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01.702	Oral history interview of Annetta Clark, March 23, 1934 by Miles Hanley. Topics covered include Smith College and Annetta Clarks' position as secretary to William Allan Neilson, President of Smith College from 1917 to 1939. Interview taken for the Linguistic Atlas of New England Project. Originally recorded on aluminum phonographic record, then copied to audio cassette tapes. There is no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1934	Annetta Clark; Miles Hanley	Recording, Audio
01.705	Oral history interview of Benjamin Hinckley, Sr., Benjamin Hinckley, Jr. (age 20) and George Hinckley (age 12), by Miles Hanley, March 23, 1934. Major topics discussed: Hinckley, Sr. discusses the Manse Inn and business; Northampton history; and family history. Benjamin Hinckley, Jr. discusses the Yale House Plan; and George Hinckley talks about children's games. Interviewed for the Linguistic Atlas of New England, originally recorded on aluminum phonographic record then transferred to audio cassette tape. There is no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1934	Benjamin Hinckley, Sr.; Benjamin Hin	Recording, Audio
1989.80.1	Oral history of Sam Elliot and Betty Hatch by Carroll Bowen, circa 1960s Topics include early theatre in Northampton, circa early 1900s. Recorded on audio cassette tape; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1960s	Sam Elliot; Betty Hatch; Carroll Swain	Recording, Audio
2021.1.2	Oral history interview of Edith Carpenter Shepherd by Oliver Larkin, November 18, 1963. Originally from San Francisco, Edith Shepherd moved to Northampton in 1914 after she married Thomas Munroe Shepherd. Mrs. Shepherd worked to preserve the Shepherd family home and helped preserve the Damon and Parsons houses as parts of the Northampton Historical Society. Her oral history covers topics of preservation and individuals within the purview of the historical society, including Catherine Bliss, a descendent of Cornet Joseph Parsons who lived in Parsons House. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript (24 pages). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1963	Edith Carpenter Shepherd; Oliver Larkin	Recording, Audio; Transcript
01.701	Oral History of Gordon Campbell, recorded by Isabel Holden, 1971 Gordon Campbell reminisces about his childhood in Northampton circa 1896-1900, including local entertainment and memories of local families. Cassette tape and transcript of 12 pages. In addition, file includes Gordon Campbell's obituary from the Daily Hampshire Gazette, January 23, 1982, and a newspaper clipping of Gordon Campbell photo with two bell ringers from the South Amherst Congregational Church. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1971.01.701a); transcript of 12 pages (1971.01.701b). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1971	Gordon Campbell; Isabel Anderson	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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01.703	Oral history interview of Fred Day at age 85, 1972 by Isabel Holden. Fred Day was born in Hadley in 1887 and lived in the "Russellville" neighborhood. He operated an onion and tobacco farm, and was a horse dealer, circa 1890s-1960s. He died in 1974. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. The folder includes a handwritten content sheet noting the topics of conversation and pages where the topics are mentioned. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1972	Fred Day; Isabel Anderson Holden	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1973.37	Oral history interview of Elizabeth Campbell Feiker, March 1973, at aged 95, by Isabel Anderson Holden. Mrs. Feiker was a Northampton native. Topics discussed include Feiker's Scottish ancestry; Northampton Ward 3 families circa 1900; the 1888 blizzard; and Northampton Public Schools, 1885-1900. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1973	Elizabeth Campbell Feiker; Isabel Anderson Holden	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1974.87	Oral History of Alice Bly, interviewed by Josiah W. Parsons, Jr. on December 8, 1974. Transcribed by Mrs. J. A. Spencer on January 5, 1975. Cassette tape and transcript of 7 pages. Alice Bly was born September 24, 1878 and employed as a hand embroiderer of silk stockings by McCallum Hosiery Company. She later managed the "Elite Shop," which sold bus tickets and gifts, in the Draper Hotel lobby on Main Street, Northampton. At time of interview she lived at 47 Old South Street. Her father was Frank Bly, conductor of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Topics covered: childhood in Northampton, embroidery work, McCallum Hosiery Company, Elite Shop, Northampton bus depot, EFHKY Club(with references to amateur theater), Order of the Eastern Star, jewelry store of Frank Davis, jewelry store of F. W. Roberts, Charles Bowker, owner of Draper Hotel, McCormack Block apartments on South Street, Frank Bly as conductor of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1974.87.a); transcript 7 pages (1974.87.b). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1974	Alice Bly; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1974.88	Oral History of Clara Cooley Campbell. Interviewed by Isabel Holden, June 1974. Clara Cooley Campbell was born in 1883 in Northampton and lived in Ward 4, South Street area, from birth until 1974 when she moved to eastern Massachusetts to live with her daughter. She died February 19, 1987. Her father was Silas Rose Cooley, born 1856. Topics of interview include: childhood in Northampton, circa late 19th century; Starkweather brothers and gold rush; Lyman family property at "Fort Hill"; South St. bridge over Mill River; delivery wagons; A & P Tea Co.; "Lincoln" flood, at Mt. Tom; feather beds; stage coach routes; South St. tavern; trollies/horse cars; Telephones circa 1900; home laundry services; Academy of Music; Northampton High School; Smith College, circa 1900. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1974.88.a) and transcript of 8 pages (1974.88.b). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1974	Isabel Anderson Holden; Clara Cooley Campbell	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1974.89	Oral history interview of Hilda Edwards Hamlin by Isabel Holden, April 1974. Mrs. Hamlin immigrated from Chesham, England, to live with her uncle H. Norman Gardiner, Professor of Philosophy at Smith College. She attended and later worked at Smith College. Topics include memories of Northampton, 1905-1925; Northampton State Hospital; Calvin Coolidge anecdote. Recorded on audio cassette tape; with transcript. Folder also contains a profile of Mrs. Hamlin done 4/12/1954 about her experience as an immigrant and her collection activities. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1974	Elizabeth Feiker (Campbell); Isabel A	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1974.90	Oral history of Josiah W. Parsons Jr., recorded by himself, Nov 11, 1974 at age 69. Parsons was a volunteer for the Northampton Historical Society who conducted many of the earlier oral histories. He is a descendant of Cornet Joseph Parsons. He attended Massachusetts Agricultural College and working in agriculture related businesses for most of his life. Topics include Parsons family homes in Northampton; farming circa 1900-1925; a Coolidge anecdote; and local businesses. Recorded on one audio cassette tape; with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1974	Josiah Wait Parsons Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
2022.1.14	Oral history interview with Albert Eyre, March 25 (or 26), 1974. Part of series of interviews to document history of downtown Northampton. Interviewer unidentified. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1974	Albert F. Eyre	Recording, Audio
