

Hoover Dam Oral History Interview

Walker R. Young

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GARRETT: [It is the] twenty-third day of June, 1975. A small group has gathered to honor Dr. Walker R. Young at his home at 24 Treehaven Drive in San Rafael, California. Dr. Young, will you please tell us the title under which you handled the direction of the building of Hoover Dam--Boulder Dam?

YOUNG: My official title was construction engineer, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

GARRETT: Before we go into some discussion and reminiscences with you Dr. Young, and introducing the people present, let's say that in 1932, when the dam project was just one year old some of Dr. Young's predictions were published in a by-lined article in the Boulder City Journal at the invitation of myself, Elton M. Garrett--I, having the label at that time of editor of that edition of the Las Vegas Review-Journal.¹ Sometime ago, a copy of that first anniversary edition was examined by Virginia Fenton of Boulder City, who is present here at this time. Her friends call her Teddy Fenton. Teddy, can you tell us why and how you established contact and

1. The Boulder City Journal was first printed on September 24, 1931 as the second section of the Las Vegas Evening Review-Journal. It became a separate edition in 1935, then ceased publication on December 12, 1941.