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Scope and Contents

A series of 51 interviews about the history of Portland, Maine with index and partial and full transcripts. The Victoria Society, fall 1992. Interviews concerning life in Portland during the 1930s to the 1940s, most interviewees are 75 years old or older.

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Anonymous, interviewed by Barbara Switzer

Creator: Switzer, Barbara

Abstract: NA2266 Anonymous, interviewed by Barbara Switzer, February 23, 1984, Portland. Anonymous, born June 30, 1904, talks about being born on Newbury Street; matrilineal names of Sholes and Delano; Richard Foss; previous homes; Ralph Rowe's hotel on Peaks Island; golf links at Brighton and Falmouth Avenues; skating on Brighton Avenue; Deering Avenue Laundry; grocery store at Woodford's Corner; O'Toole's dress shop; horse and buggy trip to Buxton; story about short lobsters; Trefethen-Evergreen Club House; Uncle Saunder's typesetter. Note: the two indexes contain separate information. Text: 1 pp. typed index; 2 pp. handwritten index. Recording: C 0982 45 minutes.

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- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
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- Peaks Island (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
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Abbie Andrew, interviewed by Martha A. Timothy

Source: Andrews, Abbie Emeline, 1897-1994

Creator: Timothy, Martha A.

Abstract: NA3123 Abbie E. Andrew, interviewed by Martha A. Timothy, May 10, 1984, at Andrew's home in Portland, Maine. Andrew, born December 26, 1897 in Lisbon, New Hampshire, describes moving to Maine; attending Heseltine School; learning to sew; dressing for town; home-fried vs. store-bought donuts; two family helpers; family life; father's New Hampshire businesses and notebook; graduation 1917; Simmons Bachelor of Science in Home Economics; Columbia for Masters in Teaching; taught in Africa 1953-58;
Newport, Rhode Island 1958-61 Director of Schwinburg School; Flu Epidemic of 1918; Grandma Davis (née Kilton); Aunt Nettie; driving Grandma's Buick; gardening; working on Boston's Beacon Hill; grandparent's life; the circus she put on; home amenities; father's businesses; lumbering horses; father's telephones; brothers; traveling by train and trolley. Text: 6 pp. index. Recording: C 0983 1 hour.

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- Oral history
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- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Sewing -- Societies, etc.
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- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Women -- Employment -- Maine -- History -- 20th century
- Andrews, Abbie Emeline, 1897-1994
- Heseltine School (1902-1956) (Portland (Me.))

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**Dwight Andrew, interviewed by Martha A. Timothy**

**Source:** Andrew, Dwight, 1900-2001

**Creator:** Timothy, Martha A.

**Abstract:** NA3124 Dwight Andrew, interviewed by Martha A. Timothy, February 29, 1984, and February 1, 1985, at Andrew's home in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Andrew, born in Littleton, New Hampshire on October 15, 1900, describes Littleton school; Heseltine School; Portland; preserving food; Center's Store; varieties of apples; Dr. Albion; Sebago barrels; waterglass formula; The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour Church; Farmer's Club; movies and activities at church; gas lights to electric; taking ponies to Littleton; West Baldwin and Burnell's Tavern; Model-T pick-up truck; snow-rollers; grandparents in Canaan; Top of the East; 1912 election of Theodore Roosevelt and Progressive Party; Torchlight Procession at Monument Square; search for the Titanic in 1912. Text: 3 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 0984 45 minutes.

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- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Andrew, Dwight, 1900-2001
- Heseltine School (1902-1956) (Portland (Me.))

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Eva O. (Curtis) Bowering, interviewed by Barbara Switzer

Source: Bowering, Eva O. (Curtis), 1908-1995

Creator: Switzer, Barbara

Abstract: NA3125 Eva O. (Curtis) Bowering, interviewed by Barbara Switzer, April 3, 1984, at Eva's home in Sebago Lake. Bowering, born on December 25, 1908, talks about sea captain grandfather's days at sea; grandmother's hard life in Harpswell; singing hymns in evenings; mother; maternal grandfather (bookkeeper for Portland-Rochester Railroad Company); Scotland, England, and Belgium; neighborhood growing up; Baby and cherry tree; Harry Marr (Portland's Fire Chief); neighborhood Catholics, Jews, Protestants, blacks, and Italians; Howard Reiche; Reiche piano-playing; Reiche wife; Laura Knudsen; her father a policeman; mother's church and politics; Principal Parmenter; Munjoy Hill stables; Riverton Park; Riverton Belt Line canoeing; Munjoy Hill's July 4th; Halloween pranks; carman's strike 1916; Clarence Skinner Whiskey; the Observatory; hobos; Walnut and Eastern Promenade Reservoir break; Maggie McCary; Charles Holden; Peaks Island; telephone operator; fishing; gardening; the ferry. Text: 3 pp. index; 12 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0985 90 minutes.

