

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES

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PROVENANCE

The oral history interviews were conducted as part of several different initiatives. In the early 1970's, the League of Women Voters conducted an oral history project in an effort to record significant aspects of Montgomery County history and to mark the commemoration of the Nation's bicentennial. The resulting tapes and interviews were donated to the Rockville Branch Library of the Department of Public Libraries which turned the collection over to the Archives.

Fifty nine interviews of Stella Biddison Werner were conducted by Joseph H. Green of the Department of Public Libraries from November 1971 to August 1975. Transcripts of the interviews were maintained at the Rockville Regional Library as part of the library's local history collection, and were turned over to the Archives in October 1997. The interviews with Ms. Werner are only partially represented here; the full collection is housed in Montgomery History's Jane C. Sween Research Library.

Interviews with several county officials were conducted between 1986 and 1990 by History Associates Incorporated, a historical and archival services firm located in Rockville, Maryland. This work was completed as part of the Montgomery County Current History program which is administered by the County Archives. An oral history of Neal Potter was conducted by Anne Brown for the Montgomery County Archives in 1997-1998.

Seven interviews were conducted by the Department of Social Services in the early 1990s on VHS tapes, and were donated to the Archives as part of a larger collection.

EXTENT

3.16 cubic feet:

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection of oral histories of prominent civic leaders and government officials of Montgomery County comprises 3.16 cu. ft. and augments the official records created by government departments. The histories provide a fuller picture of the County's past by providing personal interpretations of individuals who were involved with shaping County affairs.

The record group is arranged into two series with two appendices:

Series I: Oral History Transcripts

Series II: Oral History Recordings

Subseries 1: Reel-to-Reel Tapes

Subseries 2: Audio Cassettes

Subseries 3: Video Cassettes

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Transcripts, 1969-1998

(1.66 cubic feet)

This series consists of transcribed oral history interviews. Transcripts in this series may not have a corresponding recording in Series II: Oral History Recordings. The content of several interviews is available only as abstracts of the interviews. No complete transcriptions or the recorded interviews may be available for these interviews.

Incomplete, restricted, or non-traditional material is located at the end of the series.

In addition to the transcripts, the series may include attachments such as drawings, and newspaper clippings pertaining to a specific interview. These materials are located in the folder of the transcripts to which they relate.

Note: interviews previously in this series conducted by the Montgomery County Historical Society were returned to Montgomery History's oral history collection in 2024.

The series is arranged alphabetically by last name of the person interviewed.

Series II: Oral History Recordings, 1969-1998

(1.5 cubic feet)

This series consists of audio cassettes, reel-to-reel tapes, and video cassettes containing recordings of oral history interviews. Recordings in this series may not have corresponding transcripts in Series I.

Subseries 1: Reel-to-Reel Tapes, 1969-1975

(1 cubic feet)

This subseries contains tapes of interviews conducted by the League of Women Voters and of other projects undertaken during the 1970s.

The tapes are arranged alphabetically by last name of the individual interviewed.

Subseries 2: Audio Cassettes, 1972-1998

(0.5 cubic feet)

The majority of the oral histories in this collection were recorded on audio cassette, or transferred to audio cassette from reel-to-reel tapes. The subseries is primarily comprised of interviews conducted in the mid 1970s by the League of Women Voters, and during the late 1980s and 1990s by History Associates as part of the Archives' Current History Project, also known as the Oral History Project.

The cassettes are arranged alphabetically by last name of the individual interviewed.

Subseries 3: Video Cassettes, 1990-1991

(9 items)

These cassettes were donated to the Archives by the Department of Social Services (DSS) in 1997 as part of a larger collection of paper and photographic records. The recordings include interviews with key DSS staff including Executive Director Harriet Herman, and Gladys Benson, a senior case supervisor for the Department from 1934 to 1971. Recordings for which no oral history release forms were received are restricted. The recordings of Harriet Herman and Gladys Benson are duplicated on audio cassette which are stored in Subseries 2.

The tapes are arranged alphabetically by last name of interviewee.

