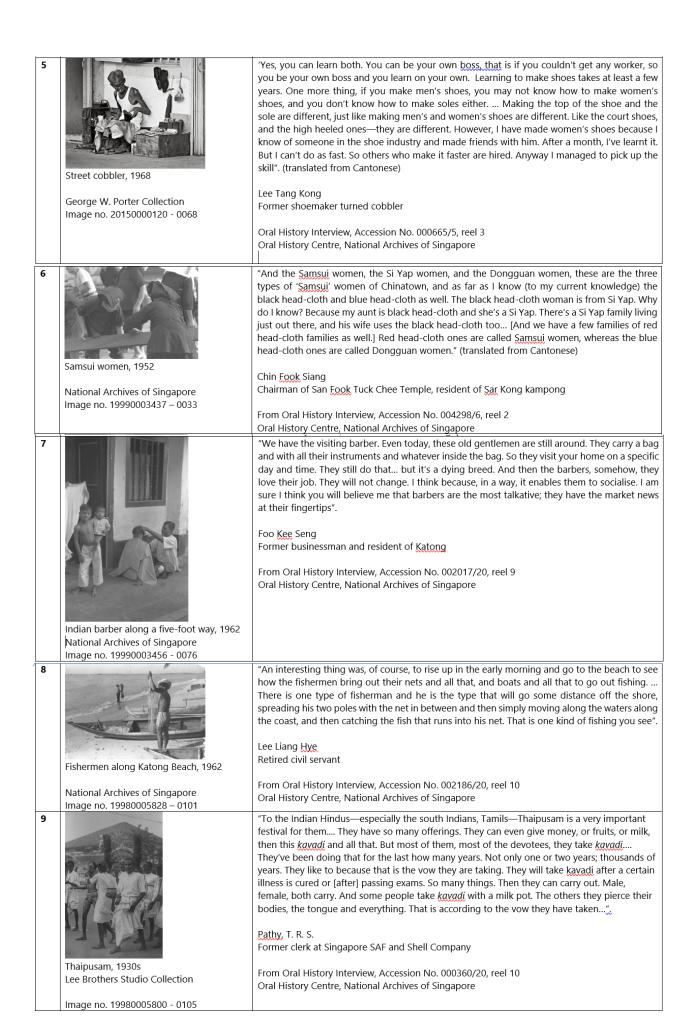
Jubilee Photo Studio: Photographic highlights from The National Archives of Singapore

Singapore, 29 March 2019

Annex B LIST OF PHOTOS ON DISPLAY AT THE JUBILEE PHOTO STUDIO

No	Photograph Thumbnail	Oral History Quotation		
1	■全民热烈· ···································	"In the morning it was a street market selling all fresh goods, fresh produce. You name it, Hock Lam Street has it. On the North Bridge Road end, you have the famous coffee shop and on the lower lower end, the small coffee shop. The big coffee shop is very well known for all its food. I think practically you name it, they have it. From the char kway teow, to the beef hor fun, the Hakka beef ball, to the very famous ngoh hiang, guan giang. And, of course, you must have the usual kway teow tng and so on".		
	View of Hock Lam Street from North Bridge Road, 1969 George W. Porter Collection	Tham Khai Wor Ex-Chief of Marketing at Singapore Press Holdings who grew up in the neighbourhood From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 003934/25, reel 4 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore		
	Image no. 20150000120 - 0037	Did you know? This area was redeveloped in the 1970s and <u>Funan</u> Centre was built over its site. <u>Funan</u> is the Mandarin pronunciation of the <u>Hokkien</u> word hock lam.		
2		"I remember also there was a time when every day was hopscotch. Boys, girls, everybody played hopscotch. Everybody drew on the ground and played hopscotch. Then, a season when everybody played marbles; all kinds of games of marbles, then it was tops, then it was horse and rider". C. Kunalan		
	Children Playing Hopscotch Along Corridors, 1960s	Former national sprinter and retired Olympian		
	Urban Redevelopment Authority Collection Image no. 19980005029 - 0076	From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 002572/18, reel 2 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore		
3		"My grandfather, when he first came to Singapore, he was doing odd jobs, like selling noodles, the <u>cok-cok</u> noodles along the five-foot way, and that's something that my dad picked up. They moved around; so they would carry all the utensils, the pots, and everything on their shoulders, and they had these two wooden small pieces of wood they would hit to make noise when they are around the area so that people know that, 'Oh, the noodle man is here'. That's why they call it the <u>cok-cok</u> noodles". Ronnie Ma Soon Peng Grassroots leader		
	Five-foot way noodle seller, 1950s	Oral History Interview, Accession No. 004080/10, reel 1 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore		
	Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations Collection Image no. 19980005839 – 0009			
4	Mobile Immunisation Team Arriving at a Kampong, 1960s	"Sometimes I visited to give advice and to check on the mother and child, and there were times where we brought the immunisation van—we called it the kampong immunisation van—to the patient's house we would bring the <i>kampong</i> immunisation vehicle complete with syringes and all the vaccines, all that. We brought it to the doorstep of the patient and gave the immunisation there We knew everybody, from the grandfather down to the grandson. We knew everybody in the family. They were very close to us. In fact, at that time it was a simple kind of life, where they become your friend, they confide in [you with] whatever problems they have, and we gave help, whatever we could at that time".		
	School of Nursing Collection Image no. 19980005769 - 0044	Former staff nurse at Maternal and Child Health Services		
		From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 002572/18, reel 2 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore		
		Did you know? Singapore used to have floating dispensaries that would travel regularly to neighbouring islands to administer treatment to the villagers there.		





