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**SUMMARY:** Typed transcripts (electrostatic copies) of interviews with women for the project: "The Twentieth Century Trade Union Woman: Vehicle for Social Change," conducted by the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations (University of Michigan-Wayne State University) Program on Women and Work.

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## Administrative Information

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## Scope and Contents

In 1978 the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations (University of Michigan-Wayne State University) began issuing a series of transcripts of interviews conducted under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Trade Union Women Oral History Project. Some seventy-five women who had achieved positions of leadership in their unions or in the trade union movement were interviewed for the project. Transcripts of these interviews, published under the general title "The Twentieth Century Trade Union Woman: Vehicle for Social Change," make up this collection.

A few of the interviews were prepared in cooperation with other universities conducting similar projects, among them Pennsylvania State University, the Black Women Oral History Project of the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College, the Ohio Labor History Project, the Roosevelt University Oral History Project, the Southern Oral History Program, and the University of Iowa Oral History Project. Although a wide range of industries and their respective unions were surveyed, the unions most heavily represented are the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, the Textile Workers Union, and the United Auto Workers.

The interviews, which are in the form of electrostatic copies, have been arranged alphabetically by the name of the woman interviewed; her affiliation, the name of the interviewer, and the date of the interview are indicated. An index to the interviews by union or political group is also included in this register. Four of the women interviewed - Marie Fese, Eula McGill, Julia Luna Mount, and Celia Pincus - have restricted their interviews, i.e., the transcripts may be read but permission to publish excerpts or quote from the text must be obtained from the interviewee.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by last name of interviewee.

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| b. 1, f. 2  | Barron, Sara - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Barbara Wertheimer   | 1976 June 4                 |
| b. 1, f. 3  | Callahan, Mary - International Union of Electrical Workers - Interviewed by Alice Hoffman and Karen Budd   | 1976 May 7                  |
| b. 1, f. 4  | Christensen, Ethlyn - Young Women's Christian Association - Interviewed by Betsy Jameson   | 1978 October 31             |
| b. 1, f. 5  | Cohen, Sophie - Industrial Workers of the World - Interviewed by Deborah Shaffer and Stewart Bird  | 1977 December 17            |
| b. 1, f. 6  | Compton, Beulah - Waitresses' Union - Interviewed by Elizabeth Case  | 1977 October 19             |
| b. 2, f. 7  | Conroy, Catherine - Communications Workers of America - Interviewed by Elizabeth Balanoff  | 1976 Aug/<br>December       |
| b. 2, f. 8  | De La Cruz, Jessie - United Farm Workers - Interviewed by Anne Loftis  | 1973 December 14            |
| b. 2, f. 9  | Dubrow, Evelyn - International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union - Interviewed by Lydia Kleiner   | 1976 August 21              |
| b. 2, f. 10 | Elkuss, Mary Lawrence - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Gloria Gordon   | 1976 October 21             |
| b. 2, f. 11 | Fese, Marie (1) - Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks - Interviewed by Elizabeth Balanoff<br>(1) Permission required from interviewee for any quotes, citations, and/or utilization of material. | 1978 June 1                 |
| b. 2, f. 12 | Fredgant, Sara - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Alice Hoffman and Karen Budd   | 1976 June 2                 |
| b. 3, f. 13 | Graham, Charlotte - International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union - Interviewed by Glenn Scott  | 1978 August                 |
| b. 3, f. 14 | Haener, Dorothy - United Automobile Workers - Interviewed by Lyn Goldfarb, Lydia Kleiner, and Christine Miller   | 1978 April 11               |
| b. 3, f. 15 | Herstein, Lillian - American Federation of Teachers - Interviewed by Elizabeth Balanoff  | 1970 October 26-1971 May 12 |
| b. 3, f. 16 | Jeffrey, Mildred - United Automobile Workers - Interviewed by Ruth Meyerowitz  | 1976 August 13              |
| b. 3, f. 17 | Jones, Brownie Lee - American Labor Education Service - Interviewed by Mary Frederickson   | 1976 April 20               |
| b. 3, f. 18 | Kemp, Maida Springer - International Ladies' Garment Workers - Union, Interviewed by Elizabeth Balanoff  | 1977 January 4              |
| b. 4, f. 19 | Kimmel, Elizabeth - International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union - Interviewed by Glenn Scott  | 1979 January 10             |

