Narrator: MARY HOANG LONG
Interviewer: Nina Mai Thi Long
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00:00:57 Mary Hoang Long talks about her parents and their past occupations.

00:01:48 She describes Da Lat, her hometown and compares it to Saigon.

00:04:33 Music is an integral part of her childhood and family life.

00:08:00 She talks about her memories of the war as a little girl.

00:16:37 She describes her journey to America after being sponsored by her father.

00:24:30 Her experiences at the refugee camp, Phanat Nikhom, was pleasant compared to others, because she already knew that she was going to go to America.

00:35:10 Living in Louisiana was a culture shock for Mary, because her father lived in a dominant African American neighborhood.
Mary’s mother has family in California, so she insisted that they moved there after three months of living in America.

Mary’s father, True, found various jobs at local newspapers in Little Saigon due to his involvement with the media in Vietnam.

Mary talks about her short time in community college and her initial career plans.

Courtship and dating for the future Mr. and Mrs. Long.

Comparing and contrasting between the dating cultures in Vietnam and America.

Mary talks about her concerns of parenting in America and the culture clash between immigrant parents and their children.

How she passes on Vietnamese culture to her three children

She expresses her strong feelings about husband and wife equality and shows that this is only observed in America.

Mary talks about her career and why she choose it.

The nails industry has really shaped Vietnamese American communities.

Nail shops are used as an outlet for Vietnamese to become integrated into their communities.

Mary wishes to go back to Vietnam to visit her old home, but not considers moving back to live.

Vietnam has changed since she left it and now she is treated as a
foreigner.

00:50:06 Interview wraps up.