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# **Eastern Market Oral History Project**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Friends of Eastern Market
<b>Title:</b>	Eastern Market Oral History Project
<b>ID:</b>	OHP015
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1992-1993
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.75 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical / Historical

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Eastern Market is a public market in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C., which was designed by Adolf Cluss and constructed in 1871.

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## Scope and Contents

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From 1992 – 1993, a total of 12 oral history interviews were conducted through the Eastern Market Oral History Project, of which the Washingtoniana division holds resources for 9 interviews. The goal of the project was to capture the undocumented history of the Eastern Market, the last vestige of the Washington market system, which for more than 100 years played a vital role in the life of the city. The stories told by the interviewees show the important role that public markets played in feeding the city throughout the 19th and early 20th century, providing work and a social gathering place while connecting the city and its people to the surrounding countryside. Topics include family history, business, relations between vendors, and neighborhood and industry changes over time. The project was done under a planning grant from the D.C. Community Humanities Council, and Valerie Pawlewicz served as project manager.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Transcripts Scope and Contents Materials in this series include transcripts of the interviews. There is no transcript for 15-11. Series 2: Interviews Scope and Contents Materials in this series include master copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are no duplicate copies of any audio recordings.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Custodial History

The Friends of Eastern Market conducted these interviews between 1992 and 1993 as a part of a grant from the D.C. Humanities Council. Duplicates of the original tapes and indexes were transferred to the Library in 1993. There is no deed of gift for this collection.

### Processing Information

After the initial deposit of the tapes and indexes in the Library, the indexes were placed in folders and stored them in a filing cabinet with other oral histories. Tapes were placed a cabinet for public use. In 2014, the tapes and transcripts were digitized and in 2017 the collection was reprocessed. Indexes were placed into folders and boxed. All known tapes were boxed for long term storage. All administrative documents were placed into the control file. There are no tapes or transcripts for 15-06 and 15-10.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Oral History
- Neighborhoods
- Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.)
- Markets
- Businesspeople

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Transcripts

#### Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include transcripts of the interviews. There is no transcript for 15-11.

Title/Description	Instances	
Jessie Buscher, 1992 June 12	Box 1	Folder 1
Ray Bowers, 1992 July 10	Box 1	Folder 2
Ernest Higgins, 1992 July 25	Box 1	Folder 3
Chris Calomiris, 1992 August 24	Box 1	Folder 4
Thomas J. Cooper, 1992 December 1	Box 1	Folder 5
Harry Hodges, 1992 December 16	Box 1	Folder 6
Esther Hodges, 1993 January 14	Box 1	Folder 7
Charles Glasgow, 1993 January 13	Box 1	Folder 8
Charles Sherzer, 1993 January 22	Box 1	Folder 9

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## Series 2: Interviews

### Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include master copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are no duplicate copies of any audio recordings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Jessie Buscher, 1992 June 12	Box 2	Folder 15-01
Ray Bowers, 1992 July 10	Box 2	Folder 15-02
Ernest Higgins, 1992 July 25	Box 2	Folder 15-03
Chris Calomiris, 1992 August 24	Box 2	Folder 15-04
Thomas J. Cooper, 1992 December 1	Box 2	Folder 15-05
Harry Hodges, 1992 December 16	Box 2	Folder 15-07
Esther Hodges, 1993 January 14	Box 2	Folder 15-08
Charles Glasgow, 1993 January 13	Box 2	Folder 15-09
David Fowler	Box 2	Folder 15-11
Charles Sherzer, 1993 January 22	Box 2	Folder 15-12

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