BOX INVENTORY

Series I: Oral History Transcripts

Box 1

Abbe, Leslie Morgan, 1971
Bain, Henry, 1969
Bennett, James V., 1975
Bloomer, Esther, 1971
Bullard, Anne, 1974 [Draft]
Bullard, Dexter M., 1969
Cahoon, David, 1989 [Abstract]
Christeller, Norman, 1992 [Summary]
Coffman, John W., 1972
Curtis, Frances Vinson, 1972
Dalrymple, Gertrude Bradley, 1971
Donaldson Mary Macabee, 1972
Eig, Sam, 1972
Engle, Lavinia, 1971 (5f)

Box 2

Farquhar, Richard, 1977
Farquhar, Roger B., 1972
Gardner, Allen H., 1973
Gilchrist, Charles W., 1986-1987
Gleason, James P., 1987
Greene, Alexander J., 1988 [Abstract]
Gustafson, Forest V. D., 1971 (with Ofsthun, Neil A.)
Himstead, Dorothy, 1972
Hostetler, Alice, 1971
Hovsepian, Dickran, 1988 [Abstract]
Jarvis, Edith Claude, 1971
Jewell, Edgar Guy, 1973
Jones, Margaret Taylor, 1971
McGuckian, Paul, 1989 [Abstract]
Menke, John, 1989 [Abstract]

Box 3

Mohler, Mary B., 1972
Moreland, George B., 1974
Nichols, Betty, 1975
Ofsthun, Neil A., November 1971
Potter, Neal, 1997-1998
Rovner, Edmund F., 1986 [Abstract]
Sandifer, Irene R., 1971
Siegel, Joyce B., 1972
Sims, Lewis B. [1975]
Smith, Lathrop, 1971
Walter, Malcolm D., 1974

Box 4

Werner, Stella Biddison, 1971-1975
 Volume 1: Early Years, 1952 (6 folders)
 Volume 2: 1952-1957 (5 folders)
 Volume 3: 1957-1960 (4 folders)

Box 5

“Old Timers” discuss county politics: Neumann, John W.; Carlin, Austin; Cromwell, James J.;
 Hewitt, Frank L.; Levitan, Laurence; Mathias, Joseph M.; Sedgwick, Byron,
 1987
Dawson, Rose K. [RESTRICTED] 1974
Miller, Robert [RESTRICTED] 1974
Wilson, Herman Monroe and Lillian Earnest [RESTRICTED], 1974

Series II: Oral History Recordings

Subseries I: Reel-to-Reel Tapes

Box 6

Abbe, Leslie Morgan, 1971
Bain, Henry, 1969
Bennett, James, V., 1975 (No. 1; concluding remarks on No. 1)
Bennet, James V., 1975 and Smith, Lathrop, 1971 (No. 2)
Bloomer, Esther, 1971
Bullard, Anne (Located in RG 18, LWV)
Bullard, Dexter M., 1975
Coffman, John W., 1972
Curtis, Frances Vinson, 1972
Dalrymple, Gertrude Bradley, 1971
Dawson, Rose (Located in RG 18, LWV)
Donaldson, Mary, n.d., and Mohler, Mary P., [1972]
Eig, Sam, 1972

Engle, Lavinia, 1971 (5 reels)
Gardner, Allen H., 1973
Gustafson, Forest, 1971, and Ofsthun, Neil, 1971
Himstead, Dorothy, 1972
Hostetler, Alice, 1971
Jarvis, Edith Claude, 1971
Jewell, Edgar Guy, 1973
Jones, Margaret T., 1971, and Mohler, Mary P., 1972
Leary, Kathleen (Located in RG 18, LWV)
Miller, Robert F. (Located in RG 18, LWV)
Moreland, George B., 1974 (2 reels)
Sandifer, Irene, 1971
Siegel, Joyce, 1972
Smith, Lathrop, 1971 (2 reels; concluding remarks on Bennett, James)
Walker, Helen Claxton, 1971, and Sandifer, Irene, 1971
Werner, Stella, c. 1951-1958 (6 reels)

(Series II: Oral History Recordings, Cont.)

