

**Guide to the Neighborhoods  
Survey Oral History Collection  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	DC Africana Archives Project
<b>Title</b>	Neighborhoods Survey Oral History Collection
<b>Date</b>	1989
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Cubic feet
<b>Location note</b>	This collection is part of the holdings at the Historical Society of Washington, D.C (MS 0825). Please contact them for information about accessing these materials. Address: 801 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Email: library@dchistory.org
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Neighborhood Survey Oral History Collection consists of archaeological and oral histories for Anacostia, Barry Farms, Upper Cardozo, Columbia Heights, and Congress Heights. The research projects detail the development of the notable and/or historic neighborhoods in D.C. Among the interviewees are Stan Anderson, Mary Patrick Clements, Norman E. Dale, Dr. Charles E. Miles, J. Gibson Semmes, Erma Simon, and Morton Werber.

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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The Neighborhood Survey Oral History Collection consists of archaeological and oral histories for Anacostia, Barry Farms, Upper Cardozo, Columbia Heights, and Congress Heights. The research projects detail the development of the notable and/or historic neighborhoods in D.C. All of the studies begin with a history of the neighborhoods from the seventeenth or eighteenth centuries. The project began in the early 1980s and concluded in the early 1990s. The final project was submitted to the Historic Preservation Division of Washington, D.C.

Anacostia/Barry Farms was created under the provision of Special Order 61 of the U.S. States Departmental of War, Bureau of Refugees, Freedman's Bureau and Abandoned Lands, which authorized \$52,000.00 towards the purchase of land to settle ex-slaves. In 1867, 375 acres of land, on the Maryland of the Anacostia River, formerly owned by the Barry family, was purchased by the government. The tract of land remained in Prince George's County until an act of Congress in 1791 moved the county-to-city boundaries and, making Barry Farms a D.C. neighborhood. Upper Cardozo and Columbia Heights were completely outside of the Federal City of Washington, until the 1878 Organic Act changed the status of Washington, D.C. boundaries. There were expansive efforts to populate the neighborhood. Congress Heights was initially farmland, but development began in the 1880s. The rapid development of Congress Heights and the areas adjacent to the streetcar line on Nichols Avenue led the government of the District of Columbia to extend South Capitol Street into the area east of the Anacostia River. Beginning near St. Elizabeths Hospital, a line of bluffs extended roughly southward until it reached what is now Chesapeake Street SW.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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This collection contains tapes of interviews with D.C. residents that detail the architectural and social development of notable and historic neighborhoods in D.C. Among the interviewees are Stan Anderson, Mary Patrick Clements, Norman E. Dale, Dr. Charles E. Miles, J. Gibson Semmes, Erma Simon, and Morton Werber.

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## **Arrangement note**

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This collection is arranged in alphabetical order by surname of interviewee.

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

This collection is open for research.

### **Conditions Governing Use note**

Some material may be copyrighted or restricted. It is the patron's obligation to determine and satisfy copyright or other case restrictions when publishing or otherwise distributing materials found in the collections.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of the D.C. Historic Preservation Office, 1998.004.

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Allen, Albert Undated	1	1
<b>General Note</b>		
Cassette		
Anderson, Stan interviewed by Robert Simon 2-Oct-89	1	2
<b>General Note</b>		
7 1/2 ips 7" Reel to Reel tails out		
Anderson, Stan interviewed by Robert Simon 2-Oct-89	1	3
<b>General Note</b>		
7 1/2 ips 7" Reel to Reel tails out		
Ball, Louise Sayles interviewed by Telford Anderson 12-Sep-89	1	4
<b>General Note</b>		
7 1/2 ips 7" Reel to Reel tails out		
Battle, Percy M. 29-Aug-89	1	5
<b>General Note</b>		

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Beale, Betty Undated 1 6

**General Note**

Cassette

Bolling, Sterling interviewed by Emily Eig and Julie Mueller 8-Apr-88 1 7

**General Note**

Cassette

Buckner, Audrey interviewed by Diane Dale 16-Oct-89 1 8

**General Note**

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Bunbry, Raymond interviewed by Telford Anderson 12-Sep-89 1 9

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Chesley, Ardelia and Addenda interviewed by George Vranas 2-Jun-89 1 10