View of a bullock cart (1950)

R Browne Collection Image no. 19980005592 - 0026 "The bullock cart was a strongly built cart with two huge wheels, about five foot in diameter. Huge wheels they were—sturdy wheel with big humps. The cart was mounted on these two wheels, pulled by two bullocks ... They are meant to take heavy loads. They were the lorries of today. They carried all heavy goods from place to place or carried goods from the factory to the docks. But it was a very familiar sight to see whole families charter one of these bullock carts on a Sunday to take the family to the seaside for a picnic. They used to put mats on the floorboard of the carts and the whole family used to get in with all the food and everything for the day and at a slow pace they went to the seaside in these bullock carts".

William Martinus

Former manager's assistant at Cable & Wireless Company

From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 000446/9, reel 7 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

Did you know? Kreta Ayer, which literally translates to "bullock cart water" in Malay, draws its name from the bullock and ox carts that used to ply this road carrying water for the early inhabitants of Singapore.

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Commuters boarding the trolley bus at Collyer Quay, 1946

Roland Craske Collection Image no. 19980005038 – 0052 "The most of the time, the tyres were all worn out. As the buses ran, you see, they produced a terrible loud noise. And one would have been able to sing in the trolley bus without being heard by the passengers alongside. I did it. When I was on the trolley bus, I would sing at the top of my voice. Other passengers beside me never heard I was singing. They produced such a sound because they ran on worn out tyres".

Gwee Peng Kwee

Peranakan dondang sayang (a traditional poetic art form) singer

From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 000128/13, reel 9 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

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Pilgrims waiting to leave for Mecca, 1953

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection Image no. 19980000856 - 0019 "1952, I went. At that time, there was no pilgrims [who] went there by air, you know. We all went there by ship. So we had to travel for about fourteen days by ship. The ship was known as <u>Tyndareus</u>. During the journey its very hectic because there was no first class, no second class. They were all the same place. They gave you a space – maybe about 3 feet, I think – just enough for you to lie down. That was the first time I went – '52".

Buang bin Haji Siraj (Haji)

Community leader who performed the Hajj in 1952, 1982 and 1985.

From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 000715/11, reel 3 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

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Interior view of a coffee shop with patrons, 1969

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection Image no. 20120000420 - 0023 "I can observe during my time, most of the coffee shops, in fact, fry their own coffee in the back lanes. They have one small black drum, and they will use firewood and with coffee beans and add in their ingredients in the coffee. They will start to turn the drum over the firewood and cook their own coffee beans. I guess because of that and because of the way people prepare their coffee last time and now, that's why there's a difference in modern coffee compared to the time I had coffee in my younger days".

