodome Interview No. 4: (2010) Ronald Gornick – Chisholm business owner, member Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission
- Metrodome Interview No. 5: (2010) Clark Griffith – Former part owner, Executive Vice President, and Treasurer of the Minnesota Twins
- Metrodome Interview No. 8: (2010) Tim Mungavan – Grassroots activist and community organizer. Member of the Cedar-Riverside Project Area Committee.
- Metrodome Interview No. 10: (2010) Fred Primoli – Bar owner, Saint Paul; head of Citizens Opposed to the Stadium Tax (a bar owners protest group).
1976 American Bicentennial

- Bicentennial Interview No. 3: (2011) Al France – Duluth, MN. Chair of the Duluth Bicentennial Commission
- Bicentennial Interview No. 6: (2011) Yvette Oldendorf – Saint Paul, MN. Director of the Aesthetic Environment Programs.
- Bicentennial Interview No. 7: (2011) Roberta Olson – Fertile, MN. Owner/publisher of the Fertile Journal.
- Bicentennial Interview No. 9: (2011) Sybil Smith – Hibbing, MN. Youth organizer; in charge of Youth and Special Programs for MARBC.
- Merna and Charles Vind – Fertile, MN. Business owner and member of Fertile Bicentennial Committee.

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