Subseries 2: Audio Cassettes

Box 7

Abbe, Leslie, 1971 (3 cassettes)
Bain, Henry, 1969 (2 cassettes)
Bennett, James, 1975 (2 cassettes)
Bloomer, Esther, 1971 (2 cassettes)
Bullard, Anne (2 cassettes)
Bullard, Dexter M. 1975
Cahoon, David, 1989-1990 (3 cassettes)
Coffman, John, 1972 (3 cassettes)
Curtis, Francis, 1972
Dalrymple, Gertrude, 1971 (2 cassettes)
Dawson, Rose (4 cassettes) (Located in RG 18, LWV)
Donaldson, Mary, 1972 (2 cassettes)
Eig, Sam, 1972 (3 cassettes)
Engle, Lavinia, 1971 (4 cassettes)
Gardner, Allen H., 1973 (2 cassettes)

Box 8

Gilchrist, Charles W., 1986, 1987 (2 cassettes)
Gleason, James P., 1987 (2 cassettes)
Greene, Alexander, 1988 (2 cassettes)
Gustafson, Forest, 1971
Himstead, Dorothy, 1972
Hostetler, Alice, 1971 (2 cassettes)

Hovsepian, Dickran, 1988 (3 cassettes)
Jarvis, Edith Claude, 1971
Jewell, Edgar Guy, 1973 (3 cassettes)
Jones, Margaret Taylor, 1971 (3 cassettes)
Lee, E. Brooke, 1977 (8 cassettes)
McGuckian, Paul, 1989 (2 cassettes)
Menke, John, 1989 (2 cassettes)
Mohler, Mary B., 1972 (3 cassettes)

Box 9

Moreland, George B., 1974 (2 cassettes)
Ofsthun, Neal A., 1971
(Series II: Oral History Recordings, Cont.)
Subseries 2: Audio Cassettes, Box 9 cont.
Potter, Neal, 1997-1998 (4 cassettes)
Praisner, Marilyn J. (1 cassette)
Rovner, Edmund F., 1986 (2 cassettes)
Sandifer, Irene, 1971 (3 cassettes)
Siegel, Joyce, 1972 (3 cassettes)
Sims, Lewis, 1975
Smith, Lathrop, 1971 (2 cassettes)
Walker, Helen C., 1971

Series II: Oral History Recordings; Subseries 3: Video Cassettes

Box 10

Benson, Gladys, n.d. (1 cassette; 1 VHS tape)
Bishop, Ann, April 22, 1990 (**RESTRICTED**)
Bishop Ann, April 23, 1990 (**RESTRICTED**)
Caulk, Robert, August 29, 1991 (**RESTRICTED**)
Herman, Harriet, June 12, 1990 (2 cassettes)
Herman, Harriet, Edit, n.d. (1 VHS 6/12/1990; 1 VHS n.d.; 1 cassette)
Oswald, Mary Lou, April 25, 1990
Scott, Pat, March 1990
Smith, Catherine, June 12, 1990
Smith, Jim, March 3, 1990 (on Ann Bishop tape, April 22, 1990)

APPENDIX 1: Master and Back-Up Audiotapes

Box 10

Barnesley, Myrtle, 1975
Bullard, Dexter, 1975
Burroughs, Mildred, 1975
Dalrymple, Gertrude, 1971 (3 cassettes)
Dove, William, 1975 (2 cassettes)
Duvall, C. F., 1975
Farquhar, Richard, 1975
Farr, Janet, 1976

Box 12

Gilchrist, Charles W., 1986
Gilchrist, Charles W., 1987
Gladhill, Mollie, 1974
Gleason, James R., 1987 (2 cassettes)
Greene, Alexander, 1988 (2 cassettes)
Hartley, Gilbert, 1975
Hovespian, Dickran, 1988 (2 cassettes)
Johns, Brooke W., 1975
Leaf, Munro, 1975
Lowe, Robert W., 1975
Mason, Geneva, 1975
Moreland, George B., 1974 (2 cassettes)
Nesbitt, George F., 1975
Nichols, Betty, 1975
Prather, James E., 1976
Rovner, Edmund F., 1986 (2 tapes)
Royer, William, 1976
Siegel, Joyce, 1972 (2 tapes)
Walter, Malcolm, 1974
Waters Family, 1974
Zea, Margaret, 1976
Getty, Mildred Newbold, 1975

APPENDIX II: Biographical Abstracts

ABBE, LESLIE MORGAN (1898-)

Member of the Board of Education in the 1940s and President of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Council of Montgomery County from 1945-1947. Involved in the Charter Movement, Rockville government, the County Committee on Negro Schools, and various civic organizations including the Rockville Citizen's Committee for Good Government (CGG). 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.

