Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: BÙI VĂN CHÚC (QUYỀN DI)
Interviewer: Thuý Võ Ën
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Narrator Life Map

1948  Born in Hà Nội
1949  Moved to Ngọc Lũ village
1952  Moved back to Hà Nội
1954  Moved to the South with his parents to Saigon
1968  Was a college student while teaching at a school and participating in a force team
1973  Completed his masters in literature at Da Lat University. Later became vice director for the literature section
1975  Lived in Saigon while teaching at University
       - Married Hong Trang
1977  Had one child that died
       - Transferred to Hung Vurgon School in Cho Lon in September
       - Escaped overseas by boat in December to Merac of Trenganu hamlet
       - Placed in Palau Bidong Refugee camp by UN High Comissioner for Refugees
1978  Left refugee camp in April to be transferred to Hong Kong then America
       - First came to Anchorage, Alaska then Chicago to New Orleans (for 6 months where he worked for a Vietnamese Newspaper)
       - Moved to Fullerton, California to go to community college
1979  Moved to Tustin, California
1982  Moved to Garden Grove, California where he delivered newspapers
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