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Oral History Project

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Scope and Contents Note

The Broome County Oral History Project was conceived and administered by the Senior Services Unit of the Office for the Aging. Funding for this project was provided by the Broome County Office of Employment and Training (C.E.T.A.), with additional funding from the Senior Service Unit of the National Council on Aging and Broome County government.

The aim of this project was two-fold – to obtain historical information about life in Broome County, which would be useful for researchers and teachers, and to provide employment for older persons of a limited income. The oral history interviews were obtained between November 1977 and September 1978 and were conducted by five interviewers under the supervision of the Action for Older Persons Program.

The collection contains 64 recorded interviews. Each interview has been transcribed. One transcribed interview does not have an accompanying audio recording. In 2005 Binghamton University Libraries' Special Collections Department participated in the New York State Audiotape Project which undertook preservation reformatting of the audiotapes, and the creation of compact discs for patron use.

Audio Recordings

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Person(s) Interviewed

Recording 1	Ayres, Dr. John P
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Cinotti, Dominick
Cole, Louie
DiVittorio, Angelo
Dryja, Walter
Elwood, Ann
English, Charles
Fawcett, Mrs. Claude
Fenson, Mrs. Simon
Fenson, Mrs. Simon
Freije, Marie Nejame
Freije, Marie Nejame
Gaidorus, Jenny Tokos
Gallagher, Susie
Gallo, Barbara
Goida, Andrew
Goundrey, Eunice
Hallahan, William A.
Hanafin, Michael J.
Hanafin, Michael J.
Harendza, Michael
Hladik, Elizabeth
Isenburg, Florence Parsons
Isenburg, Florence Parsons
Jewell, Anna
Johnson, Harmon and Harold
Keeney, Mary
Kern, Anna and Jennings, Marguerite
Kinnane, Anna
Land, Helen
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Person(s) Interviewed

Oldwine, Barbara
Ondrako, Fred
Parsons, Elsie
Perhach, Michael M.
Petras, Louise
Planck, Elodia DeHoyos
Planck, Elodia DeHoyos
Riggins, Olga
Sargent, Dr. Clealand A.
Sedlak, John
Shaughnessy, Mary
Smith, Dr. Jean
Sovik, Mary
Spisak, Anne
Stewart, Leroy Elliott
Tedeschi, Frank J.
Templeton, Lena
Titchner, Dorothy
Titchner, Dorothy
Warski, John
Weaver, Helene
Woodward, Shirley

Transcriptions of Interviews

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Person(s) Interviewed

Ayres, Dr. John P.
Bell, Clara
Benson, Dr. Carl S.
Borsuk, Anna
Bower, Marjorie
Boyd, Jeanette

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	Person(s) Interviewed
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Person(s) Interviewed

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Folder 7	Land, Helen
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Folder 9	Maxian, Stephen
Folder 10	McAvoy, James J.
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Folder 20	Sedlak, John
Folder 21	Shaughnessy, Mary
Folder 22	Smith, Dr. Jean
Folder 23	Sovik, Mary
Folder 24	Spisak, Anne
Folder 25	Stewart, Leroy Elliott
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Accordionist	Maxian
African-Americans	Fawcett; Oldwine
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Airplanes	Johnson; Link

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Bennett Family
Benny Goodman Sextet
Bicentennial Celebration, U.S.
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Binghamton General Hospital
Binghamton Grange