1975.118	Oral history of Wilfred H. Learned, interviewed February 5, 1975 at age 88, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mr. Learned was a Florence native whose father, Dr. John B. Learned, developed "Strawberry Hill" where Mr. Wilfred Learned worked for most of his life farming. Mr. Learned established the Sheffield Fox Farm and became an authority on Fox Farms. Recorded on one audio cassette; with transcript (16 pages). Folder includes newspaper clippings and handwritten supplementary notes. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1975	Wilfred H. Learned; Josiah Wait Pars	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1975.119	Oral history interview of Charles Edward Martin, March 5, 1975 at age 71, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Charles Martin was born in Northampton in 1904 and lived on Washington Avenue most of his life. Working his way through the ranks of the Northampton Fire Department, he became Fire Chief in 1928 until 1969. Topics discussed include early history of the Northampton Fire Department circa 1850-1960s, emergency services, and local businesses and organizations. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript (38 pp). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also includes a photograph of Mr. Martin taken from the Ball Program of 1958, Northampton historical timeline and information from Police Chief James Whalen, and handwritten note. Related materials: firefighting objects and photographs donated by the Martin family (Accession 2021.14)	1975	Charles Edward Martin; Josiah Wait I	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1975.120	Oral history interview of Thomas P. Gordon, Feb 12, 1975 at age 94, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.. Mr. Gordon was born in 1881 in Fraserborough, Scotland, where he completed an apprenticeship to become a Master Barber at Aberdeen. He emigrated to Northampton in 1906 with his wife and child. He worked in local barber shops and owned his own shop, until 1965. He was also Registrar of Voters, 1936-1973. Topics discussed include immigration in 1906; working as a barber in Scotland and in Northampton; his business and other local businesses; being Registrar of Voters and delegate to President Coolidge's inaugural in 1923; military duty in Scotland. Recorded on one audio cassette, with transcript (38 pp.). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains an article about his resignation from the registrar of voters at 94 and articles marking his 100th birthday in 1981. See photographs 1976.55.1-2 for pictures of Mr. Gordon.	1975	Thomas P. Gordon; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1975.121	Oral history interview of W. Briceland Nash, April 17, 1975, age 77, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mr. Nash was born in Williamsburg and resided in Northampton since 1916. He was employed by a local Monument-Gravestone Company his whole adult life. He was involved in the Three County Fair and became Fair president. Topics include the Three County Fair, circa 1916-1975; Northampton Elks & Lions clubs, circa 1925-1975; and his work as installer of Monuments. Recorded on one audio cassette tape, with transcript (26 pp). Folder also contains his obituary dated 9/10/1981. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1975	W. Briceland Nash; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1975.122	Oral history of Mrs. Ivan Parsons with her daughter, June (Parsons) Fillion, and June's husband Joffre Fillion, June 17, 1975, interviewed by Ron Hall. Mrs. Parsons' husband Ivan was a direct descendant of Cornet Joseph Parsons. They discuss their Parsons ancestry; Mrs. Parsons' occupation as a painter; and the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce. The interview was done for radio WHMP by News Director Ron Hall during their trip through Northampton. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1975	Mrs. Ivan Parsons; June Parsons Fillion; Joffre Fillion	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1975.123	Oral history of Herbert J. Purseglove interviewed Oct 22, 1975 at age 77, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mr. Purseglove was known as the "bicycle man" for his business in Northampton. Topics include the Northampton Quarter Millennial Celebration in 1904; Northampton athletic teams circa 1910-1975; Summer camps. Recorded on audio cassette tape; with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains two newspaper clippings of his obituary dated 11/2/1979 and several newspaper articles about Purseglove.	1975	Herbert J. Purseglove; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1975.124	Oral history interview with Helen (O'Shea) Woods, June 26, 1975 at about 83 years of age, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Woods was born in Northampton March 14, 1892. She had an early interest in art. She pursued a career in design and marketing in New York City, and she had a lamp designing studio in Northampton. She discusses her work as a lampshade designer and manufacturer circa 1925-1975; Ward 3 families; and local business. Recorded on one audio cassette tape, with transcript (16 pp.) Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also includes Wood's obituary of 4/19/1979 and an inventory of Helen Woods Lamps and Shades from Wood's successful lamp designing business (see also Northampton file, Business, for a Gazette article on her lampshade business and her retirement dated 6/30/1977).	1975	Helen O'Shea Woods; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.105	Oral history of Ralph Lerche interviewed Dec 4, 1975 at age 76 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mr. Lerche was from Springfield but relocated to Northampton, became a local newspaper reporter, and later served as a State Representative 1939-1944 and U.S. Senator 1945-1957. Topics discussed include his career as newspaper reporter from 1915 onwards; Coolidge anecdotes; and Northampton politics, 1917. Recorded on one audio cassette tape, with transcript. A note on the transcript says "This recording "to be completed" at a later date by Mr. Lerche (If and when his health allows)." Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains a short article about Mr. and Mrs. Lerche's golden anniversary in 1976.	1975	Ralph Lerche; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.106	Oral history of Edward Garvey, interviewed Dec 16, 1975 at age 63 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Garvey was a Northampton native who was a local expert on Northampton history. Topics include Prospect Street neighborhood, circa 1910; Northampton theatricals, circa 1912; and World War II. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1975	Edward B. Garvey; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.129	Oral history interview of Edward J. O'Dea interviewed on November 11, 1975 at age 62 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mr. O'Dea was a native of Northampton involved in the news publishing business and served as the probation officer for Hampshire and Franklin Counties for 28 years. In his interview he discusses Northampton politicians, circa 1875-1975; his work for Northampton Court of Probation; Coolidge family anecdotes; and Northampton lunch carts circa 1900. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains articles about his retirement and community honors given to Mr. O'Dea as well as several obituaries, 8/19/1976.	1975	O'Dea, Edward J.; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1976.60	Oral history interviews of Martha Dickinson Galbraith, aged 89, Jan 1975 by Elizabeth Hatch; and on March 20, 1976 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mrs. Galbraith was a Northampton native and was among the first graduates from Cooley Dickinson Hospital Nursing School. She discusses Ward 2 families, circa 1900-1910; the Northampton Unitarian Church, circa 1910; Chistopher Clarke, circa 1905. Interviews recorded in two parts on two audio cassette tapes; with transcript (20 pp.) Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. See also obituary under Galbraith in Families file.	1975	Martha Dickinson Galbraith; Hatch, El	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.107	Oral History interview of Jacob "Jack" August. Interviewed by Josiah W. Parsons, Jr. on May 19, 1976. Jacob "Jack" August (March 11, 1904 - November 2, 1976) was born in Russia in 1904, emigrating to the United States in 1906 at age 2. In 1935, he founded The Sea Food Market, initially located at 12 Bridge Street. By 1937, the Sea Food Market moved to 5 Bridge Street and became known by 1948 as Jack August's Sea Foods restaurant. August established an international business of canned trade-named seafood products and became a recognized expert on seafood. Mr. August was a member of the Board of Directors of Congregation B'nai Israel in Northampton. Mr. August discusses early 20th century Jewish immigration and life in Northampton, his birth and background in Vilna, Lithuania, Russia, his work as a peddler selling meats and fish, the early history of the seafood market, canned foods, the flood of 1936, Main Street circa 1910 and Congregation B'nai Israel and its synagogues on Bridge Street and Prospect Street. Recorded on one audio cassette tape, on 2 sides (1976.107.a), with transcript of 45 pages (1976.107.b), with addenda and table of contents created by the interviewer, Josiah W. Parsons, Jr. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1976	Jacob (Jack) August; Josiah Wait Pa	Recording, Audio