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Roger Calderwood, interviewed by Helen W. Munroe

Source: Calderwood, Roger, 1911-1986

Creator: Munroe, Helen W.

Abstract: NA3126 Roger Calderwood, interviewed by Helen W. Munroe, April 19, 1984, Portland, Maine. Calderwood, b. April 6, 1911, discusses family history; schools attended; Juilliard School of Music; Dean Frank Damrosch; learning piano and clarinet; Jefferson Theater; Arthur Kendall; theater; being a music teacher; Mary Pickford; vaudeville; playing with the Portland Symphony; entertainment; transportation: horse and buggy, trolley cars, cars, steam railroad; Congress St.; women's fashions; summer theaters; street car styles; Nonesuch Park; eating at home verses shore dinners; Cape Cottage Hotel; public libraries; being sick as a boy; Ms. Bachedal; James Phillips; YMCA. Text: 5 pp. index. Recording: C 0986 1 hour.

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- Musicians -- Maine
- Vaudeville
- Calderwood, Roger, 1911-1986

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Mildred A. Cameron, interviewed by Josephine P. Marr

Source: Cameron, Mildred Anne (O'Brion), 1908-1998

Creator: Marr, Josephine P.

Abstract: NA3127 Mildred A. Cameron, interviewed by Josephine P. Marr, March 29, 1984, Portland, Maine. Cameron, born at home (Munjoy Hill, Beckett Street) on March 7, 1908, talks about growing up; Fort Allen Park and Promenade; Long Island, Shailer School; Portland High School; Maine Eye & Ear Infirmary; Registered Nurse; Flu Epidemic of 1918; Mercy Hospital; Portland; entertainment in Portland; automobiles; formal education; religion; advice for the youth of today; Portland Library (Baxter Library); Lord's Candy Shop; Elders Cafe; Palmer & Purlingtons; Blumenthal's market; Columbia Market; Maine Medical Center; Iron Lung and Infantile Paralysis; Prohibition. Text: 7 pp. index; 12 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0987, C 0988 60 minutes.

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- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Munjoy Hill (Me.)
### Elizabeth Thomas Soule Chapman, interviewed by Lucia P. Smith

**Source:** Chapman, Elizabeth Thomas Soule, 1914-1989

**Creator:** Smith, Lucia P.

**Abstract:** NA3128 Elizabeth Thomas Soule Chapman, interviewed by Lucia P. Smith, October 2, 1984, Foreside, Maine. Chapman, born April 16, 1914, talks about the house; her parents William and Mary Thomas; live-in help; Cyril Durante was butler; pony stable on Chadwick Street; two attics; two cellars; chauffeur; governess Annie Mundy from England; plant room; small garden with fountain; pony carts; took ponies to Waynflete; decorating the house with real greens for Christmas; Miss Chrisfield and Lowell; Mademoiselle Naples; Leland; Stamford; sliding at the promenade; sports; being at Smith during Lindbergh kidnapping; homemade clothes; Mannahan's in Boston; Irish seamstresses; shoes in Thayer MacNeil; food; Dinsmore's Market; homemade food; food elevator; mother's sewing; pedal sewing machines; first radio; Mima Fassett; dolls; Waynflete; father's influence; strict upbringing. Text: information sheet; 3 pp. index, 5 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0989, C 0990 45 minutes.

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- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Christmas
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Barbara Cloutier, interviewed by Lucia P. Smith

Source: Cloutier, Barbara R. (McDermott), 1900-1996

Creator: Smith, Lucia P.