Lim Rod Yam Hee

Owner of Lim Chee Guan who grew up in Chinatown

From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 003428/10, reel 1 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

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Old Hill Street Police Station, 1953

MITA Collection Image no. 19980000854 - 0018 "The National Archives moved to the Old Hill Street Police Station at the end of 1983. For the first time, we were able to have proper facilities worthy of a national archive. We had archive repositories for records, microfilms and tapes with 24/7 air-conditioning and humidity controls, a reading room, a conservation lab, a microfilm lab, a fumigation chamber and an exhibition gallery. We were self-contained and complete. We grew professionally too as we took advantage of international training opportunities for archivists and conservation staff.

Kwek-Chew Kim Gek

Senior Archivist at the National Archives of Singapore

Did you know? The Old Hill Street Police Station was built in 1934, then the largest government building in Singapore. In the 1980s, the building housed various government departments including the National Archives and Oral History Department. Today, it is home to the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI) and the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY).



Hawkers at night, 1965

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection

Image no. 19980000677 - 0029

"But at that time the food came all without decoration. There were no nice boxes to put them in. Very often, the basic food was wrapped up in a type of leaf known as *opeh* (betel nut frond). I don't know what the English word is, but *opeh*. And the *opeh*, especially for the case of Hokkien mee, you put the hot Hokkien mee inside, and you wrap it up. Then when you bring it home, you open it up, the nice smell of the Hokkien mee coming out, the aroma, plus the smell of the opeh, and that added to the smell".

Gabriel Vincent

Food and Management Consultant

From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 002909/17, Reel 5 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

Did you know? Hawker Culture in Singapore will be nominated in 2019 to be on United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage to celebrate Singapore's diverse cultures of food heritage.

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Fruit stalls in Hokien Street, 1962

National Archives of Singapore Image no. 19990003430 - 0058 "Oh yes, bargaining there, yes it is the... luxury of the market goers to bargain. Oh, they love to bargain. They will bargain on any item. Put it that way. Even today what, they are still bargaining. In those days there was no difference. People still bargain there. They try to bring down the price. Of course in those days, everything is fresh although it's not refrigerated. It just come from like the farm, the eggs come from the farm, the veggies come from the farm, the fish come from the sea. So far as freshness is concerned, we do not doubt the freshness of the items sold in the market".

Foo Kee Seng Former businessman

From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 002017/20, Reel 9 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

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Storytelling along Singapore River, 1960

National Archives of Singapore Image no. 19990003476 - 0006 "In the Teochew area right next to the Read Bridge, there was an uncle who would tell stories every night. We call it *pugy gou. Pugy gou* means storytelling. ... The storyteller's expressions were superb when he was telling stories. No matter what's the story content or character, he can stir the emotions of anyone who's listening. Those coolies would listen quietly while smoking or with their eyes closed; some stood while others sat. When the story reaches the climax, the storyteller sometimes pia! [slams the table]. The listeners would get excited and pay attention. Sometimes in the middle of the story, he would 'ahem ghem' and stop...and you would know what to do. Everyone would take ten or twenty cents, dong [throw] into his tin as he rested. At that time, life's like that—taking a smoke, *pui* [spitting], drinking tea... He would say, 'okay' and resume his story".

Jeffrey Eng

Former resident of a neighbourhood by the Singapore River

From Memories of Singapore River (documentary, 2019). Produced by Filmat36, directed by Eric Lim

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Cargoes and *twakows* by the Singapore River, 1968

George W. Porter Collection Image no. 20150000120 - 0049 "They don't just berth by the river banks, [they] could be berthed over ten, twenty boats away. Sometimes I had to step on the planks across several boats before reaching my father's boat. For the bumboats, if they're painted with a green motif, the boat owner is <u>Hokkien</u>. Most of them park at Boat Quay. If they're painted with a red motif instead, the owners are Teochew. Most of them berth at Clarke Quay. We used to call the area *Cha Chun Tow*".

Francis Phun

Former resident by the Singapore River

From Memories of Singapore River (documentary, 2019). Produced by Filmat36, directed by Eric Lim.