1976.108	Oral history of Mary (Walsh) O'Keefe interviewed May 20, 1976 age 86, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mrs. O'Keefe was born in Cahirciveen, Ireland, and moved to Northampton in 1911 at 20 years old. She discusses her life in Oreland; immigration from Ireland in 1911; the early history of the Irish community in Northampton; St. Mary's Church; and domestic servants and service in Northampton, circa 1911-1921 Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains an article from March 16, 1982, where Mrs. O'Keefe talked about her homeland.	1976	Mary Walsh O'Keefe; Josiah Wait Pa	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.118	Oral history interview of Joseph Penay Panzica, June 18, 1976 at age 78, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.. Mr. Panzica was born in Termini, Sicily, in 1898 and moved to Chicago with his family in 1902. He moved to Northampton after he married local Mary Poletto. He discusses immigration from Ireland; World War I service; working as a railway express deliveryman, 1919-1963; Coolidge anecdotes. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also includes his obituary, dated 6/18/87 from the Springfield Union. For a photograph of Joseph and Mary. Panzica, see Object ID 2005.37.7	1976	Joseph Penay Panzica; Josiah Wait	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1976.123	Oral history interview of Elaine (Woodruff) Manning, April 1, 1976 at age 73, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Elaine Manning talks exclusively about her husband, Michael E Manning, who was an onion farmer, and his journey from being self-supporting at 8 years old to becoming the "Onion King" of the Connecticut River Valley. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains badly copied obituaries for her husband, Michael E Manning.	1976	Elaine Woodruff Manning; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.124	Oral history interview of Anna H. McDonnell, January 9, 1976 at age 80, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Anna McDonnell was born in 1896 in the house her father built at 57 Pine Street, Northampton, and she lived there all her life. She graduated from Smith College in 1918 and began teaching in area schools. She received her Masters from Massachusetts State College (UMass) in 1927 and soon after began teaching Math at Northampton High School where she became head of the Math department in 1940, and remained in that position until she retired in 1966. She traveled extensively and was an avid collector of dolls, music boxes, and memorabilia from her travels. In her interview Anna shares recollections of Northampton High School, circa 1914-1966; her family; world travels and audiences with the Pope; and her collections. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains three articles about her life and collections. Related materials: items from Anna McDonnell's collection were donated to Historic Northampton (see accession 1976.124)	1976	Anna H. McDonnell; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.125	Oral History of Soren Andersen, February 9, 1976, by Josiah W. Parsons Jr. Mr. Andersen was born, 1886, on Fuur Island, in northwest Denmark and apprenticed there as a house painter. He emigrated to the United States in 1910. He died on March 7, 1983. He established his own contractor business of painting, papering, furniture refinishing, car repainting. Mr. Andersen served in the US Army Tank Corp during World War I. Interview topics include: Ellis Island Immigration; Arrival in Northampton; Steamboat travel; painting profession; World War I service; US citizenship; King Street garage construction; Calvin Coolidge, Miss Bliss and Mrs. Shepherd anecdotes; political rallies; M.C. Kroll. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1976.125.a), with 30-page transcript (1976.125.b). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1976	Andersen, Soren T.; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1976.126	Oral History of Carl Beckmann and Louise Hodges, March 1, 1976. Interviewed by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.. Carl Beckmann was born in 1890 and spent his life in Northampton with the family's "Beckmann's Restaurant" on Main Street. He is interviewed with Mrs. Hodges, his niece, who also worked in the restaurant and was homemaker for Mr. Beckmann. Topics include: Spanish-American War; brother Albert Beckmann's war service; Northampton Club Dinner; Beckmann's restaurant; Illnesses of 1900; Carl as civil engineer in New York City; Northampton-Amherst trolley bus; Carl's music lessons; high school trips to Washington with Grace Coolidge; Coolidge family anecdotes; Coolidge Lawn party upon notification of Vice Presidential nomination; Inaugural special train from Northampton to Washington; Catering services by Beckmann's Restaurant for Coolidge events and other large parties. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1976.126.a), with 49 page transcript (1976.126.b). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. There is a handwritten family tree included in the file with the transcript.	1976	Carl Beckmann; Louise Miller Hodge	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.127	Oral History interview of Albert F. Eyre, age 91, Jan 8, 1976, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Albert Eyre was born in 1885 in Northampton,. He apprenticed as a machinist with Norwood Engineering and worked at various cutlerys, to eventually become President of Northampton Cutlery. He was also involved in many civic activities. Topics covered include the history of cutlery manufacturing in Northampton, circa 1900-1950; Northampton trains and trolleys circa 1890s-1920; area families (Shepherd and Butler families); and local businesses and civic organizations. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains a handwritten family tree for Albert Eyre, Gazette article from 1963, an article from 1/22/1976 about Bay State Cutlery manufacturing, and Mr. Eyre's obituary dated 5/23/1983.	1976	Albert F. Eyre; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.128	Oral history interview of Matthew Mooney and Isabell Churchill Mooney, February 12, 1976, at ages 78 and 75, respectively, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Isabell Churchill was born in Florence, Mass., in 1901. She attended Capen School for Girls. Matthew Mooney was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1898. Both began studying dance at McKernan's Dance Studio in Springfield, where they first met. After training as dancers they performed together in theaters around the country, beginning in vaudeville, circa 1915-1930 After 1930 they taught dance classes in Northampton, until the 1960s. They discuss their experiences as dancers, and dance instructors, their travels, and vaudeville. Isabell shares recollections of her early years in Northampton and the Capen School for Girls. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains a letter dated March 14, 1976 addressed to Mrs. Holden answering more questions about their story and interview from Isabell.	1976	Matthew Mooney; Isabell Churchill Mooney	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1976.132	Oral History of Maurice Carlson 6/24/1976, aged 79. Interviewed by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.. Maurice J. Carlson was a Main Street store owner, an ardent worker in civic programmes, especially school athletic programs, a leader in the Jewish community and a knowledgeable student of local history. He comments on downtown Northampton circa 1910-1930, and on early Jewish immigration and the synagogue. Topics include: Sylvester Graham Property; Sherwin Block collapse; trolley wreck and strike; Pleasant Street businesses; King Street businesses; Northampton Club; trolley companies; Center Street Grammar school; Main street businesses, early Jewish immigration; Sam Carlson; Bnai Israel; steamship agents; folk medicine; Maurice Carlson's public service to Northampton. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1976.132a), with 35 page transcript (1976.132a). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1976	Maurice Carlson; Josiah Wait Parson	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.152	Oral History of Laure "Laura" Dragon LaMontagne interviewed July 30, 1976 at age 82, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Laura LaMontagne was born in Northampton to a prominent French-Canadian family. She married Elliot L. LaMontagne. Topics include the French enclave in Northampton and Sacred Heart Church circa 1890; and Coolidge family anecdotes. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains a card from Mrs. LaMontagne following up after her interview and providing a picture for the records. For photograph, see 1976.176.	1976	Laure Dragon LaMontagne; Josiah W	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.153	Oral history of Costas Papageorge interviewed August 4, 1976 at age 82, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Costas Papageorge was born in Levadeia, Greece, and moved to Springfield and then Northampton at age 20. Topics discussed in interview include immigration from Greece in 1914; farming in Greece; World War I service; his work as a Northampton barber, 1919-1967; Coolidge family anecdotes. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains his obituary from the Springfield Union, dated 2/18/1979. See Photographs 1976.157 and 1976.187 for pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Papageorge.	