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HISTORICAL NOTE: This collection is comprised of oral histories from a variety of unrelated sources, the majority resulting from three projects. These oral histories are not part of an existing manuscript collection and are arranged to allow for further additions.

The Arizona Way project, created in 1977 as part of a project that examined the traditional values of Arizona, focused on the Anglo, Hispanic and Native American cultures through oral histories. It was funded by a grant from the Arizona Humanities Council and conducted by Alan Kite. These 29 interviews of both prominent and ordinary individuals were intended to become radio shows, but the project was never completed due to problems with copyrights.

Those interviews from the Arizona Way Revisited project contain updated interviews in 1997 with those interviewed in the original Arizona Way, where possible. In 1997, Mary Melcher, an Arizona State University doctoral graduate, received a grant from the Arizona Humanities Council to finish the original project by securing releases from those interviewed. The interviews were also to be indexed and made more accessible to researchers.

The records from the Phoenix Civil Rights Movement were funded by the Lillian Theobald Award in 1990, and the interviews were conducted by Mary Melcher. The main subjects of these interviews were segregation, social life and customs in Phoenix. These interviews were utilized in Melcher's piece, "Phoenix Civil Rights Movement: Black and White Collaboration, 1950-1970."

Mary Melcher graduated from Arizona State University in 1994. She was an associate faculty member at Arizona State University and taught primarily Arizona history. Melcher has conducted over 100 oral history interviews. She was most recently a history curator at the Arizona Historical Society Museum in Tempe and now serves as a research consultant.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains a wide variety of interviewees, including Arizona pioneers, civil rights advocates and other prominent citizens.

The quality of the recordings in the collection range from high quality to inaudible. Several tapes and reels have notes indicating the condition of the tapes and the presence of background noise.

This collection is organized alphabetically by interviewee. It is arranged with an eye towards future additions. This is an active collection, comprised of a wide variety of interviews that are not necessarily related.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Oral Histories: Albrecht, Gladys Hamilton (also includes Kroese, Helen)	November 2, 1992
	2	Oral Histories: Alderman, Thelma	ND
	3	Oral Histories: Anderson, Walter (also includes Humphrey, Ted)	ND
	4	Oral Histories: Arizona Women	February 3, 1993
	5	Oral Histories: Arizona Hospital Association Phase 4	December 12, 1973
	6	Oral Histories: Arnett, Alex	ND
	7	Oral Histories: Artichoker, John (also includes Sinqua, Gloria)	ND
	8	Oral Histories: ASU Fight Song	ND
2	1	Oral Histories: Banks, Frank	March 25, 1981
	2	Oral Histories: Bateman, George W.	September 3, 1968
	3	Oral Histories: Beeler, Joe (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977 and October 2, 1997
	4	Oral Histories: Beeler, Joe (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977 and October 2, 1997
	5	Oral Histories: Behavior Research Group I	April 15, 1992
	6	Oral Histories: Behavior Research Group I	April 15, 1992
	7	Oral Histories: Behavior Research Group II	April 15, 1992
3	1	Oral Histories: Blue, Gene (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977 and January 14, 1997
	2	Oral Histories: Blue, Gene (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1997 and January 14, 1997
	3	Oral Histories: Bringagood (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977
	4	Oral Histories: Brooks, George	January 31, 1990
	5	Oral Histories: Burkhard, Samuel	July 25, 1968
	6	Oral Histories: Butler, Carolina (Orme Dam and Fort McDowell)	January 16, 1979
	7	Oral Histories: Casner	ND
4	1	Oral Histories: Chanin, Abe	February 19, 1992
	2	Oral Histories: Clements, John (also includes Cooper, Evelyn)	December 1996

	3	Oral Histories: Clements, John	August 13, 1997
	4	Oral Histories: Clements, John	February 3, 1998
	5	Oral Histories: Clements, John	ND
	6	Oral Histories: Cloud, Daniel T.	January 1, 1985
	7	Oral Histories: Corbell, Victor	August 12, 1968
5	1	Oral Histories: Curry, Robert P.	ND
	2	Oral Histories: Davis, Catherine Mitten	February 14, 1990
	3	Oral Histories: DeGrazia, Ted (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977
	4	Oral Histories: Diedrich, Robert	ND
	5	Oral Histories: * Donahoe (Father) (also includes Plotkin, Albert) (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977
	6	Oral Histories: Driggs, Junius (part of Arizona Way)	1977
6	1	Oral Histories: Embach, Harry	March 17, 1981
	2	Oral Histories: Fedderson, Robert O.	December 1 and 15, 1993
	3	Oral Histories: Finn, Ruth	March 30, 1990
	4	Oral Histories: Florence Group (includes Foster, Posey; Purvis, Jack; Stevens, Eunice; Swearingen, Jim) (Part of Arizona Way)	1977
	5	Oral Histories: Florence Group (includes Foster, Posey; Purvis, Jack; Stevens, Eunice; Swearingen, Jim) (Part of Arizona Way)	1977
	6	Oral Histories: Gardener, Gail	August 9 and September 5, 1968
	7	Oral Histories: Goodnight, Gladys	September 1992
7	1	Oral Histories: Gordon, Emory Sekquaptewa (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	2	Oral Histories: Grigsby (Jr.), Eugene (part of Phoenix Civil Rights Movement)	February 12, 1990
	3	Oral Histories: Grigsby, Thomasena (part of Phoenix Civil Rights Movement)	February 7 and 12, 1990
	4	Oral Histories: Grimes, John O.	July 29, 1968
	5	Oral Histories: Guerrero, Pedro	July 10, 1968
	6	Oral Histories: Hance, Margaret (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977
	7	Oral Histories: Heard, Dwight B. (conversations about Dwight Heard; includes Bert Fireman, Orme Lewis, Charles Stauffer, William Pickrell, and Eula Murphy)	October 3, 1963
8	1	Oral Histories: *Houlihan, Pat (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	2	Oral Histories: Killian, George Hamilton	July 24, 1957
	3	Oral Histories: Kopta, Anna	June 26, 1968
	4	Oral Histories: Kopta, Anna	September 14, 1974
	5	Oral Histories: Kopta, Anna	January 24, 1975
	6	Oral Histories: Laney, Lynn	August 17, 1968
	7	Oral Histories: Laney, Lynn (also includes Corbell, Victor)	ND
9	1	Oral Histories: Lettie, Mary	June 21, 1968

