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# **Washington Entrepreneurs Project of Strayer College - Independent Business Owners Oral History Project**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	DCPL Special Collections - MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Strayer College
<b>Title:</b>	Washington Entrepreneurs Project of Strayer College - Independent Business Owners Oral History Project
<b>ID:</b>	OHP006
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1979-1981
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.75 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical / Historical

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Founded in 1892 as Strayer's Business College in Baltimore, Maryland, the College was established to teach business skills. A second branch of the College was opened in Washington, D.C. in 1904. In 1969, the college received the accreditation needed to grant four-year Bachelor of Arts degrees and was renamed Strayer College. In 1998, Strayer College was granted university status by the District of Columbia Education Licensure Commission and became Strayer University.

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## Scope and Contents

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From 1979 - 1981, Strayer College in Washington, D.C., conducted interviews with representatives of independent businesses. The project chronicles D.C. area businesspeople and their families. Topics include the founding and development of the business; family involvement in the business (past, present, and future); evaluation of local government, financial, and trade association services; involvement in civic and charitable activities; loyalty to the Washington area; and self-assessment of interviewees' choice to be an independent business owner. Companies selected were at least 30 years old and owner-operated. The Project's director was Richard Voelkel.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Transcripts Materials in this series include transcripts for all interviews. Series 2: Interviews Materials in this series include master and patron access copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are two copies for all audio recordings.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2020-07-15

### Custodial History

Strayer College conducted these interviews between 1979 and 1981 and transferred the tapes and transcripts to the Library in 1983. There is no Deed of Gift for this collection, however there is a letter stating that the collection was donated.

### Processing Information

After the initial donation the Library bound the transcripts and they were then arranged alphabetically by surname and placed in a filing cabinet for patron use. Tapes were duplicated by the Library with the original being placed into off site deep storage, and patrons given access to the use copy. In 2014 the transcripts were un bound as a part of the digitization process. In 2017 the transcripts were reprocessed according to standard archival procedures and placed in new archival folders and boxed. All administrative records, including release documents, were placed into the control files.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Oral History
- Business
- Businesspeople

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Transcripts

#### Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include transcripts for all interviews.

Title/Description	Instances	
Henry Barrazotto, 1980 October 29	Box 1	Folder 1
Walter Bell, 1981 June	Box 1	Folder 2
Richard Bergmann, 1981 May 22	Box 1	Folder 3
Anthony P. Bovello, 1979 November 7	Box 1	Folder 4
Murry T. Donono, 1981 July 25	Box 1	Folder 5
Morris Gevinson, 1981 September	Box 1	Folder 6
Henry Gichner, 1981 April 17	Box 1	Folder 7
Ivan Hall, 1981 August	Box 1	Folder 8
Schell S. Hoye, 1981 May 29	Box 1	Folder 9
Irving Keller	Box 1	Folder 10
Milton Kronheim, 1980 November 11	Box 1	Folder 11
Robert G. McGuire, Jr.	Box 1	Folder 12

Sidney Michelson, 1981 June 11	Box 1	Folder 13
Marion Peake, 1981 August 28	Box 1	Folder 14
Robert Peck, 1981 August	Box 1	Folder 15
Frank Rich, 1980 November-1981	Box 2	Folder 1
John Slattery, 1981 October 23	Box 2	Folder 2
A. J. Somerville, 1981 August	Box 2	Folder 3
Edwin Stern, 1981 August	Box 2	Folder 4
Fred Water, 1981 July 16	Box 2	Folder 5
William P. Weschler, 1981 May 19	Box 2	Folder 6
Margaret Woodson, Nelson Woodson and Clark Vernon, 1981 August	Box 2	Folder 7

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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 two copies for all audio recordings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Henry Barrazotto, 1980 October 29	Box 3	Folder 06-01
Walter Bell, 1981 June	Box 3	Folder 06-02
Richard Bergmann, 1981 May 22	Box 3	Folder 06-03
Anthony P. Bovello, 1979 November 7	Box 3	Folder 06-04
Anthony P. Bovello, 1979 November 7	Box 3	Folder 06-05
Murry T. Donono, 1981 July 25	Box 3	Folder 06-06
Morris Gevinson, 1981 September	Box 3	Folder 06-07
Henry Gichner, 1981 April 17	Box 3	Folder 06-08
Henry Gichner, 1981 April 17	Box 3	Folder 06-09
Ivan Hall, 1981 August	Box 3	Folder 06-10
Schell S. Hoye, 1981 May 29	Box 3	Folder 06-11
Irving Keller	Box 3	Folder 06-12
Milton Kronheim, 1980 November 11	Box 3	Folder 06-13
Milton Kronheim, 1980 November 11	Box 3	Folder 06-14

Robert G. McGuire, Jr.	Box 3	Folder 06-15
Sidney Michelson, 1981 June 11	Box 3	Folder 06-16
Marion Peake, 1981 August 28	Box 3	Folder 06-17
Robert Peck, 1981 August	Box 3	Folder 06-18
Robert Peck, 1981 August	Box 4	Folder 06-19
Frank Rich, 1980 November-1981 October	Box 4	Folder 06-20
Frank Rich, 1980 November-1981 October	Box 4	Folder 06-21
Frank Rich, 1980 November-1981 October	Box 4	Folder 06-22
John Slattery, 1981 October 23	Box 4	Folder 06-23
A. J. Somerville, 1981 August	Box 4	Folder 06-24
Edwin Stern, 1981 August	Box 4	Folder 06-25
Fred Water, 1981 July 16	Box 4	Folder 06-26
William P. Weschler, 1981 May 19	Box 4	Folder 06-27
Margaret Woodson, Nelson Woodson and Clark Vernon, 1981 August	Box 4	Folder 06-28

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