Abstract: NA3129 Barbara R. Cloutier, interviewed by Lucia P. Smith, April 16, 1984, Portland, Maine. Cloutier, born February 14, 1900 in Loughaunbeg, County Galway, Ireland, recalls being an Irish immigrant in Portland; the black and tans (British troops) in Ireland; Commercial Street; staying with her aunt; sister Danforth Street; Bald Mountain and Mooselookmeguntic Lake; life in Ireland; Irish-Americans; vegetarian household; habits of employers; Hibernian Hall; the funnies and Andy Gump; missing Ireland; black and tans randomly killing dairy cows; looking for Sinn Féin members; Bolster's Mills in Harrison; Old Orchard; Peaks Island; marrying and living in Rumford; St. Barbara; Patron of Thunder; blind employer. Text: information sheet; 1 pp. index; 9 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0991, CD 0968 75 minutes.

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- Immigrants -- Maine
- Vegetarianism
- Women -- Employment -- Maine -- History -- 20th century
- Cloutier, Barbara R. (McDermott), 1900-1996

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Dorothy Mason Craig, interviewed by Margaret M. Crane

Source: Craig, Dorothy Mason, 1899-1989
Creator: Crane, Margaret M.

Abstract: NA3130 Dorothy Mason Craig, interviewed by Margaret M. Crane, May 20, 1988, Portland, Maine. Craig, b. May 27, 1899, talks about her parents (Harry and Maude Cobb Mason); her father managing West End Hotel; her childhood there; education; summers in Bath or Mechanic Falls; Portland; the trolley; automobiles; hotel life; cultural activities; dancing; professional dancing; teaching at the Settlement House at Street Bartholomew's Boys Club in New York City; Miss Emerson; LA and Peaks Island; Gem Theater; Annual Maine Music Festival; William Rogers Chapman; Caruso; Gallicurci; Geraldine Ferrar; Frenstedt; Mary Gardner; LaFayette Hotel; Lawyer Hinckley and Gov. Millikin's movie company; "Girl of the Limberlost"; Vaudeville at Keith's; Dorothy Mason School of Dance (previously Emerson's school); sold it in 1965; dance styles; marriage to John Craig in 1943; students. Text: information sheet; 5 pp. index. Recording: C 0992 45 minutes.

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- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Dance
- Vaudeville
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- Craig, Dorothy Mason, 1899-1989
- Gem Theatre (1884-1934) (Peaks Island (Me.))

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Robert Hartford Cram, interviewed by Alice Mary Pierce

Source: Cram, Robert Hartford, 1904-2007

Creator: Pierce, Alice Mary

Abstract: NA3131 Robert Hartford Cram, interviewed by Alice Mary Pierce, October 15, 1986, Falmouth Foreside, Maine. Cram, born April 20, 1904, talks about his background and family; moving to Yarmouth; moving to Falmouth; taking trolley to Portland High School; working as a janitor; drafting in high school; home life growing up; his grandparents in Baldwin, ME; family genealogy burned; siblings; telephone; landscape school (Newark, New York); Jackson Perkins (nursery); working as a landscaper; built himself greenhouse; 1923 Model T Ford; Miss Payson; trolley; a normal day; Christmas; Armistice Day in 1918; grandchildren; Argus newspaper and the funnies; radio in 1940s; riding on the Admiral; Mrs. Tenney; Mrs. Hay; the Thaxters; the Hales; the Earnshaws in Delano Park; Mrs. Schlotterbeck; Allen Sterling; Skillins; Phillips Payson's; Edith Dalton (his godmother). Text: information sheet; 28 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0993 2 hours.

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Mira L. Dolley, interviewed by Anne Powell

**Source:** Dolley, Mira L., 1897-1994

**Creator:** Powell, Anne

**Abstract:** NA3132 Mira L. Dolley, interviewed by Anne Powell, May 29, 1984, Raymond, Maine. Dolley, born October 1, 1897, talks about moving to Maine 1907; Grand Funk and Santa Fe trains; Harvey Restaurant; Longfellow School; Deering High School; Colby College; White Sisters at convent; teaching in Pittsfield; France in 1925; teaching at Deering High School; Big Belt trolley in Portland; chores in Victorian household; maids in Falmouth; Village Congregational Church; Victrola phonograph; family heirlooms and grandmother's chair; Portland Symphony and Portland Museum; Swett House. Text: 3 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 0994 75 minutes.

