

# "Tell Me Your Story"

On Tape; on CD; in Publication;  
or on the Web

**Create your ORAL HISTORY**  
Bring genealogy, old photos alive



## **FREDERIC A. MORITZ**

Oral history can come from "ordinary" and "extraordinary" people spreading understanding by "telling the story" of their times and experiences.

Remembrances of your life, times, loved ones can be recorded for later listening on cassette or on CD, with or without transcription into written form.

Before memories dim, stories surrounding "family trees" and old family photos can be brought alive.

The end product can be private, published, or displayed on a website.

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*Frederic A. Moritz, journalist, teacher, and writer can help you pass on your memories, the times through which you have lived, the people you have known. He will work with individuals and groups to conduct interviews or coach clients how on how to record and preserve precious memories.*



### **PEOPLE TO REMEMBER**

**Work with me to keep alive the people who have influenced you: the parents who raised you, the grandparents who shaped your image of the past, the brothers and sisters, the aunts and uncles, who made up the family from which you came. Look back at the family you produced: children, how they came into your life, challenged you, learned from you, taught lessons as they grew.**

### **TIMES "TO TRAVEL"**

**Work with me to bring alive your experiences in the changing times through which you have lived. Paint pictures of the Depression, World War II, the '60's, the Vietnam War, and the beginnings of the Space Age. No story is "too small." Each story is a painting from the past.**

### **PLACES "TO TRAVEL"**

**Work with me to bring alive the changes you have lived through -- such as small towns to city; self reliant farms to centralized Walmart; big, close families to smaller scattered ones; strong unions to low wage globalization; chatting on the front porch to chatting on the Internet. Even the "commonplace" is a portrait of changing horizons.**

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Frederic A. Moritz is a teacher of writing who has taught and practiced journalism since 1971.

He was trained as historian, political scientist, and journalist at Oberlin College, the University of California, Berkeley, and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

He has vast experience and an "interdisciplinary background" in teaching and practicing the art of interviewing both in the United States and overseas.

His own "oral history," based partly on "interviewing himself," is: "Predicting Surprise Attack: Is it Negligence or an Impossible Task?"

(<http://www.worldlymind.org/deng.htm>).

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Moritz has taught journalism and writing at numerous major universities after thirteen years as writer, foreign correspondent and editor at The Christian Science Monitor.

Moritz was associate professor of journalism at Penn State and an adjunct lecturer in Asian Studies at Bucknell University before teaching courses at the University of Maine and Unity College in Maine.

In 2002 he was a visiting lecturer in journalism at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. He is visiting lecturer in journalism at East Carolina University, Greenville.

**As Asia Correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor from 1976 to 1981, he covered developments with global implications including the death of Mao Zedong followed by transformation of Chinese society under Deng Xiaoping and the normalization of US - China relations.**

**He traveled to and reported from China, South Korea, the Philippines, Laos, western Cambodia, Thailand, Burma, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and Australia.**

**Moritz also was a California based national correspondent for the Monitor, as well as a Boston-based reporter covering the environment and other issues (1971 to 1976). In California Moritz covered the 1976 trial of kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst.**

**Moritz studied history and government at Oberlin College (BA 1963) and political science at the University of California, Berkeley (MA 1964, CPhil 1968). After completion of course work and preliminary examinations at Berkeley, he advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. in political science in 1968 with major field in East Asian politics and minors in American government and international relations.**

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