Topics: Involvement in education, the Charter movement, Rockville government, and various civic organizations. Interviewed September 13, 1971 and December 15, 1971 by Anne Elsbree for MBL.

BAIN, HENRY

Montgomery County Political History, 1860-1948

Oral history is in the form of a talk given February 26, 1969, to the Oral History Committee of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters.

BARNSLEY, MYRTLE BRUSCUP (1885-)

Taught briefly at a one-room school house in Spencerville, c. 1905.

Topics: Recollections of rural Norbeck-Olney and Emory Methodist Church in the early 20th century. Interviewed April 29, 1975 by Luella Eldridge for MCHS.

BENNETT, JAMES V.

Recollections of Marie Bennett

Topics: Life with Marie Bennet; her background as a student at Brown; her involvement with the League of Women Voters, the Chevy Chase Women's Club, the Montgomery County Women's Club Forum, the Charter movement, the PTA, and Walter Reed Hospital; and her tenure as President of the League of Women Voters. Interviewed March 13, 1975 by Evelyn Asrael for MBL.

BLOOMER, ESTHER WILLING BROOKE (1893-1981)

Civic leader. Involved in the Montgomery County PTA from 1938-1947, the League of Women Voters from 1946-1970s and the PTA Education Committee of the League from 1955-1956.

Also editor of *The Maryland Voter*.

Topics: Origins of Montgomery College, the Bethesda Public Library Advisory Council, the YWCA, and the segregated school system with an emphasis on the Scotland School.

Interviewed September 13, 1971 by Blossom Holland for MBL.

BULLARD, DEXTER M., M.D. (1898-)

Psychiatric physician at Chestnut Lodge from 1925-1931, Medical Director of Chestnut Lodge from 1931-1969, and Rockville resident from 1908. Interviewed May 1, 1975 by Jeannine Jeffs for MBL.

BURROUGHS, MILDRED (1902-)

Topics: Life and occupation of rural families. Interviewed June 12, 1975 by James Scull for MCHS.

COFFMAN, JOHN W. (1909-1981)

Owner-editor of the *Takoma Journal*, 1946-55.

Topics: Takoma Park from the 1920s-1972. Discusses the City of Takoma Park, Takoma Park Library, the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the opening of New Hampshire Avenue in 1939, the League of Women Voters, the Charter Movement, and the organization of Montgomery College. Interviewed April 13, 1972 by Mary Donaldson for MBL.

CURTIS, FRANCES VINSON (1915-)

Civic leader born in Germantown, Maryland.

Topics: Scotland, association with AME Zion Church, growing up in Quince Orchard, relationship with local white churches, and social service programs within the black community. Interviewed February 18, 1972 by Helen Scharf for MBL.

DALRYMPLE, GERTRUDE BRADLEY (1900-)

Journalist and civic leader; editor of Bethesda Journal from 1940-1943; editor of the Bethesda Record from 1944-1952; correspondent with Washington Evening Star from 1942-1952.

Topics: Involvement in the newspaper business; working in the Charter Movement; women's clubs in Bethesda, including the Quota Club; the Bethesda Library Association prior to the formation of the County library system; the building of Suburban Hospital; working at the National Institutes of Health during the 1950s; and membership in the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church. Interviewed October 28, 1971 by Margaret Cutler for MBL.

DONALDSON, MARY MACABEE (1907-)

Member of Suburban Hospital Association from 1942, the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1942-1963 and the Planned Parenthood League from 1955-61.

Interviewed February 7, 1972 by Helen Scharf for MBL.

DOVE, WILLIAM (1901-)

William. Dove: Former Miller at Muncaster Mill

Last operator of the grist/saw mill from 1920-25.