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Chesley, Ardelia and Addenda interviewed by George Vranas 2-Jun-89	1	11
<b>General Note</b>		
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Clements, Mary Patrick interviewed by Doug Mitchell 26-Mar-88	1	12
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Clements, Mary Patrick interviewed by Doug Mitchell 26-Mar-88	1	13
<b>General Note</b>		
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Cobb, Dr. Montague W. 20-Jul-88	1	14
<b>General Note</b>		
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Crawford, Elizabeth interviewed by Frieda Murray Undated	1	15
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Crawford, Elizabeth interviewed by Frieda Murray Undated	1	16
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Dale, Norman E. interviewed by Diane Dale 4-Sep-89	1	17
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Dale, Norman E. interviewed by Diane Dale 4-Sep-89	1	18
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Dominick, Theodore interviewed by Barbara Ashbrook 28-Mar-88	1	19
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**General Note**

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Faithful, Mrs. Undated	1	20
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**General Note**

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Freidberg, Sidney interviewed by Susan Safer 7-Apr-88	1	21
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Fuller, Barbara Bolling interviewed by Kim Welsh 14-Apr-88 1 22

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Hadley, Sara interviewed by William Caldwell 13-May-88 1 23

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Hadley, Sara interviewed by William Caldwell 13-May-88 1 24

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Haith, Arneeda interviewed by George Vranas 6-Jun-89 1 25

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Heinl, Nancy interviewed by Andrea Schoenfeld 20-Mar-88 1 26

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Heinl, Nancy interviewed by Andrea Schoenfeld 20-Mar-88	1	27
<b>General Note</b>		
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Howard, Ray interviewed by Barbara Ashbrook 26-Apr-88	1	28
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Jennings, Luberta interviewed by Donald Ball 3-Oct-89	1	29
<b>General Note</b>		
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Jones, Frances Mason 26-Mar-90	1	30
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Jones, Frances Mason 26-Mar-90	1	31
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Jones, Frances Mason Undated	1	32

**General Note**

7 1/2 ips 5" Reel to Reel tails out

Life, Albert A. 21-Jun-88

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**General Note**

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Matthews, Elizabeth interviewed by Frieda Murray 25-Sep-89

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Matthews, Elizabeth interviewed by Frieda Murray 25-Sep-89

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McCain Smith, Mrs. Interviewed by Doug Mitchell 12-May-88

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McCain Smith, Mrs. Interviewed by Doug Mitchell 12-May-88

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Miles, Dr. Charles E. interviewed by Mary Lou Walton 7-Apr-89 1 38

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Miles, Dr. Charles E. interviewed by Mary Lou Walton 7-Apr-89 1 39

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Miles, Dr. Charles E. interviewed by Mary Lou Walton 7-Apr-89 1 40

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Morganstein, Edith 26-Mar-89 1 41

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Morganstein, Edith 26-Mar-89 1 42

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Neal, Gaston 28-Aug-88	1	43
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Penn, Jonathan interviewed by Donald Ball 4-Oct-89	1	44
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Raby, Mildred interviewed by Frieda Murray 10-Oct-89	1	45
<b>General Note</b>		
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Raby, Mildred interviewed by Frieda Murray 10-Oct-89	1	46
<b>General Note</b>		
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Renwick, Arline 7-Jun-88	1	57
<b>General Note</b>		
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Renwick, Arline 7-Jun-88	1	48

**General Note**

5" Reel to Reel

Russell, Luegene Undated	1	49
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Semmes, J. Gibson interviewed by Bill Caldwell 5-Apr-88	1	50
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Semmes, J. Gibson interviewed by Bill Caldwell 5-Apr-88	1	51
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Simon, Erma interviewed by Robert Simon 28-Sep-89	1	52
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Simon, Erma interviewed by Robert Simon 28-Sep-89	1	53
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Thrift, Mr. Undated 1 54

**General Note**

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Trusheim, Ms. (Principal) Undated 1 55

**General Note**

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Welch, Ken 6-Jun-89 1 56

**General Note**

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Werber, Morton interviewed by George Vranas 24-Mar-89 1 57

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Werber, Morton interviewed by George Vranas 24-Mar-89 1 58

**General Note**

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Zoltrow, Henrietta Y. interviewed by Marthlu Bledsoe Undated

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