Did you know? In Singapore, there used to be roads named after the river vessels but eventually only Sampan Place remains. Roads such as <u>Twakow</u> Place, <u>Tongkang</u> Place and <u>Mangchoon</u> Place have disappeared and now form part of the <u>Geylang</u> Park Connector.

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Flats at MacPherson Housing Estate, 1970s

Ministry of Culture Collection Image no. 19980005142 - 0026 "When we first got this HDB flat, we were so happy, you know? Because it's the first time that we were talking about ang mo chu you know. You know what's ang mo chu? It's a brick house, because all that time we are staying in that wooden zinc sheet, right? But now it's the first time, wah... So wah, you can see the toilet, you flush, you know? So there's a flushing system for the toilet that we didn't have during our kampong days".

Soo Seng Guan

Grassroots leader and former resident of MacPherson Housing Estate

From Oral History Interview, Accession Number 004014/6, Reel 4 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore



Straits hunting party at Choa Chu Kang Village, 1930

Tan Tuan Khoon Collection Image no. 19980005489 - 0058 "It is disconcerting, or thrilling, according to temperament, to learn that there is still a possibility of encountering an occasional tiger on Singapore Island... Being suspicious by nature of our calling, we usually accept tiger stories with reserve, but we have it on the authority of the Straits Hunting Party that they made a kill at the 16th milestone, Chua Chu Kang, yesterday. The tiger, which measured 8 ft. 6 in., was reported to have been in the neighbourhood of the village for some weeks and to have accounted for sundry pigs and dogs. Mr Ong Kim Hong, of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., fired the shot which brought the tiger low and ensured that the inhabitants of Chua Chu Kang will now be able to sleep peacefully in their bed".

From "Notes of the day", The Straits Times, 27 October 1930

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Distributing water in villages, 1959

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection Image no. 19980001993 - 0015 "We had bucket system. This was after the war, mind you, '47. ... It used to be a common sight to see a common tap, public area enclosed, and people coming and going, carrying buckets, pails of water. And there used to be a rolling business—people who make it their business to take buckets and sell them. Sell them means for their labour; carrying buckets. It used to be a common sight to see. You see them morning and evening. You could see people having a bath early morning and late evening. They queue up to have a bath, they queue up to take buckets of water for their cooking and for their bath. So this is something you hardly see these days".

Gnanasundram Thevathasan

A Justice of the Peace

From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 000345/70, Reel 67 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

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Hill Street, 1910s

Lee Brothers Studio Collection Image no. 19980002860 - 0091 "We used to [go to] school in town. I was in St. Joseph's Institution and my sister was in the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus [on] Victoria Street. We used to come back by rickshaw from there, to home in Katong by rickshaw. And the rickshaw was our own. My mother bought it. We had a puller. At that time near Ophir Road there was a big *kongsi* [company]—like rickshaw pullers and their rickshaws. This man used to live there and he used to come up every day by tram to our place in <u>Katong</u> and get the rickshaw and pull us down. And he keeps it there, and then he goes and fetches us in the evening and pulls us back. When we reach home we are just two of us fast asleep".

Joseph Henry Chopard
A Eurasian who lived in Katong

From Oral History Interview, accession no. 000561/21, reel 1 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

Did you know? Originating from Japan and introduced to Singapore in 1880, rickshaws are hand-drawn taxicabs that were popular among the rich and poor alike in pre-war Singapore as they were ideal for making short journeys through crowded inner-city streets and alleys.

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Route March on South Bridge Road on the First National Day, 1966 Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations Collection Image no. 19980005075 - 0067 "We showed citizens that Singapore had military strength of its own and that we were ready for any eventuality. The crowds in return cheered and clapped and our hearts swelled with pride."

Mr Swee Boon Chai

Retired lieutenant colonel who marched as a SAFTI officer cadet in the first National Day Parade. From "Memories of first NDP to air online", *The Straits Times*, 13 June 2013

"I felt very proud being a citizen, watching the parade with the soldiers and other civilian contingents. The people were so happy...and that was the beautiful thing."

K. Ramiah

Former RTS Senior Producer/Journalist/Newscaster who was a spectator at the first National Day Parade

From "The First National Day Parade", *A Nation Remembers* (video series, 2014). Produced by the National Heritage Board.