1976	Costas Papageorge; Josiah Wait Par	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.154	Oral History of Felicita Conz, August 5, 1976. Interviewed by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Felicita Conz was a native of north-west Italy until age 25. She emigrated to the United States in 1920. She comments on her early life in Biella, Italy and changes there she observed on later return visits. She reports on her family, her experiences of the 1936 flood, and on local Italians in the church and in the Ausonia Club. Topics include: early life in Biella, Italy; early Italian immigrants to Northampton; trans-Atlantic crossings; 1936 flood; St. Mary's church; Ausonia's club. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1976.154a), with transcript of 19 pages (1976.154b). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1976	Felicita Conz; Josiah Wait Parsons, J	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1976.158	Oral history of Dr. Claire Manwell and Dr. Ed Manwell, interviewed in 1976 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Claire and Ed Manwell were both Northampton physicians, a surgeon and pediatrician. They also donated their time to humanitarian medical projects, in Vietnam and with Indigenous communities in Arizona. In the interview they discuss their family backgrounds; working in Cooley Dickinson Hospital; volunteer work; and military service World War II Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains copies of articles about their humanitarian work. For a photograph of the Drs. Manwell, see photographs 1976.173.	1976	Ed Manwell; Claire Manwell; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.163	Oral history of Lena Bird Goodwin, interviewed September 8, 1976 at age 93, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. A life-long resident of Florence, MA, Lena Bird Goodwin's family owned Bird's Confectionary Store. In her interview she discusses Florence businesses and events, circa 1890-1950; transportation; the Mill River flood of 1874; the blizzard of 1878; and Coolidge family anecdotes. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains an article marking Lena Goodwin's 95th birthday, clippings about her recollections of local history, and an obituary dated 9/13/1983 noting that she passed when she was 100 years old. See Photographs 1976.174 for a picture of Lena Goodwin.	1976	Lena Bird Goodwin; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.204	Oral history of William Jenkins and Margaret ("Margie") Jenkins on November 27, 1976 at age 91, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. William Jenkins was a native of Wake Forest, NC and Margie was a native of Raleigh, NC. Both were born in 1885 to large families descended from formerly enslaved people. Both relocated to Springfield, Mass., circa 1910, as a part of the Great Migration, to find better employment opportunities. They were married in 1916. William Jenkins came to Northampton in 1912 and worked as a chef at the Draper Hotel, Rahar's, Boyden's Restaurant, Crescent St. Inn, and then at Hotel Northampton for 23 years before retiring in 1964. Margaret Jenkins attended Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. as a medical student before she moved north. She worked as a house maid in several homes in Northampton and Amherst. In their interview the Jenkins discuss their work at area restaurants and domestic work for local families, especially the Steven Butler family; farming in NC and family experiences with slavery; the African American community in Northampton and Amherst, the Baptist Church in Springfield and Northampton; and the Masonic Lodge. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains obituaries, articles celebrating their contributions to the community, and a party thrown for them by the local NAACP.	1976	William Jenkins; Margaret Jenkins; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1976.61	Oral history of Lawrence E. Young interviewed March 10, 1976 at age 82 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mr. Young was a Northampton native of French-Canadian ancestry. He worked as a knitter of silk hosiery at the Belding Brothers Company and later as a proprietor of a Cafe barroom. Topics include Canadian French ancestry and immigration; Blizzard of 1888; Ward 3 families; King Street area; working as a Mill hand at Belding Bros. Company and cafe operator; local business. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains a newspaper clipping of Young's obituary dated 7/6/1979 and a handwritten incomplete family tree for Young.	1976	Lawrence E. Young; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.66	Oral history of Anthony "Tony" Grochowski, March 6, 1976 at age 71, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. The son of Polish immigrants, Mr. Grochowski was born in Northampton. He served in World War II and worked many jobs in Northampton in manufacturing and hospitality. Topics discussed include the 1905 Polish enclave of Northampton and St John of Cantius Church 1915-1975; World War II; and river floods. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains 3 pages of handwritten notes from Josiah W. Parsons Jr. and a newspaper clipping of Mr. Grochowski's obituary dated 1/5/1984.	1976	Anthony S. Grochowski; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1976.88.1	Oral history of Robert J. Miller interviewed May 4, 1976 at age 74 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mr. Miller was a native of Northampton who worked his way up from a clerk at the First National Bank to Chairman of the Board. Topics discussed include banking, circa 1915-1975; Child's Park; Forbes Library; Academy of Music, circa 1925-1975; and local business. Recorded on audio cassette tape with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains notes from Josiah W. Parsons Jr. about Mr. Miller's genealogy and interview, as well as a short letter from Mr. Miller to the historical society following up about his interview.	1976	Miller, Robert J.; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1977.3	Oral History of Alice Strachan Adams, December 31, 1976, at age 81. Interviewed by Josiah W. Parsons, Jr. Alice Adams of 215 South Street, Northampton, Massachusetts was a 1927 graduate of the teacher education program at the Clarke School for the Deaf and taught there from 1928 - 1946. Alice Strachan married Fred Adams in 1916. He was an instructor of Carpentry and Cabinet Making at Clarke School (1916-1959). He opened his own cabinet and antiques shop circa 1925 and died there in September 1967. She died in 1981 at age 87. Adams discusses Clarke School for the Deaf from 1916 to 1959 and Round Hill in Northampton, Massachusetts. Other topics include: Mr. Adams teaching of manual training classes in the public schools; John Coolidge; Edwards Congregational Church; "Sawdust Club"; Main Street stores; George Bean; Masonic Hall; renovation of the historic Dickinson home in Whately, which the Adams bought in the 1930s. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1977.3a), with transcript of 26 pages (1977.3b). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Also included is Mrs. Adams's obituary from the Springfield Union 10/03/1981.	1976	Adams, Alice Strachan; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1977.107	Oral history of Gordon Campbell at age 92, August 9, 1977, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Gordon discusses memories of families in the area of Northampton, circa 1900. Recorded on one audio cassette tape, with transcript (32 pages). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. There are two interviews with Gordon Campbell, see also Record 01.701.	1977	Campbell, Gordon; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1977.119	Oral history of Evelyn ("Ely") Tremaine interviewed September 1, 1977 at age 77, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Evelyn Tremaine was a Florence native and a member of the Northampton Historical Society from 1962-1980. Topics discussed include Look Park and its benefactors. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains her obituary from 12/31/1980.	1977	Tremaine, Evelyn Ely; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1977.15	Oral history of Roland S. Cardinal, age 79, January 19, 1977, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Roland Cardinal was a Northampton native who worked as a traveling salesman using Northampton as a base. Mrs. Cardinal was a Bay State native; she makes comments in the recording (no first name given). Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal married in 1925. Topics include the family hotel business; family history in Leeds, Mass.; Three County Fair Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also includes a copy of the Springfield City Library Bulletin from January 1976.	