Topics: Mill operations. Interviewed March 10, 1975 by William Van Lauven for MCHS.

DUVALL, CARROL F. (1888-)

Lifetime Memories of Kensington

Interviewed September 24, 1975 by James Scull for MCHS.

EIG, SAM (1898-1982)

Last of the Pioneer Entrepreneurs: Merchant, Developer, Philanthropist

Topics: A Russian immigrant's experiences in this country, including land development, early Silver Spring, the building of the East-West Highway, and the Charter Movement.

Interviewed August 23, 1972 by John R. Foley for MBL.

ENGLE, LAVINIA (1892-1979)

Suffragist, Member of the Maryland General Assembly, Civic Leader

Topics: Women's suffrage movement; County politics in the 1920s and 1930s; Engle family involvement in the Forest Glen community; and Quaker communities. Interviewed January 30, 1971 and March 13, 1971 by Margaret Cutler and Phyllis Levine for MBL.

FARQUHAR, RICHARD HANNA (1918-1984)

Farquhar Genealogy, Sandy Spring and Ashton

Topics: Reminiscences of a Quaker Community. Interviewed November 22, 1977 by Luella Eldridge for MCHS.

FARQUHAR, ROGER B. III (1916-)

Journalist with the *Washington Daily News* and the *Washington Post* and editor of the *Montgomery County Sentinel*.

Topics: County politics and the Quaker community in Sandy Spring. Interviewed May 19, 1973 and May 26, 1973 by Margaret Cutler for MBL.

FARR, JANET SHARON (1904-)

Senator Newlands and After

Topics: Recollections of Senator Francis Newlands (d. 1917), Chevy Chase in the 1930s and the Sharon family. Interviewed October 21, 1976 by James Scull for MCHS.

GARDNER, ALLEN

Lawyer and civic leader. Involved in the Montgomery County Civic Federation (MCCF) and served as Chairman of the MCCF Special Committee of Seven to Promote the Study of the Brookings Institution Report. Became first President of the Montgomery County Charter Committee (MCCC) and served as a member of the County Council from 1949-1954.

Topics: Montgomery County Charter Committee and County politics in the 1930s and 1940s. Interviewed May 17, 1973 by Jack Foley for MBL.

GETTY, MILDRED NEWBOLD (1896-)

Topics: Recollections of student life at the National Park Seminary in Forest Glen, Wheaton, during the early part of the 20th century. Interviewed January 28, 1975 by Monica Curry for MCHS.

GILCHRIST, CHARLES W.

Maryland State Senator from 1974-1978 and Montgomery County Executive from 1978-1986. Interviewed December 30, 1986 and January 2, 1987 by Jeannine Jeffs for MCA.

GLADHILL, MOLLIE (1886-)

Involved in founding the Farm Women's Cooperative in Bethesda in 1932, and founder of the Home Demonstration Club to assist farmers during the Depression.

Topics: Bethesda Women's Farm Market, farm life in Browningsville, Damascus and Methodist camp meetings in Damascus in the early part of the 20th century. Interviewed June 27, 1974 by Janet Dager and Eileen McGuckian for RMHS and MCHS.

GLEASON, JAMES P.

Montgomery County Councilmember from 1968-1970 and Montgomery County Executive from 1970-1978.

Interviewed June 18, 1987, June 25, 1987, and July 20, 1987 by Jeannine Jeffs for MCA.

GREENE, ALEXANDER J.

Rockville City Councilmember from 1954-1958; Rockville City Mayor from 1958-1962; involved in the Montgomery County Bureau of the Budget and the Montgomery County Housing Authority in the 1960s; and advisor and intergovernmental programs coordinator for County Executive Gilchrist in the 1980s.

Interviewed June 21, 1988 and June 22, 1988 for MCA.

GUSTAFSON, FOREST

Director of Montgomery County Department of Recreation, 1953-1970s.

Topics: Early days of recreation programs in Montgomery County in 1942 under the Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), and the transfer of the program to the County government in 1953; creation of a senior citizens center on Forest Glen Road in 1971; and relationships with the County Executive, the County Council and the Board of Education. Interviewed October 12, 1971 by Maureen Hinkle for MBL.