	2	Oral Histories: Linde, Jess	ND
	3	Oral Histories: Lomahaftewa, Gloria Siquah (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977 and March 26, 1997
	4	Oral Histories: Lowdermilk, Romaine H.	July 26, 1968
	5	Oral Histories: Lynch, Dick	ND
	6	Oral Histories: Manning, Reg	September 3 and 6, 1979
	7	Oral Histories: Manning, Reg	September 10 and 15, 1979
	8	Oral Histories: Meza, Connie Martinez (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977 and February 4, 1977
	9	Oral Histories: Meza, Connie Martinez (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977 and February 4, 1977
10	1	Oral Histories: Mahafney, Merrill (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	2	Oral Histories: Mahoney, Bill (part of Phoenix Civil Rights Movement)	February 16, 1990
	3	Oral Histories: Mahoney, Les	July 1, 1968
	4	Oral Histories: Marshall	ND
	5	Oral Histories: *McCartney, Kiernan (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977 and March 27, 1997
	6	Oral Histories: Morgan, T.C.	ND
	7	Oral Histories: Nelson, Martha White	February 12 and 19, 1998
11	1	Oral Histories: Nelson, Martha White	March 1998
	2	Oral Histories: Nelson, Martha White	ND
	3	Oral Histories: Nesby, Robert (also includes Hoy, Vernon) (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	4	Oral Histories: Noble, Dan (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	5	Oral Histories: O'Connor, Sandra Day (also includes Ortega, Ruben) (Part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977
	6	Oral Histories: Open Line	June 16, 1992
	7	Oral Histories: Open Line	November 9, 1987
12	1	Oral Histories: Paradee, C.W. "Doc"	July 9, 1968
	2	Oral Histories: Perry, Edgar (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977
	3	Oral Histories: Perry, Edgar (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	August 19, 1997
	4	Oral Histories: Plotkin, Albert (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	February 2, 1990
	5	Oral Histories: Plotkin, Albert (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	April 23, 1997
	6	Oral Histories: Pyle, J. Howard	March 6, 1985
13	1	Oral Histories: Ragsdale, Lincoln (part of Phoenix Civil Rights Movement)	April 8, 1990
	2	Oral Histories: Reid, J. Jefferson (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	3	Oral Histories: Reynolds, Jim (also includes Swartz, Beth)	1977

		(Part of Arizona Way)	
	4	Oral Histories: Robbs (Jr.), A.B.	February 24, 1997
	5	Oral Histories: Robbs (Jr.), A.B.	March 5, 1997
	6	Oral Histories: Robbs (Jr.), A.B.	March 20, 1997
	7	Oral Histories: Robbs (Jr.), A.B.	ND
14	1	Oral Histories: Sale (Jr.), Powhatan L.	August 13, 1968
	2	Oral Histories: Sekaquaptewa, Emory (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977 and January 31, 1997
	3	Oral Histories: Scharrer, Jean	ND
	4	Oral Histories: Shing, Leroy (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	5	Oral Histories: SRP Officials	1977
	6	Oral Histories: Stauffer, Charles A.	August 7, 1968
	7	Oral Histories: Swartz, Beth (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	February 19 and March 3, 1997
15	1	Oral Histories: Tang, Esther Don	June 17, 1997
	2	Oral Histories: Tang, Esther Don	June 17, 1997
	3	Oral Histories: Tang, Esther Don	July 29, 1997
	4	Oral Histories: Tang, Esther Don	August 27, 1997
	5	Oral Histories: Tang, Esther Don	September 16, 1997
	6	Oral Histories: Tang, Esther Don	September 30, 1997
16	1	Oral Histories: Tang, Esther Don	November 3, 1997
	2	Oral Histories: Tanner, Clara Lee (also contains Trimble, Marsh) (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	3	Oral Histories: Trimble, Marshall	February 27, 1985
	4	Oral Histories: Trimble, Marshall	July 4, 1996
	5	Oral Histories: Tuveson, Margaret	July 21, 1996
	6	Oral Histories: Tuveson, Margaret	August 1, 1996
	7	Oral Histories: Unidentified	ND
17	1	Oral Histories: Valenzuela, Edward	February 26, 1997
	2	Oral Histories: Valenzuela, Ray Flores (part of Arizona Way)	1977
	3	Oral Histories: Waldham, Fran (part of Phoenix Civil Rights Movement)	July 18, 1990
	4	Oral Histories: Warren, Morrison (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	1977
	5	Oral Histories: Warren, Morrison (part of Arizona Way and Arizona Way Revisited)	August 29, 1997
	6	Oral Histories: Wetzler, Julius Charles	May 22, 1982
	7	Oral Histories: Wetzler, Julius Charles	June 8, 1982
18	1	Oral Histories: Wilkinson, Dorothy (also includes Caito, Estelle M. (Ricki))	January 26, 1994
	2	Oral Histories: Wilson, Fred	July 11 and 16, 1968
	3	Oral Histories: Wilson, Fred	August 23, 1968
	4	Oral Histories: Wood, Ruby Haigler	August 7, 1968
	5	Oral Histories: Wood, Ruby Haigler	August 7, 1968