

**Guide to the Oral History of  
ABBE, LESLIE MORGAN (1898–1992)**

**Biographical/Historical Note**

Leslie Morgan Abbe was a civic and community leader in Montgomery County. He was born in 1898 in Enfield, Connecticut and had a long career in federal service. Abbe was member of the Board of Education in the 1940s and President of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Council of Montgomery County from 1945 to 1947. He was involved in the Montgomery County Charter Movement, Rockville government, the County Committee on Negro Schools, and various civic organizations including the Rockville Citizen's Committee for Good Government (CGG). Abbe Served as Chairman of the City of Rockville Planning Commission from 1956 to 1959 and served on the Rockville Board of Appeals from 1960 to 1964.

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**Subject**

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City Planning – Rockville Planning Commission  
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Senior Associates of Rockville

**Subject Names**

Broome, Ned  
Carpenter, Richard  
Hovsepian, Dick  
Lee, Frederick  
Willmot, John

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