HALL, MARY E. (1907-)

Topics: Childhood in, and other recollections of, Old Kensington. Includes a discussion of 32 photographs of Kensington. Interviewed April 28, 1975 by Madelyn Royal for MCHS.

HARTLEY, GILBERT V., M.D. (1894-)

Montgomery County Home

One of the physicians on call in the Montgomery County almshouse from the 1930s to 1940s, which was closed c. 1950. Hartley had a general practice in Rockville from the 1920-1960s.

Topics: General characteristics and living conditions of almshouse residents. Interviewed November 5, 1975 by Carol Belliveau and Kassy Banfield for RMHS and MCHS.

HIMSTEAD, DOROTHY (1895-1988)

President of the League of Women Voters from 1946-1948 and member of the first County Council from 1949-1950.

Interviewed June 30, 1972 by Blossom Holland for MBL.

HOSTETLER, ALICE MARIE WATTS (1901-)

Involved in the Women's National Democratic Club in the 1940s, served on the Montgomery County Charter Board from 1942-1943 and was elected a member of the Maryland House of Delegates for 1961-62 and 1966.

Topics: Democratic Party organization, the Charter Movement and the League of Women Voters. Interviewed June 16, 1971 by Margaret Cutler for MBL.

HOVSEPIAN, DICKRAN Y.

Rockville City Mayor from 1954-1958, President of the Montgomery County Citizens Planning Association in the 1960s, and Montgomery County Councilmember from 1970 to 1978.

Interviewed June 17, 1988 and June 27, 1988 for MCA.

JARVIS, EDITH CLAUDE

A History of Chevy Chase Village

Topic: Reminiscences, 1902-1971. Interviewed July 17, 1971 by Paula Locker for MBL.

JEWELL, EDGAR GUY (1901-)

Teacher, principal and administrator in the Montgomery County School system from 1921-1971.

Topic: Reminiscences of county schooling in Barnsville in 1908. Interviewed 1971 by Beryl Saylor for MBL.

JOHNS, W. BROOKE (1893-)

Memories of Fifty Years Residence in Montgomery County

Topics: Vaudeville, early broadcasting, and rural Montgomery County. Interviewed March 2, 1975 by Luella Eldridge for MCHS.

JONES, MARGARET TAYLOR (1907-1977)

Teacher, Supervisor, Principal: From a Segregated System to an Integrated System -- Montgomery County Public Schools, 1931-71

Topic: Teaching in rural black schools and the Scotland community. Interviewed November 3, 1971 by Anne Elsbree for MBL.

LEAF, MUNRO

Author of books for children including *Ferdinand* and *Wee Gillis*.

Interviewed October 23, 1975 by Marguerite M. Murray for MCHS.

LEE, E. BROOKE

Life and Career of Colonel E. Brooke Lee.

Topics: Reminiscences of childhood in Washington, D.C. and Silver Spring; service in the 115th Infantry during World War I; and politics in Montgomery County. Interviewed February, 1977 and May, 1977 by James Scull for MCHS.

LOWE, MERCEDES DAVIS

Topics: National Park Seminary at Forest Glen and her father Dr. Roy Tasco Davis (1889-1975). Interviewed December 5, 1975 by Luella Eldridge for MCHS.

MASON, GENEVA (1899-)

The View from Scotland: Activities of a Community Leader

Topic: Life in a rural black community from 1917 to the 1960s. Interviewed March 19, 1975 by Joyce Siegel for MCHS.

MOHLER, MARY BURTON (1903-1986)

Educator and Civic Leader, 1923-1972.

Topics: Montgomery County Public Schools: Woodside Elementary, Leland Jr. High School, and Bethesda Chevy Chase High School. Interviewed February 4, 1972 by Blossom Holland for MBL.

MORELAND, GEORGE B. (1901-)

Director of Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries, 1951-69.

Interviewed October 26, 1974 by Norman Finkler for MBL.

NESBITT, GEORGE FLOYD (1899-)

President of the First National Bank of Sandy Spring.

Interviewed May 25, 1975 by Jeannette Stabler for MCHS.

