

Equipment for Recording Oral Histories

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Recommended Formats

Recommended video format: HDV 1080i video, 30 frames per/second (encoded as MPEG-2 or .mov files)

Audio format (captured by camera): 16-bit, 48.kHz audio. I believe it is MPEG1, layer II audio.

Audio format (captured with portable audio recorder): 16 or 24-bit, 48kHz, uncompressed audio (AIFF).

Recommended Equipment

Recommended camera:

Sony HVR-Z5U Professional HDV Camcorder

http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/582905-REG/Sony_HVR_Z5U.html

Recommended clip-on microphone:

Audio-Technica ATW-1821 - 1800 Series Portable Dual Wireless Microphone

http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/460224-REG/Audio_Technica_ATW_1821D_ATW_1821_Dual_Wireless.html

Recommended tripod:

Manfrotto 504HD Video Fluid Head & 546GB Pro Video Tripod w/Ground Spreader

http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/735033-REG/Manfrotto_504HD_VIDEO_FLUID_HEAD.html

Recommended portable audio recorder (for audiotaped interviews):

Zoom H4n Handy Mobile 4-Track Recorder

http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/600761-REG/Zoom_H4N_H4n_Handy_Mobile_4_Track.html