

**Guide to the Oral History of  
DALRYMPLE, GERTRUDE BRADLEY (1900-1984)**

**Biographical/Historical Notes**

Gertrude Bradley Dalrymple was a journalist and civic leader in Montgomery County. She was born on a farm in West Virginia in 1900. Her father was a school teacher and also founded a small newspaper in Summersville, West Virginia. About 4 years later, he bought another newspaper and moved his family to Richwood, West Virginia and established a printing office. Dalrymple used to help her father in the printing office. Dalrymple graduated from West Virginia University and was the first woman editor of the University's weekly newspaper, *The Atheneum*. Dalrymple moved to the Washington area to work as the secretary of Congressman John M. Wolverton. Dalrymple worked for the *Bethesda Journal* and served as the editor from 1940 to 1943. In 1944, she started *The Record of Bethesda-Chevy Chase* and was the editor of the *Record* from 1944 to 1952. She also worked as a correspondent with the *Washington Evening Star* from 1942 to 1952. As a resident of Montgomery County, Dalrymple was active in the Charter Movement, the Bethesda Library Association, the building of Suburban Hospital, and the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church.

**Interview** – Interviewed October 28, 1971 by Margaret Cutler for MBL.

**Subject**

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Journalism  
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