NICHOLS, BETTY B. (1929-)

Planned Parenthood in Montgomery County

Director of Montgomery County Planned Parenthood, 1956.

Interviewed March 27, 1975 by James Scull for MCHS.

OFSTHUN, NEIL A.

Director of Recreation and Parks for City of Rockville in the 1960s.

Interviewed November 9, 1971 by Maureen K. Hinkle for MBL.

POTTER, NEAL (1915-)

Elected to County Council in 1970 and re-elected in all subsequent election years until 1986, serving three times as Council president. Served as County Executive from 1990-1994 and returned to the legislative branch of County government in 1994 as Councilmember-at-large.

Interviewed December 12, 1997 and February 13, 1998 by Anne E. Brown for MCA.

PRATHER, JAMES E., REVEREND (1911-)

The Reverend James E. Prather and Prathertown: Conversations on a Community

Topics: Prather genealogy, Prathertown, Emory Grove, Laytonsville, and involvement with the Board of Education in 1954 during de-segregation. Interviewed March 9, 1976 and April 7, 1976 by Andrea Stevens for MCHS.

ROVNER, EDMUND F.

Special Assistant to Montgomery County Executive Gilchrist, 1981-86.

Interviewed December 10, 1986 and December 16, 1986 for MCA.

ROYER, WILLIAM E. (1911-1987)

Director of Social Services, 1948-1973.

Topic: History of the Montgomery County Department of Social Services.

Interviewed September 30, 1976 by Nancy Scull for MCHS.

SANDIFER, IRENE R.

Educator and civic leader during the 1940s and 1950s.

Interviewed October 16, 1971 by Blossom Holland for MBL.

SIEGEL, JOYCE B.

Topics: Scotland and Scotland Community Development, Inc., in the 1960s. Interviewed March-April, 1972 by Margaret Cutler for MBL.

SIMS, LEWIS B. (1909-)

Public administrator and civic leader.

Topic: Charter Movement. Interviewed April, 1972 and June, 1972 by Maureen Hinkle and Helen Scharf for MBL.

SMITH, LATHROP E. (1902-1971)

Twenty-Five Years of Community Participation, 1946-1971

Topics: Farm Bureau; Upper Montgomery County Planning Commission; County Council; Board of Education; and Montgomery Soil Conservation District. Interviewed August, 1971 by Helen M. Scharf for MBL.

SMITH, LUCY N. (1888-)

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Station

Topics: City of Rockville and railroad commuting to Washington D.C. in the early part of the 20th century. Interviewed March, 1974 by Pat Otranto for RMHS.

SMITH LUCY N.

Miss Lucy Smith Talks About Forest Avenue, Rockville

Topic: Reminiscences of childhood on Forest Avenue. Interviewed April 23, 1974 by Laraine Gaddis for RMHS.

TALLEY, ANNA L., REVEREND (1918-)

Pastor of non-denominational Mount of Olives Church in Darnestown.

Topics: Faith-healing and childhood in the rural black community of Sugarland. Interviewed June 2, 1977 by Luella Eldridge for MCHS.

WALKER, HELEN CLAXTON (1896-1980)

Educator, civic leader, and member of the Montgomery County Board of Education.

Interviewed October 21, 1971 by Blossom Holland for MBL.

WALTERS, MALCOLM (1894-)

Then and Now in Kensington

Topics: School, village life, transportation, and politics. Interviewed November 29, 1974 by James Scull for MCHS.

WATERS, MADELINE V. (1893-)

WATERS, HERBERT DORSEY (1904-)

Descendants of an early Maryland family.

Topics: Reminiscences of Waters family, Germantown, and Montgomery County in general. Interviewed September 16, 1974 by James Scull for MCHS.

WERNER, STELLA (1901-1981)

President of Montgomery County Council in the 1950s.

Topics: Childhood, family, social life, and civic and political career including the Charter movement and the County Council. Interviewed in sixty separate interviews from 1971-1975 by Joseph H. Green.

ZEI, MARGARET E. (1898-)

Memories of Takoma Park, Washington, and Kensington

Topics: Takoma Park, Washington, and Kensington in the early and mid-20th century. Interviewed May 22, 1976 by Luella Eldridge for MCHS.