

## Enhanced Metadata for Leroy Soper Audio Interviews

### **Tape 1 – Side A**

On this tape, Lee Soper discusses his early life in Washington including growing up during the Great Depression, high school, his father's leather goods store, and joining the Book of the Month Club. He also discusses his experience at Whitman College, being stationed in Hawaii during WWII while in the US Navy, and his graduate education at the University of Washington. Soper also mentions his time at the Walla Walla Bookstore, moving to the University Book Store, and meeting his wife, Joie.

### **Tape 1 – Side B**

On this tape, Soper discusses the following: involvement with the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association, professional relationship with Mary Randlett, wholesale bookselling, the Seattle Book Festival, particularly popular books sold during his career, his involvement with the American Booksellers Association, his nickname as "Mr. Books", and the Northwest Renaissance.

### **Tape 2 – Side C**

On this tape, Soper discusses the following topics: professional relationship with Nancy Pearl, changing demographics of Seattle readers, selling controversial materials, attending conferences in the US and abroad, the children's books department, reading series and autograph parties, independent book stores vs. chain book sellers such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble, his favorite bookstores around the world, hiring practices, e-readers, and the growth of readership on the West Coast. The audio on this tape is corrupted from the 55 minute mark.

### **Tape 2 – Side D**

Much of the audio on this tape is corrupted. During the sections that are audible, Soper discusses the following: books published by UW Press, relationship between UW Press and the University Book Store, selling materials through Amazon, bookstores throughout Seattle, the changing budgets of academic libraries, the overall state of bookselling and publishing, and the influence of book clubs. The first half of this tape includes an informal discussion between Tom Orton (interviewer), Leroy Soper (Interviewee) and Pat Soden (Administrative Director of UW Press).

### **Tape 3 – Side E**

On this tape, Soper discusses the following topics: book/sales representatives, sales representatives vs. selling online, sales of non-book items at the University Book Store, and the founding of Raymar Northwest Book Company.