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| b. 4, f. 20 | Kraus, Dorothy and Henry - United Automobile Workers - Interviewed by Patricia Yeghissian  | 1978 September 7  |
| b. 4, f. 21 | Levitas, Mollie - Office Employees' International Union - Interviewed by Elizabeth Balanoff  | 1970 Jul/December |
| b. 4, f. 22 | Lucia, Carmen - United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union - Interviewed by Seth Widgerson and Bette Craig  | 1976 July 26      |
| b. 4, f. 23 | Luscomb, Florence - Women's Trade Union League - Interviewed by Brigid O'Farrell   | 1976 July         |
| b. 4, f. 24 | Lynch, Florence - United Rubber Workers - Interviewed by Debra Bernhardt   | 1978 November 28  |
| b. 4, f. 25 | McElrath, Ah Quon - International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union - Interviewed by Marion Roffman  | 1976 August 4     |
| b. 5, f. 26 | McGill, Eula (2) - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Jacquelyn Hall<br>(2) Permission required from interviewee for any quotes, citations and/or utilization of material.                                 | 1976 February     |
| b. 5, f. 27 | Maietta, Julia - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Alice Hoffman and Karen Budd   | 1976 May 11       |
| b. 5, f. 28 | Maupin, Joyce - Women's Alliance to Gain Equality (WAGE)- Interviewed by Patricia Yeghissian   | 1978 July 16      |
| b. 5, f. 29 | Merrill, Barbara - Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union - Interviewed by Elizabeth Balanoff  | 1978 September 20 |
| b. 5, f. 30 | Mount, Julia Luna (3) - United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing, and Allied Workers of America - Interviewed by Becca Wilson<br>(3) Permission required from interviewee for any quotes, citations and/or utilization of material. | 1978 October 5    |
| b. 6, f. 31 | Neal, Arline - Service Employees' International Union - Interviewed by Phyllis Boanes and Lyn Goldfarb   | 1976 August 18    |
| b. 6, f. 32 | Neal, Fannie Allen - American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Committee on Political Education - Interviewed by Marlene Hunt  | 1977 May 27       |
| b. 6, f. 33 | Newman, Pauline - International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union - Interviewed by Barbara Wertheimer   | 1976 November     |
| b. 6, f. 34 | Nord, Elizabeth - Textile Workers' Union of America - Interviewed by Professor James Findlay, Gary Julik, Christina Simmons, and Judy Smith  | 1975 November 12  |
| b. 6, f. 35 | Palmquist, Rose Seiler - International Brotherhood of Teamsters - Interviewed by Mary Ellen Frank  | 1977 June 1       |
| b. 6, f. 36 | Peterson, Esther - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Martha Ross  | 1977 August 13    |
| b. 6, f. 37 | Peterson, Florence - United Automobile Workers - Interviewed by Ruth Meyerowitz  | 1976 July 28      |

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| b. 7, f. 38 | Peurala, Alice - United Steelworkers of America - Interviewed by Elizabeth Balanoff  | 1977 September 30                 |
| b. 7, f. 39 | Pincus, Celia (4) - Philadelphia Federation of Teachers - Interviewed by Alice Hoffman<br>(4) Permission required from interviewee for any quotes, citations and/or utilization of material. | 1976 April 27                     |
| b. 7, f. 40 | Podojil, Antoinette - Textile Workers' Union of America - Interviewed by Lydia Kleiner   | 1976 Jun/<br>October              |
| b. 7, f. 41 | Roberts, Geraldine - Domestic Workers of America - Interviewed by Donna Van Raaphorst  | 1977 March 30-<br>June 29         |
| b. 7, f. 42 | Roberts, Lillian - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - Interviewed by Susan Reverby   | 1978 May 1                        |
| b. 7, f. 43 | Robinson, Dolly Lowther - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Bette Craig   | 1976 July                         |
| b. 7, f. 44 | Scattergood, Margaret - American Federation of Labor - Interviewed by Alice Hoffman  | 1976 December 3                   |
| b. 8, f. 45 | Schwenkmeyer, Frieda - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Bette Craig  | 1976 August                       |
| b. 8, f. 46 | Segal, Bonnie Taylor - International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union - Interviewed by Alice Hoffman   | 1975 July 21; 1975<br>December 12 |
| b. 8, f. 47 | Sullivan, Anna - Textile Workers' Union of America - Interviewed by Brigid O'Farrell   | 1976 June 25                      |
| b. 8, f. 48 | Sweet, Gertrude - Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union - Interviewed by Shirley Tanzer  | 1976 August 2                     |
| b. 8, f. 49 | Taylor, Pauline - Progressive Party - Interviewed by Deborah Bernhardt   | 1978 August 17                    |
| b. 8, f. 50 | Thornburgh, Lucille - Textile Workers' Union of America - Interviewed by June Rostan   | 1978 January 10                   |
| b. 8, f. 51 | Turner, Doris - National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees - Interviewed by Cindia Cameron   | 1978 August 8                     |
| b. 9, f. 52 | Urdaneta, Regina - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Enid M. Valle  | 1978 January 8                    |
| b. 9, f. 53 | Ward, Angela Gizzi - Office Workers Union - Interviewed by Sue Cobbie  | 1977 January 26                   |
| b. 9, f. 54 | Wertheimer, Barbara Mayer - Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America - Interviewed by Bette Craig   | 1977 April-May                    |
| b. 9, f. 55 | Wiencek, Ruth - Communications Workers of America - Interviewed by Carol Bowie   | 1976 June 2                       |
| b. 9, f. 56 | Wooding, Nelle - Communications Workers of America - Interviewed by John Schacht   | 1970 March 24                     |

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## **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.

### **Subjects**

Labor -- Education  
Labor movement -- Education  
Labor unions -- United States  
Labor unions -- United States -- African  
American membership  
Women -- Employment  
Women labor union members -- United States  
Working class -- Education

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Economic conditions

### **Names**

Barron, Sara, 1900-  
Dubrow, Evelyn  
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Peterson, Esther, 1906-1997  
Robinson, Dollie Lowther  
Wertheimer, Barbara M.

### **Corporate Bodies**

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America  
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union  
International Union, United Automobile,  
Aircraft, and Agricultural Implement Workers  
of America  
Textile Workers Union of America