

The year of 1960's we Utah deaf groups had great success in professional drama-skits occasionally annual Utah Association for the Deaf Night Drama. We played our images to show on stage. I often played with them in once awhile and I was thinking about Signing Language in movie filming...

I purchased a Bolex super 8mm movie camera and had been training with it. Later I asked some actors and actresses to play the title in "The Ring" at our home in basement and it took us at least 4-5 hours to finish the plays.

Oct. 1969 evening held at UAD Night Drama. There were about 10 groups to be shown for the best competition and must be at least 12 minutes each. We did it and finally I got 1st place award for the 1st time in Signing Language movie filming instead of living show on stage.

I had kept the super 8mm movie film for extra years before it getting into VHS tape and able playing in VCR device. Another years later new technical system the VHS tape can be transferred into DVD I had done it myself.

The movie was a tale story of lady (Mrs. Brown) who had great great great grandmother at 203 years old & lived in her home. She called life Insurance Agent to meet her at home and she wanted her life insurance to be the 1st beneficiary to her g. g. g. grandmother. The shocking agent surprised and asked if she is still alive at the age? He went on signing the insurance papers and requested her to meet her grandmother after signing. He meet her with horrify and asked how can she lives that long? She shown him the ring on her finger when she was little girl and her father lived 151 years old and he told her that he tired of his long life as it was he presented his ring to her that's how she lives many more years as long as she wish. Mrs. Brown had to leave for store and the agent went out. Mischievous he sneaked & entered the house again and he took her ring away from her and placed it into his finger and he fell down with horrify ugly face dead. The old lady changed her at the whole to younger and beautifully again and walking away with smirk smiling. WHOOOAAA!!! Who else will be the next???

It was before America Signing Language afterward.

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