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.

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


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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, Flemmie 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, Charlesetta, 1912-
Walker, Margaret, 1915-1998
West, Dorothy, 1909-
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