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General

68 interviews

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by surname of interviewee.
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Vivian Perlis
Series II. Bean, Betty

Bean, Betty
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New York, NY
William Owens

1983 August 3
Series IV. Bernier, Rosamond

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New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series V. Bernstein, Leonard

Bernstein, Leonard
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1983 September 22
Burkat, Leonard
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Transcript Page Count: 30 pages
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Danbury, CT
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1986 March 26
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New York, NY
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Series VIII. Conroy, William

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Roosevelt Island, NY
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Series X. Copland, Milton

Copland, Milton
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New York, NY
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New York, NY
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New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series XIII. Davidovsky, Mario

Davidovsky, Mario
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Columbia University, New York, NY

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1981 September 22
Series XIV. De Mille, Agnes

De Mille, Agnes
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New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series XV. Del Tredici, David

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Diamond, David
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Juilliard, New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1980 November 10
Series XVIII. Dreiblatt, Martha

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New York, NY
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Vivian Perlis

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1981 November 7

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William Owen
Series XXVII. Friedman, Madeleine

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New York, NY
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Series XXVIII. Furman, Selma

Furman, Selma
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New York, NY
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1979 December 13
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Series XXXII. Gould, Morton

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Great Neck, NY
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1982 April 23
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Series XXXVI. Johns, Erik

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Carmel, NY
William Owen

1981 November 3
Series XXXVII. Kober, John

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Series XXXVIII. Kraut, Harry

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Series XLIII. Marlin, Felice

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1981 April 22
Mittenthal, Arnold

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New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

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Moor, Paul
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Peekskill, NY
Vivian Perlis

Moor, Paul
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Approximate Running Time: 86 mins
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Peekskill, NY
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Series XLVI. Moross, Jerome

Moross, Jerome
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