1977	Cardinal, Roland S.; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1977.155	Oral History of Leonard Alberts (aged 63) and his wife Bernice Alberts, November 9, 1977. Interviewed by Josiah W. Parsons Jr. Leonard I. Alberts was a life-long Northampton resident and Main Street shoe merchant, a leader in Congregation B'nai Israel and a public benefactor. His maternal grandparents emigrated to Northampton in the late 1800s. His father, Elias Alberts, owned a shoe store on Main Street since 1898 which was then passed onto Mr. Alberts and his brother-in-law, David Lipshires. Bernice W. Alberts was a Springfield native. The Alberts lived at 25 Maynard Road, Northampton. Interview topics include: ancestors (including the Michelman family and Elias Alberts), abstracts of Leonard Alberts' life; the history of Alberts' Shoe Store; Jewish Youths' interest in returning to Israel; changing shoe styles; transportation modes 1900-1935; committee to build an addition to Jackson Street school; Change of attitudes towards elders; Leonard Alberts' youth; trade bartering at shoe store; swimming at Look Park and Sandy Beach, 1930; Calvin and Grace Coolidge (anecdotes); Maynard Road home. Recorded on 1 audio cassette tape (1977.155a) and 23 page transcript (1977.155b). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Also included are two newspaper clippings about Leonard Alberts.	1977	Leonard I. Alberts; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1977.171	Oral history of Professor Charles Hill and Mrs Ruth (Hillyer) Hill interviewed December 1, 1977 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Charles Hill was a Professor of English at Smith College from 1932-1966. Ruth Hill taught at Smith for a few years and was active in Northampton Girl Scouting. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains a newspaper article dated 3/9/1979 about their marriage and careers.	1977	Charles Hill; Ruth Hillyer Hill; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1977.49	Oral history of Gerry Lawrence, March 21, 1977 at age 97, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Gerry Lawrence was born in Ashby, MA. He discusses his work as superintendant at the Northampton Gas Company, 1907-1965; his naval experience during World War II; and local businesses. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains an obituary for Mr. Lawrence dated 9/3/1979.	1977	Lawrence, Gerry B.; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1977.50	Oral History of Carlyle Child, March 25, 1977, at aged 79. Interviewed by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Carlyle Child was an employee of the Northampton Gas Company from 1934 to 1963, at the gas plant on Old South Street, involved in the manufacturing of gas from coal, coke, oil and tar, and it's distribution to the area, and about the conversion to natural gas. Topics include: Vermont origins; marriage to Mary (Molly) Spitzer; Northampton Gas Co.; change to natural gas; distribution system; danger of job; street lighting; gardening; car trips. Recorded on one audio cassette tape (1977.50a), with 22 page transcript (1977.50b) Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1977	Carlyle Child; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1977.78	interviewed June 7, 1977 age 77 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Topics include farmhand experience circa 1915-1944; South Street families, circa 1890-1950; Frank E.R. Lyman; "Fort Hill" circa 1900-1940; business. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The folder also contains Gazette obituary, dated 7/11/1979 (note: Papillon's name is given as Albanie Papillon)	1977	Papillon, Alberie; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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1977.95	Oral History interview of Agnes MacGregor Collis, June 28, 1977 by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Agnes was born in 1894 and educated in Northampton schools. Her father, Donald Ogg MacGregor was a graduate of Arbroth Floriculture College in Scotland and was Superintendent of "Fort Hill" estate on South Street, and Lyman Road, Northampton, owned by Edward HR Lyman and then his children. She comments on Fort Hill estate and makes brief remarks about her work in Forbes Library and Northampton Commercial College Library. Topics include: Edward H.R. Lyman; Donald Ogg MacGregor; Fort hill Estate; Academy of Music; Frank Lyman and family; Forbes Library; Lake Placid club; Shepherd family. Recorded on one audio cassette tape, with transcript (19 pages). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. Folder also contains an article about Mrs. Collis' 65th high school graduation and a newspaper clipping about historical anniversaries.	1977	Agnes MacGregor Collis; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1979.32.1	Oral history interview of Alba Fiorentino, October 24, 1978 by Virginia Earll. Alba Stramese Fiorentino was born Nov 26, 1906 in Northampton. She was one of three children of Giovanni and Rosina Camoglio Stramese who immigrated to the US (via Ellis Island) in 1900. Her father, who had been a weaver in Italy, worked in the Belding Silk Mill on Hawley Street. The family later moved to New Jersey. Topics include Italian immigration to Northampton; the Italian community; socialist politics of family members; and her early childhood. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript (31 pp.) and index. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request. The interview was part of Williams College Student Virginia Earll's thesis about immigrant groups and integration in American society. The thesis can be found in the Northampton Historical Society records, 929 F 5. (Note: there are two interviews with Alba Fiorentino, see also 1994.36.1)	1978	Alba Stramese Fiorentino; Virginia Earll	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1979.27	Oral History of Lois Bliss, interviewed on May 18, 1979 by Nancy Rexford. Lois Bliss, descendant of the French and Bliss families, ran the Summit House on Mt. Holyoke. Topics include: Prospect House, Mt Holyoke; Bliss family; publishing in Hartford; Mark Twain; Commentary on her Mt Holyoke scrapbook. Recorded on one audio cassette tape; with 21 page transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1979	Lois A. Bliss; Nancy Rexford	Recording, Audio; Transcript
2016.12.4	Narration by unidentified Pro-Brush employee, circa 1990s. Narrator, who worked in the Melanine ("Prolon") dinnerware division of the Pro Brush Corporation, states this is a recording "made at the request of Dorris Blakney for the purpose of writing a history of the Melanine dinnerware division of Pro Brush," and that it is supplemental information to a previous interview (probably Eric Stahlberg). Recorded on 2 cassette tapes (3 sides recorded); no transcript. Digital audio files available upon request.	circa 1995	Pro-Brush employee	Recording, Audio

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2022.1.13	Oral history interview with Richard "Dick" Snape, undated. Richard Snape discusses working at Northampton Cutlery for 40 years since 1914. Recorded on audio cassette tape, no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	undated	Richard Snape	Recording, Audio
1980.33.1	Oral history with Mildred E. Thayer in 1980 at age 94, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Mildred Thayer was born in West Chesterfield but lived in Northampton for the majority of her life. She attended Northampton High School and Northampton Commercial College, later working in offices of local manufacturers. She died January 2 1987 at 101 years old. Topics of interview include West Chesterfield, schooling in Northampton, the Methodist Church, Munroe Street families, her own family, work for Hampton Mills, the trolley and trains, and local merchants and buildings, circa early 1900s Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1980	Thayer, Mildred E.; Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr.	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1982.57.2	Oral history of Alfred Purseglove, interviewed March 9 and March 19, 1982 by Judith W. Perera. Alfred Purseglove was born in Northampton in 1905, and soon after his family moved to Columbus Avenue. He was a musician and worked as a silent movie piano accompanist at the Academy of Music. He worked for Northampton Cutlery and Pal Bade Company during World War II. Topics include early Northampton memories; work at Northampton Cutlery and Pal Bade Company; Dick Newcombe's Dance Band 1920s; Jack Delaney's Dance Band 1920s; Wade Inn lunch wagon; Academy of Music; and Ray Black's Orchestra 1940s. The interview was conducted as part of a Simmons College oral history project on vanished professions. Originally recorded on two reel-to-reel audio tapes. There is a partial transcript and index. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1982	Alfred Purseglove; Judith W. Perera	Recording, Audio