Singapore Electric Tramways workers laying a track at North Bridge Road, 1904

F W York Collection Image no. 19990002605 - 0083 "In town, or even from Telok Ayer Street, Victoria Street, North Bridge Road, Queen Street, all the main roads, even Selegie Road, you have the rail track. In the middle of the road, about middle of the road, then you have the two electric wires connected with a certain rail up there. Then you have a first class [cabin] for about six persons. The rest is ordinary one. Tram travelled at a speed of about 20 miles or 25 miles [an hour] the most."

ing Lee Hua

Former Council Member of the Singapore Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Managing Director of Lim <u>Hup Choon</u> Pte Ltd

Oral History Interview, Accession No. 0000005/6, Reel 3 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

Did you know? The first electric trams in Singapore began operations on 24 July 1905, with fares ranging from 10 to 20 cents. The tram lines covered <u>Telok Blangah</u>, <u>Tanjong Pagar</u>, <u>Johnston Pier</u>, Bras <u>Basah</u> Road, Serangoon and other areas. By 1909, there was an average ridership of 32,000 passengers daily.

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Fullerton Building, 1950

R Browne Collection Image no. 19980005592 - 0019 "Yes, I think, there's something interesting [about the General Post Office at the Fullerton Building] which I myself discovered. There used to be a tunnel from the basement of the GPO passing below Fullerton Road to [the] pier on the beach end. Mail and parcel bags [to be sent] to nearby regions were conveyed through this passage. Trolleys stacked with these bags were pushed to the end of the tunnel and into a lift, and brought up to the pier level. Thereafter the bags were hand loaded on to a Marine Department launch [motorboat] and then carried to the ships anchored".

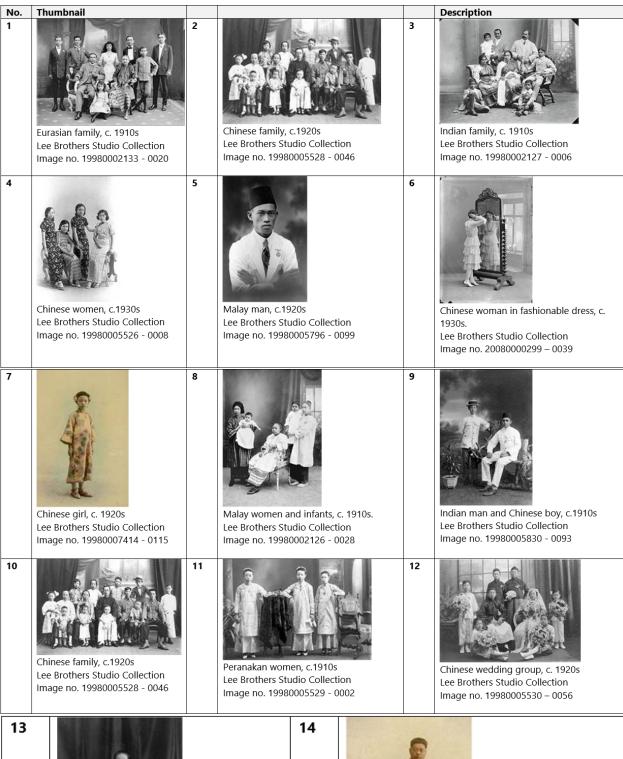
M. Bala Subramanion

Singapore's first Asian postmaster-general, who began his career as a postal clerk in 1936 and retired in 1971

From Oral History Interview, Accession No. 003202, reel 2/10 Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore

Did you know? The General Post Office was located at the former Fullerton Building from 1928 to 1996. During the Japanese Occupation, the building served as the headquarters of the Japanese Military Administration Department. Between 1997 and 2000, it underwent conversion and officially opened on 1 Jan 2001 as The Fullerton Hotel. The building was gazetted as a national monument on 7 December 2015.

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Chinese children, c. 1930s Lee Brothers Studio Collection Image no. 19980005798 - 0017



Chinese family, c. 1920s Lee Brothers Studio Collection Image no. 19980007415 - 0019