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General
124 interviews

Arrangement
The collection is arranged alphabetically by surname of interviewee.
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Allen, Rodgie
Call Number: OHIV 748 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 84 mins
Transcript Page Count: 42 pages

London

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Vivian Perlis
Series IV. Bamman, Henry

Bamman, Henry
Call Number: OHIV 719 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 64 mins
Transcript Page Count: 38 pages
New York, NY

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Vivian Perlis
Series VI. Berman, Lazar

Berman, Lazar
Call Number: OHIV 744 a
Approximate Running Time: 39 mins
Transcript Page Count: 18 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 744 a
New York, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series VII. Bernuth, Shirley

Bernuth, Shirley
Call Number: OHIV 770 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 101 mins
Transcript Page Count: 33 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 770 a-b

New York, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series VIII. Bogyos, John

Bogyos, John
Call Number: OHIV 704 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 108 mins
Transcript Page Count: 65 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 704 a-c
North Floral Park, NY
Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series XI. Bruhn, Gretel

Bruhn, Gretel  
Call Number: OHIV 779 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 52 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages  
[Aviary] OHIV 779 a-b  

Hamburg, Germany  

Elizabeth R. Harkins  

1979 March 23
Series XII. Bruhn, Gretel and Elizabeth Peterson

Bruhn, Gretel and Elizabeth Peterson
Call Number: OHIV 777 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 85 mins
Transcript Page Count: 39 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 777 a-b

Hamburg, Germany

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series XIII. Casadesus, Gaby

Casadesus, Gaby
Call Number: OHIV 812 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 61 mins
Transcript Page Count: 32 pages
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XIV. Chapin, Betty Steinway

Chapin, Betty Steinway
Call Number: OHIV 731 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 80 mins
Transcript Page Count: 53 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 731 a-b
New York, NY
Elizabeth R. Harkins

1978 September 12
Series XVI. Chapin, Theodore Steinway

Chapin, Theodore Steinway
Call Number: OHIV 772 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 34 mins
Transcript Page Count: 42 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 772 a-b
New York, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series XVII. Chasins, Abram

Chasins, Abram
Call Number: OHIV 795 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 81 mins
Transcript Page Count: 17 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 795 a-b

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1978 December 27
Danforth, Mrs. Francis J.

Call Number: OHIV 726 a

Approximate Running Time: 27 mins

Transcript Page Count: 15 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 726 a

New York, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series XXIII. Dichter, Misha

Dichter, Misha
Call Number: OHIV 798 a
Approximate Running Time: 44 mins
Transcript Page Count: 24 pages

New York, NY

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Vivian Perlis
Series XXIV. Dorfman, Ania

Dorfman, Ania
Call Number: OHIV 767 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 63 mins
Transcript Page Count: 35 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 767 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1978 December 27
Series XXV. Drasche, Fred

Drasche, Fred
Call Number: OHIV 706 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 67 mins
Transcript Page Count: 59 pages
Ormond Beach, FL
Elizabeth R. Harkins

1978 June 6
Series XXVI. Ducksch, Robert and Gerhard Andacht

Ducksch, Robert and Gerhard Andacht
Call Number: OHIV 778 a
Approximate Running Time: 19 mins
[Aviary] OHIV 778 a
Berlin, Germany
Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series XXVIII. Esteban, Julio

Esteban, Julio
Call Number: OHIV 820 a
Approximate Running Time: 41 mins
[Aviary] OHIV 820 a

Baltimore, MD

Vivian Perlis

1980 March 23
Series XXIX. Fiocco, Anthony

Fiocco, Anthony
Call Number: OHIV 788 a
Approximate Running Time: 19 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 788 a
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1979 May 8
Series XXXII. Fitzgerald, Winston

Fitzgerald, Winston
Call Number: OHIV 809 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 61 mins
Transcript Page Count: 28 pages

New York, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins

1979 September 6
Series XXXV. Gigax, Richard

Gigax, Richard
Call Number: OHIV 790 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 64 mins
Transcript Page Count: 30 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 790 a-b

Long Island City, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series XXXVI. Glazebrook, Michael

Glazebrook, Michael
Call Number: OHIV 750 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 150 mins
Transcript Page Count: 52 pages

London

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Vivian Perlis
Series XXXVII. Glazebrook, Robert

Glazebrook, Robert
Call Number: OHIV 749 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 79 mins
Transcript Page Count: 39 pages

London

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Vivian Perlis
Series XXXIX. Gould, Morton

Gould, Morton
Call Number: OHIV 783 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 47 mins
Transcript Page Count: 22 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 783 a-b
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1979 April 3
Series XL. Graffman, Gary & Naomi & Roger Clemens

Graffman, Gary & Naomi & Roger Clemens
Call Number: OHIV 747 a-d
Approximate Running Time: 156 mins
Transcript Page Count: 70 pages
New York, NY

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Vivian Perlis
Series XLI. Hamlin, Barbara