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- Women in the Catholic Church
- Women -- Employment -- Maine -- History -- 20th century
- Dolley, Mira L., 1897-1994

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Helen Teresa (Allen) Dwelley, interviewed by Martha A Timothy

Source: Dwelley, Helen Teresa (Allen), 1900-2003

Creator: Timothy, Martha A.

Abstract: NA3133 Helen Teresa (Allen) Dwelley, interviewed by Martha A Timothy, May 10, 1984, Portland, Maine. Telephone interview. Dwelley, born on September 15, 1900, talks about being a 10th generation French Canadian; growing up Catholic and poor; moving to Portland in August 1915 at 15; the YWCA; Porteous; Hebert boarding house; Stroudwater canoe house; Riverton boat house on the Presumpscot River; Flu Epidemic of 1918; Fort Devens; Armistice; National Biscuit Company; marriage in 1922; son in 1924. Text: 7 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 0995 45 minutes.

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- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Franco-Americans
- Dwelley, Helen Teresa (Allen), 1900-2003

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Abraham "Doc" Gordon, interviewed by Cynthia Mack

Source: Gordon, Abraham "Doc", 1907-1998

Creator: Mack, Cynthia

Abstract: NA3134 Abraham "Doc" Gordon, interviewed by Cynthia Mack, April 22, 1984, Woodfield Road, Portland, Maine. Gordon, born December 17, 1907, in Bath, Maine, recalls growing up Jewish in Portland; receiving religious education from a Rabbi; Armistice Bath Iron Works; Secret Service guarding the Mosque; opera singer Mme. Melicucci (sp.); Bath Trust Co.; Allen Spear; streetcars; cobblestone streets; horse-drawn fire wagons; Synagogue service; father peddling wares; Sagadahoc Ferry; Prohibition; Fanny Brice; Louis Armstrong; vaudeville. Text: 39 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 0996 1 hour.

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**Vergn E. Hewes, interviewed by Martha A. Timothy**

**Source:** Hewes, Vergn E., 1889-1992

**Creator:** Timothy, Martha A.

**Abstract:** NA3135 Vergn E. Hewes, interviewed by Martha A. Timothy, February 15, 1985, Saco, Maine. Hewes, born in Montreal, Canada on January 1, 1889, recalls growing up in Saco; remodeling Victorian house; Farmington Academy; Farmington State College; Lillian Nautica; taught at Machias High School; Jay High School and Waynflete School; Campfire Girls and Camp Laughing Moon Director; Thornton Academy Tea House; Red Cross; Flu Epidemic of 1918; Grange; Congregational and Unitarian Churches; W. E. Eulins clothing store; Dyer Library; York Institute. Text: 18 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 0998 1 1/2 hours.

**Controlled Access Headings:**

- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Teachers -- Maine
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Women -- Employment -- Maine -- History -- 20th century
- Hewes, Vergn E., 1889-1992

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Dorothy A. LeButt, interviewed by Lucia P. Smith

Source: LeButt, Dorothy A., 1905-1998
Creator: Smith, Lucia P.

Abstract: NA3136 Dorothy A. LeButt, interviewed by Lucia P. Smith, 1984, Portland, Maine. LeButt, born on June 12, 1905, recalls growing up in Portland; Park Street School; Butler School; Portland High School; Largesse Hall Junior College in Lowell, Massachusetts; the Northeast Conservatory of Music; Waynflete; Rogers Hall Preparatory School; Jefferson Theatre; Keith vaudeville shows; Robert Glecker and Grace Carlisle; City Hall; John Philip Sousa; Burnham Gymnasium; Mr. Wilson's Dance School; the Mechanic Building; Mechanic Library; Sunday School at St. Luke's; Christian Science Church, Williston, State Street Church; Armistice Day and Monument Square; Flu Epidemic 1918; Union Station; Fire of 1866. Text: 15 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 0999, C 1000 90 minutes.