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Titchener
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Warski
Bell
Gallagher
Sovik
Goundrey
DiVittorio
Hallahan
Spisak
Borsuk
Brotzman
Fenson
Land
Stewart
Woodward
Benson; Borsuk; Boyd;
Burbank; Burns; Caganek;
Celeste; Chase; DiVittorio;
Dryja; Elwood; Fawcett;
Gallo; Goida; Hallahan;
Hanafin; Harendza; Jewell;
Keeney;
Kinnane; Land; Maxian;
McNamara; Oldwine;
Ondrako; Parsons;
Planck; Shaughnessy; Sovik;
Templeton; Titchener; Weaver
McNamara
McNamara
Perhach
Benson
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Binghamton Recreation Commission	Perhach
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Broome County Courthouse	Chase; Gallo
Broome County Courts	Chase
Broome County (N.Y.) - Officials and employees	Chase
Broome Community College	Titchener
Broome County Grange (N.Y.)	Brotzman
Broome County Historian	Weaver
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Carlova Perfume Factory	Riggins
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Carpenters	Warski
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Castle Creek (N.Y.)	Cole
Catholic Creek	Caganek
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Calvary Church	Bell
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Chenango Bridge Airport	Johnson
Chenango Bridge (N.Y.)	Isenburg; Johnson; Petras; Smith
Chenango Forks School	Cole
Chenango Valley Medical Group	Smith
Chenango Valley (N.Y.)	Bower
Chenango Valley Central Schools	Bower; Smith
Children of immigrants	Hladik; Maxian; Riggins; Sedlak; Sovik
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Christ the King Church	Riggins

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Colgate University
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Cortland (N.Y.)
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Crandall, Stone & Co.
Czechoslovakia
Dairy farmers
Dance teachers
Dancers
Dance class
Delivery of goods
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Drexel University
Dry goods store
Dunn & McCarthy Cigar Factory
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Electrification

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Cinotti, A.
Cinotti, A.; Gaidorus; Goida;
Hanifin; Hladik; Kinnane;
Ondrako; Planck; Shaughnessy
Spisak;
Land
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Elwood
Smith

Boyd
Dryja; Warski
Benson
Celeste
Burbank
Freije
Ayres
Brotzman
Link
Link
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Hanafin
Caganek
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Goundrey
Goundrey
Land; Templeton
Keeney
Boyd; Buran; Goida
Sargent
Burbank
Keeney
Ondrako
Freije
Land

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Ellis Island Immigration Station (N.Y. and N.J.)	Kinnane
Elmira (N.Y.)	Burns
Endicott (N.Y.)	Cinotti, D.; DiVittorio; Sedlak; Spisak; Tedeschi; Warski;
Endicott-Johnson Corporation-Employees	Cinotti, D.; Gaidorus; Goida; Hanafin; Hladik; Planck; Riggins; Sedlak; Shaughnessy; Sovik; Spisak; Warski;
	Weaver
Endicott Johnson Corporation - Housing Program	Cinotti, D.; Goida
Endicott Johnson Corporation - Workers Medical Service	Boyd; Cinotti, D.
Engineers	McNamara
Englewood (N.J.)	Stewart
Extension Service	Brotzman
Faatz Brush and Felting works	McAvoy
Family-owned business enterprises	Cinotti, A.; Riggins; Spisak
Farm Bureau	Brotzman
Farmers	Ayres; Brotzman; Cole; Isenburg; Jewell; Maxian
Farm machinery	Brotzman
Farms	Fenson; Isenburg; Jewell; Petras
Farms - Apple	Maxian
Farms - Dairy	Brotzman
Farms - Tobacco	Brotzman; Jewell
Fire engine horses	Brotzman
Fisk University	Keeney
Floods	Oldwine
Florence Crittenton Homes Association	Caganek
Food adulteration and inspection	Keeney
Food quality control	Sargent
Food storage	Ayres
Forest City (Pa.)	Keeney
Franklin Forks (Pa.)	Ondrako
Funeral homes	Elwood
Gasoline pump industry	Parsons
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Girls Scouts of the United States of America	Boyd; Titchener
Girl Scout Council	Titchener
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Gypsies	Isenburg
Hancock Hospital	Benson
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Hawleyton (N.Y.)	Bell
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Health officers	Sargent
Highway engineering	Cole
Highway superintendent	Cole
Historians	Woodward
Home economics teachers	Burbank
Honey Bee Dairy Farm	Jewell
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Hotels - employees	Borsuk; McAvoy; Riggins
House construction	Maxian; Warski
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Household employees	Hladik; Petras
Housing Authority	Titchener
Hull Grummond	Shaughnessy
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International Business Machine Corporation	McAvoy
Immigrants	Buran; Celeste; Cinotti, A.; Cinotti, D; DiVittorio; Dryja; Freije; Gaidorus; Gallo; Harendza; Hladik; Kinnane; Petras; Planck; Riggins; Warski
Immunization	Burns
Ireland	Kinnane
Irish	Shaughnessy
Italians	Buran; Cinotti, A.; Gallo; Sedlak; Tedeschi
Jessup (Pa.)	Warski