Hamlin, Barbara
Call Number: OHIV 729 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 79 mins
Transcript Page Count: 42 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 729 a-b
Litchfield, CT
Elizabeth R. Harkins

1978 September 4
Series XLII. Hanlet, Alexandre

Hanlet, Alexandre  
Call Number: OHIV 806 a  
Approximate Running Time: 29 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages  
Paris, France

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Vivian Perlis
Series XLIII. Hart, Walter

Hart, Walter
Call Number: OHIV 702 a
Approximate Running Time: 45 mins
Transcript Page Count: 28 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 702 a

Long Island City, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series XLIV. Henderson, Skitch

Henderson, Skitch
Call Number: OHIV 732 a
Approximate Running Time: 41 mins
Transcript Page Count: 27 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 732 a
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1978 September 22
Series XLV. Hollander, Lorin

Hollander, Lorin
Call Number: OHIV 804 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 52 mins
Transcript Page Count: 27 pages
[Aviary OHIV 804 a-b]
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1979 July 17
Series XLVII. Ijams, Mrs. J. Horton

Ijams, Mrs. J. Horton  
Call Number: OHIV 739 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 60 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 41 pages  
[Aviary] OHIV 739 a-b  
New York, NY  

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series XLIX. Jordan, Alice

Jordan, Alice
Call Number: OHIV 773 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 67 mins
Transcript Page Count: 38 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 773 a-b
Bronx, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins

1979 January 21
Series LI. Kehr, Ernest A.

Kehr, Ernest A.
Call Number: OHIV 712 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 51 mins
Transcript Page Count: 23 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 712 a-b
Richmond Hills, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins

1978 July 26
Series LII. Kittredge, Marjorie (Mrs. Charles)

Kittredge, Marjorie (Mrs. Charles)  
Call Number: OHIV 759 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 93 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 41 pages  
Boxford, MA

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Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series LIV. Lateiner, Jacob

Lateiner, Jacob
Call Number: OHIV 764 a
Approximate Running Time: 38 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 764 a
Vivian Perlis
There is a date discrepancy between the date noted on the transcript for this interview which is November 10, 1978, and the date noted in OHAM’s previous database containing details for each interview in the collection, which dates this interview as November 11, 1978.

Lateiner, Jacob
Call Number: OHIV 764 b
Approximate Running Time: 31 mins
Transcript Page Count: 16 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 764 b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
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Lee, Noel
Call Number: OHIV 808 a
Approximate Running Time: 43 mins
Transcript Page Count: 18 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 808 a
Paris, France
Vivian Perlis

1979 September 14
Series LVIII. List, Eugene

List, Eugene  
Call Number: OHIV 746 a-b  
Transcript Page Count: 42 pages  
[Aviary] OHIV 746 a-b  
New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis

1978 November 10

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Little, Ray
Call Number: OHIV 756 a
Approximate Running Time: 30 mins
Transcript Page Count: 16 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 756 a
London
Vivian Perlis

1978 November 24
Livingstone, Robert
Call Number: OHIV 713 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 65 mins
Transcript Page Count: 31 pages

New York, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series LXI. Lodge, Eleanor Ziegler (Mrs. Henry Sears)

Lodge, Eleanor Ziegler (Mrs. Henry Sears)  
Call Number: OHIV 760 a  
Approximate Running Time: 40 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 22 pages  
[Aviary] OHIV 760 a  
Beverly, KA  
Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series LXIV. Masselos, William

Masselos, William
Call Number: OHIV 743 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 81 mins
Transcript Page Count: 38 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 743 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1978 November 3
Menuhin, Jeremy
Call Number: OHIV 757 a
Approximate Running Time: 43 mins
Transcript Page Count: 22 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 757 a
London
Vivian Perlis
Mills, Henry
Call Number: OHIV 727 a
Approximate Running Time: 16 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 727 a

Long Island city, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins

1978 September 27
Series LXVIII. Mohr, Franz

Mohr, Franz
Call Number: OHIV 769 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 58 mins
Transcript Page Count: 43 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 769 a-b

New York, NY

Elizabeth R. Harkins

1979 January 16
Series LXIX. Mueller, Erich

Mueller, Erich
Call Number: OHIV 710 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 75 mins
[Aviary] OHIV 710 a-b
Pompano Beach, FL

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series LXXII. Ohlsson, Garrick

Ohlsson, Garrick
Call Number: OHIV 740 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 70 mins
Transcript Page Count: 56 pages
New York, NY

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Vivian Perlis
Series LXXIII. Orcutt, Edwin B. & Cookie (Rosabelle)

Orcutt, Edwin B. & Cookie (Rosabelle) Call Number: OHIV 707 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 109 mins
Transcript Page Count: 49 pages

[Aviary] OHIV 707 a-b
Pompano Beach, FL
Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series LXXV. Paige, H. Ray

Paige, H. Ray
Call Number: OHIV 763 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 74 mins
Transcript Page Count: 37 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 763 a-b
Darien, CT

Elizabeth R. Harkins

1978 December 7
Series LXXVI. Paley, William

Paley, William
Call Number: OHIV 800 a
Approximate Running Time: 16 mins
Transcript Page Count: 9 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 800 a
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1979 June 26
Series LXXVII. Peckerman, Edward R.

