

# **WETA Women of Achievement Oral History Project**

## **An inventory of WETA Women of Achievement Oral History Project at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	WETA (Radio station : Arlington, Va.)
<b>Title:</b>	WETA Women of Achievement Oral History Project
<b>ID:</b>	OHP008
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1979-1985
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7.5 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical / Historical

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Formed in 1953, the Greater Washington Educational Television Association transmitted their first broadcast in 1961 as a non-commercial educational Public Broadcasting System (PBS) member. Among the programs produced by WETA that are distributed nationally by PBS are the PBS News Hour, Washington Week, and several nationally broadcast cultural and documentary programs, such as the Ken Burns' documentaries and "A Capitol Fourth."

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## Scope and Contents

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Between 1979 and 1985, WETA-FM conducted a total of 56 "luncheon series" oral history interviews with notable women in the greater Washington, D.C. area. All interviews were a part of a series entitled "Women of Achievement." Each interview is approximately 45 minutes to an hour long and topics included their life and work experiences. Interviewees were chosen for their achievements in a wide range of fields, including community volunteering, business, and the arts. The project's director was Elizabeth Campbell, Vice President of Community Affairs. 08-41 is labeled "Audience Questions" and appears to be from an event held by WETA.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Transcripts' Scope and Contents Materials in this series include transcripts for 13 of 39 interviews. Interviews are for the following recordings: 08-01A, 08-01B, 08-02A, 08-02B, 08-04A, 08-04B, 08-05A, 08-05B, 08-07A, 08-07B, 08-09A, 08-09B, and 08-15. Series 2: Interviews Scope and Contents Materials in this series include master and patron access copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are at least two copies for all audio recordings. boxes 4 and 5 contain original reel-to-reel recordings.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Custodial History

WETA conducted these interviews between 1979 and 1985 and donated the tapes and transcripts to the Library in 1983. There is no deed of gift for the collection, but correspondence in the control file indicated their legal transfer to the Library.

### Processing Information

After the initial donation to the Library, the transcripts were placed in folders and stored in a filing cabinet. Tapes were duplicated by the Library with the original being placed into off-site deep storage, and patrons were given access to the use copy. In 2014, the transcripts and the tapes were digitized. Following digitization, the collection was reprocessed in 2017 with the transcripts being placed in new folders and boxed. Tapes were divided based on format (cassette and reel-to-reel, and boxed for long-term storage. All administrative documents, including releases, were placed into the control file.

## Conditions Governing Use

The Library holds copyright for items in this collection with a signed release. There are no restrictions on the use of these collection materials. Reproduction of an oral history without a signed release is not permitted.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Oral History
- Women
- Businesspeople
- Arts
- Political activists
- Educators

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Transcripts

#### Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include transcripts for 13 of 39 interviews. Interviews are for the following recordings: 08-01A, 08-01B, 08-02A, 08-02B, 08-04A, 08-04B, 08-05A, 08-05B, 08-07A, 08-07B, 08-09A, 08-09B, and 08-15.

Title/Description	Instances	
M. Jane Evans, 1981 October 14	Box 1	Folder 1
Patricia Roberts Harris, 1981 November 11	Box 1	Folder 2
Mary Day, 1981 December 9	Box 1	Folder 3
Thelma Lavine, 1982 February 10	Box 1	Folder 4
Gladys M. Sprinkle, 1982 May 12	Box 1	Folder 5
Catherine Filene Shouse, 1982 June 16	Box 1	Folder 6
Margaret Rockwell, 1982 October 13	Box 1	Folder 7
Zelda Fichandler, 1982 November 10	Box 1	Folder 8
Floretta Dukes McKenzie, 1983 February 9	Box 1	Folder 9
Candace Johnson, 1983 March 9	Box 1	Folder 10

Beverly Benner Cassara, 1983 October 12	Box 1	Folder 11
Carol Lescaris, 1983 November 7	Box 1	Folder 12
Sarah McClendon, 1984 November 14	Box 1	Folder 13

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## Series 2: Interviews

### Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include master and patron access copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are at least two copies for all audio recordings. Boxes 4 and 5 contain original reel-to-reel recordings.

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M. Jane Evans, 1981 October 14	Box 2	Folder 08-01A
Patricia Roberts Harris, 1981 November 11	Box 2	Folder 08-01B
Mary Day, 1981 December 9	Box 2	Folder 08-02A
Thelma Z. Lavine, 1982 February 10	Box 2	Folder 08-02B
Rita C. Davidson, 1982 March 10	Box 2	Folder 08-03A
Eloise Greenfield, 1982 April 14	Box 2	Folder 08-03B
Gladys M. Sprinkle, 1982 May 12	Box 2	Folder 08-04A
Catherine Filene Shouse, 1982 June 16	Box 2	Folder 08-04B
Margaret Rockwell, 1982 October 13	Box 2	Folder 08-05A
Zelda Fichandler, 1982 November 10	Box 2	Folder 08-05B
Julia M. Walsh, 1982 December 8	Box 2	Folder 08-06A
Barbara M. Watson, 1983 January 10	Box 2	Folder 08-06B
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Mary Ann Lundgren, 1983 April 13	Box 2	Folder 08-08A
Barbara S. Thomas, 1983 May 9	Box 2	Folder 08-08B
Beverly Benner Cassara, 1983 October 12	Box 2	Folder 08-09A
Carol Lescaris, 1983 November 7	Box 2	Folder 08-09B
Sharon Allison Moseley, 1983 December 12	Box 2	Folder 08-10
Holly Martin Townsend, 1984 February 13	Box 2	Folder 08-11A
Anne Hessing Cahn, 1984 March 12	Box 2	Folder 08-11B
Peggy Cooper Cafritz, 1984 April 9	Box 2	Folder 08-12
Dorothy Robins-Mowry, 1984 May 14	Box 2	Folder 08-13
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Sarah McClendon, 1984 November 14	Box 2	Folder 08-15
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Mary Hatwood Futrell, 1985 January 8	Box 2	Folder 08-17
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Anne Clinton Seymour, 1985 March 12	Box 3	Folder 08-19
Alice Callis Hunter, 1985 April 9	Box 3	Folder 08-20
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