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Guide to the

**Black Women Oral History Project transcripts**

1976-1981

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## Summary

**Creator:** Black Women Oral History Project

**Title:** Black Women Oral History Project transcripts

**Date:** 1976-1981

**Size:** 5 linear feet

**Abstract:** Transcripts from the Schlesinger Library's oral history project which documented the contributions of black women 70 years or older to American life. Interviews document the lives, professional careers, and voluntary activities of women nationwide and focus on their contributions in a wide variety of fields including medicine, law, business, the arts, social work, education, politics, and civil rights. Interviews include Christia Adair, Frances Albrier, Sadie Alexander, Elizabeth Cardozo Barker, Etta Moten Barnett, May Edward Chinn, Alfreda Duster, Mae Eberhardt, Lena Edwards, Zelma George, Frances Grant, Ardie Halyard, Pleasant Harrison, Dorothy Height, Margaret Cardozo Holmes, Lois Mailou Jones, Virginia Jones, Maida Kemp, Catherine Cardozo Lewis, Audley Moore, Muriel Snowden, Olivia Stokes, Ann Tanneyhill, Constance Thomas, Era Bell Thompson, Charleszett Waddles, Dorothy West and Deborah Wofe.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Conditions Governing Use:** Publication requires permission of interviewee and Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College

**Location of Originals:** Originals at the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Cambridge, Mass

**Preferred citation:** Black Women Oral History Project transcripts, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The New York Public Library

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American arts  
African American executives  
African American lawyers  
African American physicians  
African American social workers  
African American teachers  
African American women -- Education  
African American women -- History  
African American women -- Political activity  
African American women artists  
African Americans -- Civil rights  
African Americans in business  
African Americans in medicine  
Businesswomen  
Women -- Political activity  
Women educators  
Women in community development  
Women in medicine  
Women in the civil service  
Women journalists  
Women labor union members  
Women lawyers  
Women librarians  
Women musicians  
Women social workers  
Women volunteers in social service

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Oral histories (document genres)

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- History -- 20th century

### **Names**

Black Women Oral History Project  
Adair, Christia, 1893-  
Albrier, Frances Mary, 1898-1987  
Alexander, Sadie Tanner Mossell, 1898-1989  
Barnett, Etta Moten, 1901-2004  
Chinn, May Edward, 1896-1980

Duster, Alfreda, 1904-  
Eberhardt, Mae Massie, 1915-  
Edwards-Madison, Lena Frances  
George, Zelma Watson, 1903-  
Grant, Frances O. (Frances Olivia), 1895-  
Halyard, Ardie Clark  
Harrison, Pleasant, 1915-  
Height, Dorothy I. (Dorothy Irene), 1912-2010  
Hill, May Edwards  
Holmes, Margaret, 1898-  
Hunter, Clementine  
Jones, Lois Mailou  
Jones, Susie, 1892-  
Jones, Virginia Lacy, 1912-1984  
Kemp, Maida Springer  
Kittrell, Flemma P. (Flemmie Pansy), 1904-1980  
Lewis, Catherine Cardozo  
Moore, Audley, 1898-  
Snowden, Muriel S. (Muriel Sutherland), 1916-  
Stokes, Olivia Pearl, 1916-  
Tanneyhill, Ann  
Thomas, Constance, 1917-  
Thompson, Era Bell  
Waddles, Charleszetta, 1912-  
Walker, Margaret, 1915-1998  
West, Dorothy, 1909-  
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