

Considerations for Remote Oral History Interviewing

No matter the path you chose, follow the [OHA Principles and Best Practices Guidelines](#)



Option 1: Landline Phone

No extra cost:

- o FreeConferenceCall.com
- o Speaker phone with recorder

Extra cost:

- o JK Audio Broadcast Host
- o JK Audio QuickTap ([CASESTUDY!](#))

Considerations:

Think about microphone differential and how the recording will sound different between connections

Option 2: Cell Phone

No extra cost:

- o Rev.com ([CASESTUDY!](#))
- o FreeConferenceCall.com
- o Google Voice
- o Automatic Call Recorder Pro

Extra cost:

- o TapeACall Pro
- o JK Audio CellTap4

Considerations:

If recording via web connection vs. phone connection, see Option 3

Option 3: Web Based

No extra cost:

- Video - Zoom (40 min max)
- Audio - Cleanfeed, Zencast

Extra cost:

Video

- o Zoom ([CASESTUDY!](#))
- o Skype
- o TheirStory
- o Webex

Audio

- o Squadcast
- o Zencast ([CASESTUDY!](#))
- o Cleanfeed

Considerations:

Quality depends on internet connection and access to equipment like webcams, external lighting, and microphones

Additional Considerations:

- o [Archival Considerations](#)
- o [Compressed vs. Uncompressed](#)
- o [Cloud vs. Local File Capture](#)
- o [Backup Recording?](#)

DON'T FORGET!

- Deed of gift/consent form
- o [Virtual vs. Physical Signature](#)

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