1982.57.3	Oral history of Alma (Brochu) LaSalle interviewed March 26, 1982, by Judith W. Perera. Alma LaSalle went to work for McCallum's Hosiery on West Street in 1919 at 15 years old. She discusses working as a mender and inspector of stockings; embroidery work, and the process of making stockings; working conditions and the people she worked with. She also discusses her childhood in Northampton, and Sacred Heart School. The interview was conducted as part of a Simmons College oral history project on vanished professions. Originally recorded on reel-to-reel audio tape; with index.	1982	Alma Brochu LaSalle; Judith W. Perera	Recording, Audio
1982.57.4	Oral history of Charles Gleason interviewed April 27, 1982 by Judith W. Perera. Charles Gleason was born in 1904. His father worked for Northampton Cutlery where he acquired "grinder's consumption" and died in 1918. His mother was deaf, and she learned to lip read at the Clarke School. He discusses early Northampton memories, working for Maloney Bakery and making deliveries, from 1914, the Gleason brothers, Calvin Coolidge, and playing in local and visiting music bands. The interview was conducted as part of a Simmons College oral history project on vanished professions. Originally recorded on reel-to-reel audio tape; no transcript, just index. Digital audio file and index available upon request.	1982	Charles A. Gleason; Judith W. Perera	Recording, Audio

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1982.57.5	Oral history interviews of Frances and Grace Maloney, Feb 23, March 2, and March 10, 1982, by Judith W. Perera. Grace Maloney was born in Northampton in 1895. She grew up on Graves Avenue and Munroe Street. She inherited the family millinery shop, Bon Marche. Frances Maloney was a clerk for the shop for 40 years. Frances was born in Ireland in 1892. She came to America in 1923, at the invitation of Grace's family, to work in the millinery shop and she lived with them as a member of the family (they weren't sure if they were actually related). In 3 separate interviews they discuss their experience at the Bon Marche Millinery Shop; Grace's Northampton childhood (1900-1916) and living on Graves Avenue; Frances' childhood in Ireland (1900-1923) and her arrival in Northampton; the Northampton Poor Farm; and Grace and Calvin Coolidge anecdotes. Originally recorded on three reel-to-reel audio tapes: Feb 23 (1982.57.5a), March 2 (1982.57.5b), and March 10 (1982.57.5c); no transcript. Digital audio files available upon request. The folder includes a photograph of the two, indexes for each interview, and field notes from Judith Perera. The interviews were conducted as part of a Simmons College oral history project on vanished professions.	1982	Maloney, Frances; Grace Maloney; J	Recording, Audio; Transcript
2016.12.2	Interview of Eric Stahlberg with Joe Fennessey for WHMP radio, June 10, 1982. Eric Stahlberg was retired Operations Manager (CEO) for Pro Brush Corporation, Florence, MA. In the interview he discusses the history of the corporation and individuals associated with it. Recorded on audio cassette tape; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1982	Eric Stahlberg; Joe Fennessey	Recording, Audio
2016.12.3	Oral history interview of Ted Squires by Dorrie Blakney, June 13, 1995. Ted Squires was a salesman for Pro Brush Corporation, Florence, MA. The Interview was conducted by Dorrie Blakney to document the history of the Pro Brush and Pro Corporation employees. Dorrie Blakney was a reporter and former Pro-Brush employee. Recorded on audio cassette tape, no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1995	Ted Squires; Dorrie Blakney	Recording, Audio
1983.99.1	Oral history interview with Edward Ryan and Mrs. Grace (Singleton) Ryan, Dec 5, 1983 by James M. Parsons. Edward discusses establishing Tom Thumb Miniature Golf on Route 9 in Leeds, circa 1930s, and working at McCallum's Hosiery from age 15 for 29 years. Grace Sigleton Ryan is a native of Leeds whose father was a foreman in the Corticelli Silk Mill. She taught mathematics in the Northampton public schools. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript (7 pp.) Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1983	Edward Ryan, ; Grace Ryan; James	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1985.11.7	Oral history of Butler "Butch" Gilman interviewed January 29, 1985 at age 83, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Topics include World War I homefront; participation in bands of the 1920's and 1930's including Tinker's Singing Orchestra and Master's of Modern Melody (led by Dick Newcomb); Dick Newcomb and embezzlement of funds in 1920's; recollections about life in Northampton. Recorded on audio cassette tape, with transcript. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1985	Gilman, Butler; Josiah Wait Parsons,	Recording, Audio

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1985.17.2	Oral History interview of Antonia (Krufka) Bak, February 8, 1985, by Ruth Wilbur. Antonia Krufka was born in Hatfield, MA on February 14, 1912, the eldest of four daughters of Joseph A. Krowka, but the family name was changed to Krufka after emigrating to the U.S. Her mother's maiden name was Bak. Her parents emigrated to the United States from Poland in 1909. In the interview, Antonia discusses the political circumstances which brought them to this country. Antonia's mother was a maid for various families in Amherst and Northampton. Antonia was married in 1936 and was related to her husband. She and her sisters worked as maids for local families and eventually attended Smith College, majoring in Government. She was also bilingual, speaking both English and Polish. Antonia discusses stories of the discrimination that she and her family experienced in Northampton. Recorded on audio cassette tape (1985.17.2.a), with and transcript of 17 pages (1985.17.2.b), created by the interviewer, Ruth Wilbur. Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1985	Antonia (Krufka) Bak; Ruth E. Wilbur	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1986.109.1	Merton Burt was interviewed at his home on March 6, 1986 on Captain Penniman Way in North Eastham, MA, by Jacqueline Van Voris. Mr. Merton Burt was born in Springfield. Early memories were of Brooklyn, NY. He and his two siblings were put up for adoption after mother died during childbirth and his father abandoned the family. All three of them were adopted by three different families in Easthampton, MA. Merton Burt was deputy sheriff of the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction at 50 Union Street in Northampton serving under Sheriff John Boyle. Topics included in the interview were his family; Navy service; Employment with Easthampton Police Dept., Prophylactic Brush; Meeting John Boyle; Work at jail part-time; First years in Corrections as full-time employee; Onslaught of drugs and drug users in Hampshire County; Vagrants; Speaking teams (part of an education program) travelled Massachusetts speaking out against drugs; In-house programs; Appreciation from former inmates; Retirement; Early years at the Jail; Corrections philosophy; Importance of historical record; Changes in treatment of prisoners; Work release; Changes in daily routines; Internships for college students; Correctional Services; Connie Cronin; Recidivism declines; Work within jail; Brief outline of daily routine; No violence at the jail during Burt's tenure; Visitors; Letter writing; Attempts to get drugs; Discipline; Population changes; Jail employees; Women at Union Street; Health at the jail; Dr. Andrews; Autonomy of county jails; changes in inmate treatment; Prisoners' rights; Facetious law suits; Bank robber sues Boyle and Burt; Tribute to people of Hampshire County; Politics after Sheriff Boyle's death; Retirement. Recorded on two audio cassette tapes (1986.109.1.a-b), with a transcript, 45 pages (1986.109.1.c). Digital audio file and transcript available upon request.	1986	Merton Burt; Jacqueline Van Voris	Recording, Audio; Transcript
1986.134	Oral history interview of Homer Bachand and Fila Bachand, June 8, 1986, by Josiah Wait Parsons, Jr. Homer and Fila Bachand both were born and grew up in Leeds. Topics discussed working in the silk mills from age 14, World War I era recreation, Corticella brass bands, medicine and childbirth of the period, the flu pandemic, and St. Catherine's Church. Recorded on two audio cassette tapes; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1986	Homer Bachand; Josiah Wait Parson	Recording, Audio

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1988.77.1, 1988	Oral history of Francis LaMontagne interviewed on July 13, 1988 by Carlene Riccelli. The first part of the interview (1988.77.1) covers how the Florence Civic and Business Association was founded by Francis LaMontagne. The second part (1988.77.1_pt2 and 1988.77.3) is a guided tour of the Association on Park Street in Florence, and discussion of exhibits by Francis LaMontagne. Recorded on two audio cassette tapes; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1988	Francis LaMontagne; Carlene Riccelli	Recording, Audio
