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General
68 interviews

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

Bean, Betty
Call Number: OHVI 943 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 943 a
New York, NY
William Owens

1983 August 3
Berger, Arthur
Call Number: OHVI 932 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 74 mins
Transcript Page Count: 28 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 932 a-b
Cambridge, MA
Vivian Perlis

1981 November 13
Bernstein, Leonard
Call Number: OHVI 962 a-d
Approximate Running Time: 149 mins
[Aviary] OHVI 962 a-d

1983 September 22
Series VI. Burkat, Leonard

Burkat, Leonard
Call Number: OHVI 952 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 76 mins
Transcript Page Count: 30 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 952 a-b

Danbury, CT

Vivian Perlis

1986 March 26
Series VII. Clurman, Harold

Clurman, Harold
Call Number: OHVI 901 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 105 mins
Transcript Page Count: 50 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 901a-c
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series X. Copland, Milton

Copland, Milton
Call Number: OHVI 925 a
Approximate Running Time: 21 mins
Transcript Page Count: 10 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 925 a
New York, NY
William Owens
Series XII. Daniel, Minna Lederman

Daniel, Minna Lederman
Call Number: OHVI 905 a
Approximate Running Time: 42 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 905 a
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

Daniel, Minna Lederman
Call Number: OHVI 905 b
Approximate Running Time: 36 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 905 b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series XV. Del Tredici, David

Del Tredici, David
Call Number: OHVI 938 a
Approximate Running Time: 28 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
New Haven, CT

Vivian Perlis
Series XVI. Denby, Edwin

Denby, Edwin
Call Number: OHVI 910 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 82 mins
Transcript Page Count: 31 pages

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XXI. Engel, Lehman

Engel, Lehman  
Call Number: OHVI 928 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 63 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 27 pages  

New York, NY  

Vivian Perlis  

1981 June 4
Series XXII. Feld, Eliot

Feld, Eliot
Call Number: OHVI 913 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 52 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 913 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1981 January 7
Series XXIII. Fine, Verna

Fine, Verna  
Call Number: OHVI 931 a-b  
*Approximate Running Time: 72 mins*  
*Transcript Page Count: 34 pages*  
[Aviary] OHVI 931 a-b  
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1981 November 7

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Fine, Verna  
Call Number: OHVI 931 c-e  
*Approximate Running Time: 135 mins*  
*Transcript Page Count: 82 pages*  
[Aviary] OHVI 931 c-e  
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1987 November 9
Fizdale, Robert
Call Number: OHVI 936 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 73 mins
Transcript Page Count: 25 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 936 a-b
New York, NY
William Owen
Series XXV. Foss, Lukas

Foss, Lukas
Call Number: OHVI 948 a
Approximate Running Time: 41 mins
Transcript Page Count: 19 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 948 a
New Haven, CT

Vivian Perlis
Series XXVI. Franchetti, Arnold

Franchetti, Arnold
Call Number: OHVI 927 a
Approximate Running Time: 40 mins
Transcript Page Count: 16 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 927 a
Lyme, CT
William Owen

1981 June 25
Friedman, Madeleine  
Call Number: OHVI 922 a  
Approximate Running Time: 35 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages  
[Aviary] OHVI 922 a  
New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis  

1981 May 4
Series XXVIII. Furman, Selma

Furman, Selma
Call Number: OHVI 909 a
Approximate Running Time: 43 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 909 a
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1979 December 13
Series XXXII. Gould, Morton

Gould, Morton
Call Number: OHVI 935 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 71 mins
[Aviary] OHVI 935.a-b
Great Neck, NY
William Owen

1982 April 23
Series XXXIII. Haieff, Alexei

Haieff, Alexei
Call Number: OHVI 916 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 81 mins
Transcript Page Count: 32 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 916 a-c
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1981 February 26
Series XXXVII. Kober, John

Kober, John
Call Number: OHVI 919 a
Approximate Running Time: 23 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages
[Aviary OHVI 919 a]

Garden City

Vivian Perlis
Series XXXIX. Lang, Pearl

Lang, Pearl
Call Number: OHVI 945 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 55 mins
Transcript Page Count: 26 pages

[Aviary] OHVI 945 a-b

Vivian Perlis
Series XL. Lescaze, Mary

Lescaze, Mary
Call Number: OHVI 903 a
Approximate Running Time: 44 mins
Transcript Page Count: 21 pages

[Aviary] OHVI 903 a
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series XLI. Lewis, Bobby

Lewis, Bobby
Call Number: OHVI 924 a
Approximate Running Time: 35 mins
Transcript Page Count: 14 pages
William Owen

1981 May 12
Mittenthal, Arnold
Call Number: OHVI 915 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 60 mins
Transcript Page Count: 23 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 915 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1981 January 15
Series XLV. Moor, Paul

Moor, Paul
Call Number: OHVI 939 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 97 mins
Transcript Page Count: 26 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 939 a-b
Peekskill, NY
Vivian Perlis

1982 June 1

Moor, Paul
Call Number: OHVI 939 c-d
Approximate Running Time: 86 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 939 c-d
Peekskill, NY
Vivian Perlis

1982 January 7
Series XLIX. Palmer, Robert

Palmer, Robert
Call Number: OHVI 941 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 16 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 941 a
By telephone
Vivian Perlis

1983 May 12
Series L. Perry, Tod

Perry, Tod
Call Number: OHVI 955 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 93 mins
Transcript Page Count: 44 pages

[Aviary OHVI 955 a-b]
West Stockbridge, MA
Vivian Perlis
Series LI. Pope, Stuart

Pope, Stuart
Call Number: OHVI 958 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 92 mins
Transcript Page Count: 45 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 958 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1988 July 7
Series LII. Ramey, Phillip

Ramey, Phillip
Call Number: OHVI 956 a-d
Approximate Running Time: 115 mins
Transcript Page Count: 64 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 956 a-d
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series LVII. Shapero, Harold

Shapero, Harold
Call Number: OHVI 908 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 73 mins
Transcript Page Count: 33 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 908 a-b
Natick, MA
Vivian Perlis

1980 October 4
Series LX. Sykes, Gerald

Sykes, Gerald
Call Number: OHVI 906 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 78 mins
Transcript Page Count: 30 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 906 a-b
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Thomson, Virgil
Call Number: OHVI 902 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 56 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 902 a-b
Chelsea Hotel, New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series LXIV. Warfield, William

Warfield, William
Call Number: OHVI 961 a
Approximate Running Time: 25 mins
Transcript Page Count: 12 pages

By telephone

Vivian Perlis

Warfield, William
Call Number: OHVI 961 b
Boston, MA

Matthew Pfeiffenberger
Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Occupations
Composers -- United States -- 20th Century

Subjects
Copland, Aaron, 1900-1990