Peckerman, Edward R.
Call Number: OHIV 771 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 133 mins
Transcript Page Count: 36 pages

Washington Depot, CT

Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series LXXVIII. Perahia, Murray

Perahia, Murray
Call Number: OHIV 816 a
Approximate Running Time: 40 mins
Transcript Page Count: 21 pages

[Aviary OHIV 816 a]
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series LXXIX. Pirola, Joe

Pirola, Joe
Call Number: OHIV 701 a
Approximate Running Time: 42 mins
Transcript Page Count: 28 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 701 a
Long Island City, NY
Elizabeth R. Harkins

1978 May 17
Series LXXX. Pompa, Anthony

Pompa, Anthony  
Call Number: OHIV 789 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 57 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 31 pages  
[Aviary] OHIV 789 a-b  
New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis  

1979 May 8
Series LXXXI. Pramberger, Joseph and Anton

Pramberger, Joseph and Anton
Call Number: OHIV 718 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 85 mins
Transcript Page Count: 57 pages
Albertson, Long Island, NY

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Elizabeth R. Harkins
Series LXXXII. Reisenberg, Nadia

Reisenberg, Nadia
Call Number: OHIV 797 a
Approximate Running Time: 37 mins
Transcript Page Count: 17 pages
New York, NY

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Vivian Perlis
Series LXXXVII. Rush, Clarence

Rush, Clarence
Call Number: OHIV 728 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 81 mins
Transcript Page Count: 34 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 728 a-b
Hartford, CT
Elizabeth R. Harkins

1978 September 3
Series LXXXVIII. Sandor, Gyorgy

Sandor, Gyorgy
Call Number: OHIV 775 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 105 mins
Transcript Page Count: 28 pages
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Series LXXXIX. Schang, Fred

Schang, Fred
Call Number: OHIV 738 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 70 mins
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New York, NY

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Schmitt, Robert P.
Call Number: OHIV 736 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 102 mins
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[Aviary] OHIV 736 a-c
Minneapolis, MN
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Series XCIII. Serkin, Peter

Serkin, Peter
Call Number: OHIV 81 a
Approximate Running Time: 24 mins
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Series XCIV. Serkin, Rudolph

Serkin, Rudolph
Call Number: OHIV 819 a-b
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
Brattleboro, VT
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Squibb, Lionel
Call Number: OHIV 753 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 72 mins
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Steinway, Charles
Call Number: OHIV 711 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 107 mins
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Indianapolis, IN
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Steinway, Frederick (Fritz)  
Call Number: OHIV 784 a-d  
Approximate Running Time: 168 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 101 pages  
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Amherst, MA  
Vivian Perlis  

1979 April 8

Steinway, Frederick (Fritz)  
Call Number: OHIV 784 e-h  
Approximate Running Time: 148 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 103 pages  
[Aviary] OHIV 784 e-h  
Amherst, MA  
Vivian Perlis  

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Series CIV. Steinway, Polly

Steinway, Polly
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Series CV. Steinway, Ruth Davis

Steinway, Ruth Davis
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Plymouth, MA

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Series CVI. Steinway, Virginia

Steinway, Virginia
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Series CX. Tetzlaff, Gustav C.

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Approximate Running Time: 117 mins
Transcript Page Count: 43 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 709 a-c
St. Petersburg, FL
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Tureck, Rosalyn
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Long Island City, NY

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Tyner, McCoy  
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New York, NY

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Ultes, Carl Thomas Jr. (Tom)  
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Approximate Running Time: 18 mins  
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[Aviary] OHIV 792 a  
Springfield, OH  
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Series CXVI. Vronsky, Vitya

Vronsky, Vitya
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Transcript Page Count: 16 pages
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Walsh, Frank
Call Number: OHIV 708 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 111 mins
Transcript Page Count: 62 pages
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Englewood, FL
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Series CXVIII. Werlein, Philip

Werlein, Philip
Call Number: OHIV 776 a
Approximate Running Time: 43 mins
Transcript Page Count: 19 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 776 a
New Orleans, LA
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1979 February 9
Series CXIX. Williams, Doug

Williams, Doug
Call Number: OHIV 751 a
Approximate Running Time: 21 mins
Transcript Page Count: 12 pages
[Aviary] OHIV 751.a
London
Vivian Perlis

1978 November 22
Zeigler, Julia
Call Number: OHIV 822 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 61 mins
Transcript Page Count: 50 pages
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Corona, NY
Vivian Perlis

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Series CXXI. Ziegler, John Cantwell

Ziegler, John Cantwell
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