1988.77.2	Oral history of Francis LaMontagne interviewed June 28, 1988, at age 90, by Carlene Riccelli. Francis LaMontagne was born in Sylvester Graham House on Pleasant Street, Northampton, April 14, 1898. His family lived in several locations in Northampton and Florence throughout his childhood. His father was a bartender, and left his family when Francis was 16, so he had to go to work to help support the family. He became owner of LaMontagne's Paint and Hardware, and founder of the Florence Civic and Business Association in 1946. In his interview he discusses his childhood, family and friends, and stories about Florence. Recorded on audio cassette tape; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1988	Francis LaMontagne; Carlene Riccelli	Recording, Audio
1988.77.4	Oral history of Beatrice (Townsend) LaMontagne interviewed July 25 1988, by Carlene Riccelli. Beatrice LaMontagne discusses her family history, childhood, career, marriage and family experiences; her work at the Butler and Ullman Florist Shop, arranging flowers; and working in the payroll department of a Prophylactic Corporation. Recorded on audio cassette tape; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1988	Beatrice Townsend LaMontagne; Carlene Riccelli	Recording, Audio
1994.36.1	Oral history interview of Alba Fiorentino, 1989 by Ginger Miles. This interview was done as part of a project for Ellis Island. Recorded on audio cassette tape; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request. (Note: there are two interviews with Alba Fiorentino, see also 1979.32.1)	1989	Alba Stramese Fiorentino; Ginger Miles	Recording, Audio; Transcript
01.700	Oral history interview of Peg Barrows, June 24, 1991, by J. Michael Moore. Interview covers her training in the Women's Defense Corps as Air Raid Warden for World War II civilian defense. Recorded on audio cassette tape, no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1991	Peg Howland Barrows; J. Michael Moore	Recording, Audio
01.747.1	Oral history interview of Delia Bickford, April 17, 1991, by Michael Moore. This interview was conducted for background on a World War II exhibit, and covers Delia Bickford's experience training for the World War II Women's Army Corps (WACs) in Northampton, civilian defense, and living in Florence during the War. Recorded on one side of audio cassette tape; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1991	Pete Peterson; Yvonne Peterson; J. Michael Moore	Recording, Audio

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01.747.2	Oral history interview of Delia Bickford, April 17, 1991, by Michael Moore. This interview was conducted for background on a World War II exhibit, and covers Delia Bickford's experience training for the World War II Women's Army Corps (WACs) in Northampton, civilian defense, and living in Florence during the War. Recorded on one side of audio cassette tape; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1991	Delia Bickford; J. Michael Moore	Recording, Audio
2016.12.1	Oral history of Eric Stahlberg, interviewed on March 22 and April 7, 1995, by Dorrie Blakney. Eric Stahlberg was Operations Manager (CEO) for the Pro Corporation. He retired in 1982 after 40 years with the company. He was born in Northampton in 1917, son of Eric (Sr.) and Evelyn (Stevens) Stahlberg. Eric Stahlberg, Sr. emigrated from Germany in 1909 and worked as a photographer for Katherine McClellan's photography studio. He purchased the studio circa 1920, when Katherine retired. They lived on Washington Avenue. Topics discussed include growing up in Northampton, schooling, and going to work for the Pro-phyll-lactic Brush Company in 1940. The Interview was conducted by Dorrie Blakney to document the history of the Pro Brush and Pro Corporation employees. Dorrie Blakney was a reporter and former Pro-Brush employee. Recorded on three audio cassette tapes; no transcript. Digital audio file available upon request.	1995	Eric Stahlberg; Dorrie Blakney	Recording, Audio
2018.51.1	Oral history interview with Gordon (Gordy) Thorne by Laurie Sanders and Betty Sharpe, October 18 and 24, 2017 (in two parts). The interview covers Gordon's early life and career, focusing on the history of Thornes Market which he founded with his wife, Annie Woodhull, his brother Brinkley Thorne, and Brinkley's wife Maisie Cox. The interview was conducted by Historic Northampton in collaboration with Northampton Community Television (NCTV), in the NCTV studio at Northampton High School. Separate interviews were conducted with Annie Woodhull, Brinkley Thorne and Maisie Cox.	2017	Gordon Thorne; Laurie Sanders; Eliz	Recording, Video; Transcript
2018.51.2	Oral history interview with Anne (Annie) Woodhull, conducted by Laurie Sanders and Betty Sharpe, on October 24, 2017. The interview focuses on Annie's work in art therapy with children, and her memories of the founding of Thornes Market with her husband Gordy Thorne, Gordy's brother Brinkley Thorne, and Brinkley's wife Maisie Cox. Also discussed: her involvement with local arts organizations Northampton Center for the Arts and A.P.E. (Available Potential Enterprises), as well as Lisa Thompson's leadership role in that organization. Friend Andrea Olsen is present and speaks briefly during the interview, though she is not on camera. The interview was conducted at Historic Northampton in collaboration with Northampton Community Television (NCTV). Separate interviews about Thornes Market were conducted with Gordy Thorne, Brinkley Thorne and Maisie Cox.	2017	Anne Woodhull; Laurie Sanders; Eliz	Recording, Video; Transcript

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2019.42.1	Interview with Brinkley Thorne and Maisie Cox about their experiences founding Thornes Marketplace and other projects in Northampton. Conducted by Betty Sharpe at Historic Northampton, October 21, 2019. The interview their education and early careers at architects, coming to Northampton in the 1970s and their memories of establishing Thornes Market with Brinkley's brother Gordon Thorne and his wife, Annie Woodhull. Separate interviews were conducted with Annie Woodhull and Gordon (Gordy) Thorne.	2019	Brinkley Thorne; Maisie Cox; Elizabeth	Recording, Video; Transcript
2021.16.1	Oral history interview with Jordi Herold by Joseph Blumenthal, Northampton, Mass., July 2021. Jordi Herold was founder of the Iron Horse Music Hall. Topics include the Iron Horse Music Hall and music in Northampton. Digital audio recording and one digital image of Jordi Herold.	2021	Jordi Herold; Joseph Blumenthal	Recording, Audio
2022.30	Oral history of Marcel Walters and photographs of De Colores. Oral history interview of Marcel Walters by Erika Slocumb, Nov 21, 2022, for the Lesbians of Color Northampton Project. Marcel was born in Jamaica in 1959. She moved to Northampton in 1985. In her interview she discusses her experiences in Northampton as a lesbian of color, and her involvement in a local lesbian of color group, De Colores. This interview includes a Zoom video recording, audio-only recording, and an unedited transcript. These digital files are available upon request. Marcel also donated 16 digitized photographs of De Colores members and activities (2022.30.1-16)--see attached list of images.	2022	Marcel Walters; Erika Slocumb	Recording, Video; Transcript
2022.31	Oral history of Shanta Rao, interviewed by Erika Slocumb on Sep 2, 2022, for the Lesbians of Color Northampton Project. Shanta was born in Bombay, India, in 1956. She lived Northampton, circa 1986-1997 while a graduate student at UMASS, Amherst. Shanta was involved in the local lesbian community, as an organizer of multiple Northampton Pride marches and on the Board of Directors for FLOWER, a lesbian foundation. In her interview she discusses these activities as well as a "growing consciousness of my lesbian of color identity during my activism work and academic life in Northampton, Massachusetts." This interview is audio only. The audio recording and an unedited transcript are available upon request.	2022	Shanta Rao; Erika Slocumb	Recording, Audio; Transcript

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2022.32	Oral history of Juana Maria Rodriguez, interviewed by Erika Slocumb on Aug 16, 2022, for the Lesbians of Color in Northampton Project. Juana Maria Rodriguez was born in Cuba in 1959. Her family came to the U.S. when she was 5 and grew up mostly in East Hartford, Connecticut. Juana lived in Northampton circa 1979 to 1981 while attending UMASS Amherst. She lived in the lesbian rooming house at 66 Green Street in Northampton. Professor Rodriguez currently teaches at UC-Berkeley in Ethnic Studies, Gender and Women Studies and Performance Studies. In her interview she discusses her experience of being a predominantly white lesbian community, from a more diverse queer community in Hartford. This interview includes a Zoom video recording, audio-only recording, and an unedited transcript. These digital files are available upon request.	2022	Juana Maria Rodriguez; Erika Slocumb	Recording, Video; Transcript