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Jews	Buran
Johnson City (N.Y.)	Fenson; Freije; Gaidorus; Jennings; Kern; Maxian; McAvoy; Weaver
Junior High Pharmacy	Perhach
Junior League of New York	Titchener
Kalurah Temple	Perhach
Key West (Fla.)	Fawcett
Korean War 1950-1953	English
Ladies Patronesses - Ladies of Charity	Planck
League of Women Voters	Titchener
Lebanese	Freije
Lebanon	Freije
LeRayville (Pa.)	Parsons
Librarians	Chase
Life insurance agents	Sedlak
Link Aviation	Johnson; Link
Lions Club International	Benson
Little League baseball	Hallahan
Lourdes Hospital	Benson
Lowell School of Business	Chase; Elwood
Maine (N.Y.)	Woodward
Market gardening	Brotzman
Mechanicsburg (Pa.)	Keeney
Medicaid	Boyd; Burns
Medical care	Gaidorus
Mexican culture	Planck
Milk Delivery	Dryja
Motorcycle industry	Jewell
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Musicians	Harendza; Stewart
Nanticoke Valley Historical Society	Weaver
National Association of Retail Druggists (U.S.)	Perhach
National Guard	Celeste
Nearly New Shop	Planck
New York State Board of Pharmacy	Perhach
New York (State). Legislature. Senate	Elwood
New Orleans (La.)	Fawcett

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Nurses	Bower; Keeney; Shaughnessy
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Organists	Harendza
Orwell (Vt.)	Sargent
Patterson Market	Fenson
Patronesses Ladies of Charity	Planck
Peat bog	Isenburg
Pediatrician	Burns
Pennsylvania Dutch	Keeney
Pentecost	Fenson
Perl Bakery	Spisak
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Physicians	Benson, Burns, Sargent
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Pleasantmount (Pa.)	Templeton
Poetry	Bell
Police	Hanifin
Polio	Smith
Polish	Dryja; Sedlak
Politics	Tedeschi; Titchener
Political clubs	Elwood
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Produce	Keeney
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	McAvoy
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Radio stations	Burbank
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Roxyettes (Dance company)	Goundrey
Ross Park	Land
Russians	Buran; Sedlak
Security Mutual Building	Celeste
Shoes - selling	Sedlak
Shriners	Benson
Silver Lake Township (Pa.)	Maxian
Single mothers	Borsuk
Slam Stewart Trio	Stewart
Slovak Americans	Caganek; Harendza
Social workers	Boyd; Buran; Oldwine
St. Cyril & Methodius Church	Caganek; Ondrako
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St. Mary of the Assumption	Gallo
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Syracuse University	Buran, Smith
Teachers	Gallagher; Isenburg; Jennings; Kern; Parsons
Telephone companies - Employees	Kinnane
Titus-Parsons Funeral Home	Parsons
Town of Maine (N.Y.) Historian	Woodward
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Trinity M.E. Zion Church	Fawcett
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University of Vermont	Sargent
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Volunteers	Templeton; Weaver
Wilson Memorial Hospital	Shaughnessy
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Windsor (N.Y.) - Town Clerk	English
Women - Societies and clubs	Elwood; Isenburg; Titchener
Women in Politics	Titchener
World Series (Baseball)	Hallahan
World War I, 1914-1918	Freije; Jennings, Kern
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Name Index

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Chamberlain, Clarence	Link
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Faysal I, King of Iraq, 1885-1933	Freije
Gaillard, Slim	Stewart
Garner, Earl	Stewart
Goodman, Benny	Stewart
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Rando, Joe	Buran
Rockne, Knute, 1881-1931	McNamara
Stewart, Leroy Elliott (Slam)	Stewart
Tatum, Art	Stewart
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