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- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Private schools -- History -- Maine
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Great Fire, Portland, Me., 1866
- Vaudeville
- LeButt, Dorothy A., 1905-1998

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Greta Kerr, interviewed by Bertha C. Gulliver

Source: Kerr, Greta, 1890-1984
Abstract: NA3137 Greta Kerr, interviewed by Bertha C. Gulliver, March 26 and 29, 1984, and April 13 and 21, 1984, Portland, Maine. Kerr, born on June 6, 1890, recalls, in great detail and descriptive phrase, life in Portland: South Portland Bridge; Victoria Mansion; Constance Southworth home; Cutler House; Cutter House; Talbot House; Dyer House; Mussey House; Swett Mansion; Rufus Deering home; Rufus Deering Lumber Yard; High Street Bridge; Keating House; O'Brian's Antique Book Store; Vice Consul Keating of the British Vice Consul; High Bridge; Park Bridge; State Street Bridge; Berlin Mills Company; Wilson Lumber Company; Johnson's Store; Nathaniel Dyer House; Wallace Hall House; Longfellow Square; Dole Estate; The Stateway; 75 State Street retirement home; Waynflete School; Grayhurst Park; Rainbow Alley; Berlin Mills horse stables; Park Place row houses; Baltimore row houses; Stratton Court; Deering Oaks; Willard Beach; Longfellow Monument; Union Station; St. John boat; Boston boats; Rosa E. True School; Butler Grammar School; Portland High School; Portland Teacher Training School; Wilson School; Jackson School; Portland Evening Express; State Pier; House Island Health Station; Director of Public Relations and Instructor in Journalism at Westbrook Junior College; YWCA; and Campfire Girls. Text: 56 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 1004, C 1005.

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- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Teaching
- Portland Evening Express (Portland, Me.)
- Kerr, Greta, 1890-1984

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Phillip I. Milliken, interviewed by Vaun E. Born

Source: Milliken, Phillip Ingersoll, 1889-1984

Creator: Born, Vaun E.

Abstract: NA3139 Phillip I. Milliken, interviewed by Vaun E. Born, March 28, 1984, Portland, Maine. Milliken, born June 19, 1889, recalls life in Portland; the Omnibus; Park Place; Staples School; Peaks Island; Gem Theater; Riverton Park; Auburn Colony; Harpswell; being Vice President/Treasurer at Canal Bank; surviving flu during the 1918 Flu Epidemic; Portland Sebago Lake; Butler School; Methodist Church; Universalist Church; boarding at Hebron Academy; Maine Central Train; Mechanic Falls; Rockport; Buckfield Line. Text: 20 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 1002 30 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Jewish culture and contexts
- Jewish families
- Milliken, Phillip Ingersoll, 1889-1984
- Gem Theatre (1884-1934) (Peaks Island (Me.))

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Edward J. Norris, interviewed by Martha A. Timothy

Source: Norris, Edward J., 1908-1998

Creator: Timothy, Martha A.

Abstract: NA3140 Edward J. Norris, interviewed by Martha A. Timothy, August 8, 1988, Portland, Maine. Norris, born March 21, 1908, recalls growing up in Portland; the Million Dollar Bridge; Delano Park; Fort Williams; DuPont factory; Sticky River; Sebago Lake; Oddfellows Block; Woodford's Town Hall; Leland School; Longfellow School; Lincoln Junior Academy; Deering High School; Exeter and MIT; Woodfords Corner; Nason's Corner; the Poor Farm; the Porteous Mitchell Store. Text: 13 pp. partial outline. Recording: C 1003 20 minutes (tape 1 of 2 is missing for this interview).

Controlled Access Headings:
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Poor -- Services for -- Maine
- Schools -- Maine
- Norris, Edward J., 1908-1998

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Katherine Norris, interviewed by Carol C. Norris Foord

Source: Norris, Katherine, 1901-1991

Creator: Norris Foord, Carol C.

