



## Remember Sarasota When?

*Water has always been a big part of life here!*

If you have memories to share, New College students are looking for people to interview—People who remember the good old days. They create brief, narrated slide shows that tell the water stories from our community.

Enjoy these delightful tales online at:  
[www.SarasotaOralHistory.org](http://www.SarasotaOralHistory.org)

Sign up to be interviewed by calling  
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## Bringing History to Life: Linking Water, History & Technology

Sarasota's Oral History Project is a collaborative effort between Sarasota County and New College of Florida. In this program, historical photographs have been combined with interviews to create captivating images with narration as well as extensive transcripts.

### Goal:

The goal of this program is to provide a glimpse into what life in Sarasota was like in years past through the eyes of those that lived it. The program's intent is to preserve the memories of Sarasota's residents so that future generations will be able to understand and appreciate the County's origins and how these stories contribute to the unique community that it is today. Through this project, Sarasota's rich history and the long-standing connection between its residents and its water resources will be preserved.

### Process:

- Select New College of Florida students enter into an internship with Sarasota County for course credit
- Interns receive training in research methods, interview techniques, transcription and other related topics
- Interviews are conducted with citizens by the interns
- The students edit and combine interview audio with historical photographs to create short narrated slideshows. Additionally, the students produce full-length transcripts of the interviews.
- A public viewing of the oral history presentations is held with the interviewees and interviewers present for introduction, comments and interjection
- The slideshows and transcripts are placed on the Water Atlas website at [www.SarasotaOralHistory.com](http://www.SarasotaOralHistory.com)

#### Partnership

This project is a collaborative effort between [New College of Florida](#), the [Sarasota County History Center](#), and [Sarasota County Water Resources](#)

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