2022.40	Oral history of Tracey Rucks, interviewed by Erika Slocumb on Nov 10, 2022, for the Lesbians of Color Northampton Project. Tracey Rucks was born in 1963 and grew up in Springfield, Mass. She moved to Northampton in 1988 to attend Smith College. In this interview she discusses coming out, her experiences at Smith and in Northampton as a lesbian of color, and her involvement in the organization De Colores. Includes a Zoom video recording (2022.40.1a), audio recording (2022.40.1b) and unedited Zoom transcript (2022.40.1c).	2022	Tracey Rucks; Erika Slocumb	Recording, Video; Transcript
2023.18.1	Oral history of Sarah Lazare interviewed by Erika Slocumb on March 19, 2023 for the Lesbians of Color Northampton Project. Sarah Ethelinde Lazare was born in 1969 and grew up in Newton, Mass. She was the third of eight adopted children of white parents. She moved to Northampton in 1987 to attend Smith College. In this interview she discusses coming out to her family, being part of the Smith Noteables (singing group), other experiences at Smith and in Northampton as a lesbian of color, and her involvement in the organization De Colores. Includes a Zoom video recording (2023.18.1a), audio recording (2023.18.1b) and unedited Zoom transcript (2023.18.1c). Video is intentionally turned off for part of the interview.	2023	Sarah Ethelinde Lazare; Erika Slocumb	Recording, Video; Transcript
2023.20.1	Oral history of Pippa Fleming interviewed by Erika Slocumb on January 30 and February 2, 2023 for the Lesbians of Color Northampton Project. Pippa Fleming was born in 1963 in Chicago, Ill. Her family moved around and so she grew up in Chicago, Springfield, Mass., and Atlanta, GA. She came out while in the military in the early 1980s. She moved to Northampton in 1984 where she lived in the Green Street Lesbian Boarding House. In this interview she discusses coming out, and her experiences as a lesbian of color living in Northampton. This interview was conducted in two parts and includes two Zoom video and audio-only recordings, plus two unedited transcripts. These digital files are available upon request.	2023	Pippa Fleming; Erika Slocumb	Recording, Video; Transcript

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2026.4.1	Oral history interview of David Sokol, Music Editor and Production Manager at the Advocate Newspapers, January 21, 2026. Interview conducted by James McDonald in Hadley, Mass. for Northampton Voices: An Oral History Video Project, in partnership with Historic Northampton. Film/Sound Tech: Bryan Horch. David Sokol recounts his nearly two-decade career at the Valley Advocate, beginning with his first music review in 1974 and later becoming Music Editor and Production Manager. Sokol details the Advocate's role in the region's music scene, including coverage of major acts like Bob Dylan, the rise of local venues such as the Iron Horse and Rusty Nail, and his work with writers like Brett Milano and Michael Eric Dyson. Sokol also discusses the tension between editorial and advertising, and the Advocate's influence on the Valley's cultural identity. Video (2026.4.1a) and transcript (2026.4.1b).	2026	David Sokol; James McDonald	Recording, Video; Transcript
2026.4.2	Oral history interview of Emmy Clausing, Academy of Music Board Member, March 23, 2026. Interview conducted by James McDonald at the Academy of Music in Northampton, Mass. for Northampton Voices: An Oral History Video Project, in partnership with Historic Northampton. Film/Sound Tech: Bryan Horch. Emmy Clausing discusses her long relationship with Northampton, beginning with enrolling at Smith College in 1963. She recalls Smith life in the mid-1960s; and the sudden death of her mother during her college years. In 1983 she and her husband bought a downtown building across from the Academy of Music, converting its upper floors into a home and raising their two daughters there. A major thread of the interview centers on the rise of Beardsley's, the influential restaurant founded by their friend Nick Dougherty. Emmy describes its origins, its move to 140 Main Street, and its role as a cultural hub in Northampton. The second half of the interview expands into Emmy's deep connection with the Academy of Music, including friendships with Dwayne Robinson and Dave Jenkins, her service on the Academy board, and memories of movie culture and live performances — from Audra McDonald to the Young@Heart Chorus. She also recalls watching parades from her window, the evolution of Pulaski Park, and the lively downtown environment of the 1980s–90s. Video (2026.4.2a) and transcript (2026.4.2b).	2026	Emmy Clausing; James McDonald	Recording, Video; Transcript

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2026.4.3	Oral history interview of John Allen, former manager of Pearl Street Nightclub, May 20, 2026. Interview conducted by James McDonald at the Pearl Street Nightclub in Northampton, Mass., for Northampton Voices: An Oral History Video Project, in partnership with Historic Northampton. Film/Sound Tech: Bryan Horch. In this oral history interview, John Allen, the general manager of the Pearl Street Nightclub in Northampton from 1984–1989, recounts the origins and rise of what became the city's largest and most influential music venue. Entrepreneur Carol Hyde purchased the deteriorated Pearl Street building in 1982, and had it converted to a nightclub upon John Allen's suggestion, then hired him as manager. The interview highlights the club's eclectic programming: live shows with many notable artists, DJ nights, and one of the region's first openly advertised Gay Nights in the mid-1980s. Early bookings included such artists as Wilson Pickett, James Brown, Junior Walker, Ray Charles, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Damned and Run-D.M.C. He also reflects on the broader Northampton music scene, the rise of venues like the Iron Horse. Video (2026.4.3a) and transcript (2026.4.3b).	2026	John Allen; James McDonald	Recording, Video; Transcript
2026.4.4	Oral history interview with Janice Gatty, Clarke School for the Deaf, July 23, 2026. Interview conducted by James McDonald at Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech, Northampton, Mass. Part of Northampton Voices: An Oral History Video Project, in partnership with Historic Northampton. Film/Sound Tech: Bryan Horch. Video recording (01:10:07) and transcript (50 pages). In this oral history interview, Janice Gatty, Ed.D., reflects on her 50-year career at Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech. She begins with Clarke's founding in 1867, and discusses own unexpected path into Deaf Education at Clarke, including early work launching an integrated preschool where hearing and deaf children learned together; later specializing in infant development, coaching hearing parents of deaf infants. Gatty paints a vivid picture of Clarke's former residential program, and discusses the profound impact of cochlear implants on deaf education, beginning in the 1980s-1990. Yet she also reflects on what was lost—the rich peer community, the daily observational learning, and the lifelong sibling-like bonds formed in residential life. The interview closes with her recognition that Clarke's evolution mirrors broader changes in deaf education, shaped by science, community, and the enduring belief that deaf children have the full potential of all children. Video recording (2026.4.4a) and transcript (2026.4.4b).	2026	Janice Gatty; James McDonald	Recording, Video; Transcript

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2026.4.5	Oral history interview with Bob Cilman, Director of Young@Heart Chorus, producer, musician, April 26, 2026. Interview conducted by James McDonald at the Young at Heart (Young@Heart) office in Florence, Mass. Interview is part of Northampton Voices: An Oral History Video Project, in partnership with Historic Northampton. Film/Sound Tech: Bryan Horch. Video recording (01:02:18) and transcript (49 pages). In this interview, Bob Cilman traces his journey from Rochester, NY, eventually to Northampton in the 1970s. He discusses his early creative life in Northampton in music, theater, film, and grassroots media. The origins of the Young@Heart Chorus, a senior performance ensemble, emerged from his work at Highland Valley Elder Services, and by the mid-1980s, Young@Heart began interpreting rock and pop songs in ways that transformed familiar music through the voices of older performers. Today, the chorus is internationally known. Cilman also reflects on how Northampton's culture and affordability has changed for artists since the 1970s. Video recording (2026.4.5a) and transcript (2026.4.5b).	2026	Bob Cilman; James McDonald	Recording, Video; Transcript