Abstract: NA3141 Katherine Norris, interviewed by Carol C. Norris Foord, April 9, 1984, Portland, Maine. Norris, born June 7, 1901, and who moved to Portland when she was 9, talks about growing up in Portland; MIT; Sunshine Club; Campfire Girls; Vassar; recalls 1918 flu epidemic; catwalk on the Quebec Bridge; the St. Lawrence River. Text: 17 pp. index, partial transcript. Recording: C 1006, C 1007 90 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
### Josephine O'Hare, interviewed by Ann M. K. Munch

**Source**: O'Hare, Josephine, 1905-1995

**Abstract**: NA3142 Josephine O'Hare, interviewed by Ann M. K. Munch, March 26, 29th & April 13, 19th, 1984, Portland, Maine. O'Hare recalls growing up in Portland; Kavanaugh School; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; parochial schools; open trolley cars to Riverton Park; Cape Cottage Park; Cape Elizabeth; Back Bay; Women's Suffrage; Baxter Library; Portland High School; Dr. Spaulding house; Women's Chorus of Portland; Exhibition Building; Garden Concert in City Hall; Eastern Promenade; Lewis Playground; Eastern bathing beach; Strand, Jack Nick's; the Empire; the State; Keiths Theater; Jefferson Theater; Emerald Club; Christmas Island; Ancient Order of Foresters; Knights of Columbus; Ancient Order of Hibernians; Peaks Island restaurant; Portland Teachers School. Text: 36 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 1012, C 1013, C 1014, C 1015, C 1016 5 hours.

**Controlled Access Headings**:
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Catholic schools -- Maine
- Women -- Suffrage
- Fraternal organizations -- Maine
- O'Hare, Josephine, 1905-1995

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Hilda Libby Ives Palmer, interviewed by Didi Stockly


Creator: Stockly, Didi

Abstract: NA3144 Hilda Libby Ives Palmer, interviewed by Didi Stockly, March 22, 1984, Cumberland Center, Maine. Palmer, born May 29th, 1909, recalls growing up in Portland, Community Chest (United Fund); Carrol Street School; Butler School; Waynflete Academy and Dobbs and Wheelock; Sebago; Portland vaudeville. Text: 15 pp. index, partial transcript, partial written notes. Recording: C 1011 90 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Vaudeville
- Schools -- Maine
- Ives Palmer, Hilda Libby, 1909-2001

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Marion Brown Payson, interviewed by Alice Mary Pierce

Source: Brown Payson, Marion, 1896-1999

Creator: Pierce, Alice Mary

Abstract: NA3145 Marion Brown Payson, interviewed by Alice Mary Pierce, January 23, 1992, Cumberland Foreside, Maine. Payson, born in Portland in 1896, talks about the Westover School and Waynflete Academy; Congregationalist Church; describes neighborhood; Red Cross in Halifax; Nova Scotia; starting a canteen at Delano Park; working in a sick house during the 1918 Flu Epidemic; Bangor Theological Seminary. Text: 25 pp. transcript. Recording: C 1019 45 minutes (incomplete).

Controlled Access Headings:
Francis Charlotte (Wilson) Peabody, interviewed by Helen W. Munro

Source: Peabody, Francis Charlotte (Wilson), 1903-2001

Creator: Munro, Helen W.

Abstract: NA3146 Francis Charlotte (Wilson) Peabody, interviewed by Helen W. Munro, October 17, 1984, Portland, Maine. Peabody, born April 18, 1903, in Washington, D.C., recalls childhood; Episcopal Church; remembers epidemic; northern Pueblo Indians; Girl Scouts; Rockefeller Foundation; 1973 restoration of Portland home; SPNEA. Text: information sheet; 7 pp. index. Recording: C 1010 90 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Peabody, Francis Charlotte (Wilson), 1903-2001

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Isabel K. Pease, interviewed by Margaret M. Crane

Source: Pease, Isabel K., 1900-1990
### Helen Hartley Pease, interviewed by Bertha C. Gulliver

**Source:** Pease, Helen Hartley, 1895-1984

**Creator:** Gulliver, Bertha C.

**Abstract:** NA3148 Helen Hartley Pease, interviewed by Bertha C. Gulliver, May 8 and June 1, 1984, Peaks Island, Maine. Pease, who summered on Peaks Island from the age of 10 on, describes Peaks Island; Gem Theatre's all-women orchestra; Great White Way; Pilgrim three-decker; the boardwalk; the Boston and Maine Railroad; Beacon Camp for Girls; Vassar College; Andy England's Shop; Sebago Lake; Swampscott car ferry; Methodist Church; Fort on back shore; Blackman's farm. Text: 4 pp. index; 1 pp. field notes. Recording: C 1032 90 minutes.

**Controlled Access Headings:**

- Oral history
- Peaks Island (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Schools
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### Dorothy Plummer, interviewed individually by Nancy Herter

**Source:** Plummer, Dorothy, 1899-1994

**Creator:** Herter, Nancy

**Abstract:** NA3149 Dorothy Plummer, interviewed individually by Nancy Herter, February 16, 1985 and Martha A. Timothy, February 27 and March 13, 1985, Portland, Maine. Plummer, born April 4, 1899, describes her life on the family farm near the Nonesuch River; Emerson School; Waynflete High School; Wellesley College; Northern Army at Eastern Promenade; Fat Man's Club; Red Cross in WWII; Knights of Pithius; Redman club and Moose organization; Saint Lawrence Congregational Church and Sunday School; National Guard drill; Flu Epidemic of 1918. Text: information sheet; 3 pp. index with selected transcription. Recording: C 1027, C 1028, C 1029 3 hours.

**Controlled Access Headings:**
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Fraternal organizations -- Maine
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Maine -- Personal narratives
- Plummer, Dorothy, 1899-1994

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Elizabeth Ring, interviewed by Martha Timothy

Source: Ring, Elizabeth, 1902-1997
Creator: Timothy, Martha A.

Abstract: NA3150 Elizabeth Ring, interviewed by Martha Timothy, April 5, 1984, Portland, Maine. Ring, born 1902 in Orono, recalls family history; growing up; taught in Plymouth, New Hampshire; Depression; University of Maine at Orono; founding Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. and Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums; having major influence on Maine Historical Society; Maine Travel Course and Maine Department of Education; being a Fellow in Economics and Politics at Bryn Mawr; receiving Coe Research Fund Grant; being State Research Editor of Historical Records Survey (Maine) and Chairman of the History Department, Deering High School, Portland. Text: information sheet; 4 pp. index; 7 pp. biography; 9 pp. selected transcription. Recording: C 1021 90 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Depressions -- 1929 -- United States
- Women -- Employment -- Maine -- History -- 20th century
- Ring, Elizabeth, 1902-1997

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Ruth Sawyer Smith, interviewed by Vaun E. Born

Source: Sawyer Smith, Ruth, 1893-1992
Creator: Born, Vaun E.
Abstract: NA3151 Ruth Sawyer Smith, interviewed by Vaun E. Born, March 25 & 26, 1984, Westport, Maine. Smith, born June 26, 1893, recalls growing up in Westbrook, Pride's Corner School and Westbrook High School; Union Church; Riverton Park; WWI had food ration books; got scarlet fever; Flu Epidemic of 1918; 4th of July at Riverton Park. Written notes. Text: information sheet; 11 pp. index. Recording: C 1022 90 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Maine
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- Sawyer Smith, Ruth, 1893-1992

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Dorothy A. Pickhardt Talbot, interviewed by Lucia P. Smith

Source: Talbot, Dorothy A. Pickhardt, 1897-1991
Creator: Smith, Lucia P.

Abstract: NA3152 Dorothy A. Pickhardt Talbot, interviewed by Lucia P. Smith, June 26, 1986, Falmouth Foreside, Maine. Talbot, born December 20, 1897, in New York, talks about moving to Portland in 1922; developing Bright's disease with her first pregnancy and problems with two others; mansion called Morse's Folly; remarks how housing and transport have changed in her lifetime; describes heirlooms. Text: information sheet; 3 pp. selective transcription. Recording: C 1023 45 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:
- Oral history
- Falmouth Foreside (Me.)
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Pregnancy
- Talbot, Dorothy A. Pickhardt, 1897-1991

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Jennie E. (Means) Thompson, interviewed by Carol C. Norris Foord

Source: Thompson, Jennie E. (Means), 1892-1984

Creator: Norris Foord, Carol C.

Abstract: NA3153 Jennie E. (Means) Thompson, interviewed by Carol C. Norris Foord, March 8, 1984, South Portland, Maine. Thompson, born in 1892 in Nebraska, talks about being sent to Maine at 7-8; brought up by grandparents; attending Dana Hall Preparatory School in Wellesley, Massachusetts; attending Waynflete School; Flu Epidemic of 1918. Handwritten partial notes. Text: information sheet; 16 pp. index with selective transcription and notes. Recording: C 1009 90 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Thompson, Jennie E. (Means), 1892-1984

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Harvey E. Wallingford, interviewed by Vaun E. Born


Creator: Born, Vaun E.

Abstract: NA3154 Harvey E. Wallingford, interviewed by Vaun E. Born, March 12 and 29, 1985, South Portland. Wallingford, born August 4, 1893, in Alfred, Maine, recalls growing up; moving to Portland in 1916 with wife Sarah; Boston and Maine Railroad (retired 1958); recalls youth on Alfred farm; 1918 Flu Epidemic; Riverton Park; Cape Elizabeth Casino; Keith's and Jefferson Theatres; Union Station; Cliff Island; Portland and Rochester Railroad and the Inter-urban to Lewiston; colony of Shakers in Alfred. Text: information sheet; 5 pp. index and notes; 11 pp. transcript. Recording: C 1008 45 minutes.
Evelyn F. (Littlefield) Watson, interviewed by Margaret M. Crane


Creator: Crane, Margaret M.

Abstract: NA3155 Evelyn F. (Littlefield) Watson, interviewed by Margaret M. Crane, March 8 and May 8, 1984, Portland and Peaks Island, Maine. Watson, born June 16, 1893, recalls her youth in Portland; attending the Monument School; Marada Adams School; Portland High School and Gray's Business College; James Bailey Automotive; Munjoy Hill; moved to Peaks Island in 1955; Flu Epidemic of 1918; Congress Street Methodist Church; Community Building on Peaks Island; trolleys on Munjoy Hill; Ladies' Aid Society; Percy Tackle Co.; Beethoven Club. Text: information sheet; 14 pp. index with selective transcription. Recording: C 1024, C 1025 60 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Peaks Island (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Munjoy Hill (Me.)
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 -- United States
- Watson, Evelyn F. (Littlefield), 1893-1981

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Dr. Alice A. (Skolfield) Whittier, interviewed by Didi Stockly

Source: Whittier, Alice A. (Skolfield), Dr., 1898-1994

Creator: Stockly, Didi

Abstract: NA3156 Dr. Alice A. (Skolfield) Whittier, interviewed by Didi Stockly, January 2, 1985, Portland, Maine. Whittier, born in 1898, talks about the history of her relatives; her husband; attended medical school in Brunswick and Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; father building commissioner at Bowdoin and Bowdoin gym, Hyde Hall; infirmary and athletic field named for him; the Saturday Club; Skofield-Whittier House; her mother's activities in art and sewing; mother was a League of Women Voters member; the Prohibition. Text: 14 pp. index, transcript. Recording: C 1026 60 minutes.

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- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Women -- Suffrage
- Prohibition -- Maine
- Women college students -- Pennsylvania
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- Whittier, Alice A. (Skolfield), Dr., 1898-1994
- League of Women Voters of Portland (Me.)

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NA 3156, audio, part 2, January 2, 1985 | Audio NA 3156

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Alice C. Willman, interviewed by Elizabeth M. McCann and Martha A. Timothy

**Source:** Willman, Alice C., 1899-1989

**Creator:** McCann, Elizabeth M.

**Creator:** Timothy, Martha A.

**Abstract:** NA3157 Alice C. Willman, interviewed by Elizabeth M. McCann & Martha A. Timothy, October 1, 1984, Limington, Maine. Willman, born July 25, 1899, describes the home she grew up in; Million Dollar Bridge; Friday Night Club; various grocery stores; visited grandmother at Victoria Mansion; various schools and her education; studied business in New York; Residence Director Portland YWCA; worked at Portland's Army/Navy Civilian Center; desk person at the Boston's Pioneer YWCA; Campfire Girl; attending Williston Church; Christian Endeavor Sunday School; Jefferson Theatre; Strand Theatre; Jefferson Keith Theatre; Masonic Temple; Falmouth Hotel; Taylor House; Riverton; the Portland Club; first radio station at Lyman B. Chipman's; First Radio Parish Church; Scarborough's Black Point Church. Text: information sheet; 14 pp. index and partial transcription. Recording: C 1020 90 minutes.

**Controlled Access Headings:**
- Oral history
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- 20th century
- Portland (Me.) -- History -- Anecdotes
- Portland (Me.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
- Women -- Employment -- Maine -- History -- 20th century
- Willman, Alice C., 1899-1989

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