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Abstract: The Voices of American homemakers collection (1981-1983) consists of interviews with 196 women throughout the United States about homemaking in the first half of the twentieth century. The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a major grant to the National Extension Homemakers Council for a three-year nationwide project to collect, process, and disseminate representative oral histories from rural homemakers throughout the country.

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Administrative information

In 1983, the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a major grant to the National Extension Homemakers Council (NEHC) for a three-year nationwide project to collect, process, and disseminate representative oral histories from rural homemakers throughout the country. The council is a national nonprofit educational organization made up of 30,000 organized groups (or clubs) in forty-four states and two territories, with a membership of approximately 500,000. It is one of the largest women's organizations in the country with a predominantly rural and small town membership. The clubs which comprise the NEHC are the audience groups of the Home Economics Division of the Cooperative Extension Service. Typically, these clubs meet monthly or semi-monthly for educational programming in the areas of home economics and community service. The project, called "Voices of American Homemakers," combined an extensive volunteer effort with careful attention directed to the professional canons of oral history practice. Professional historians guided the effort by offering substantive perspectives on women's history and technical counsel on oral history. Under the terms of the grant, one complete set of project tapes and associated materials were to be presented to one repository in each state at no cost to the institution. The primary product of the effort was a collection of 203 oral histories. In the final edited and transcribed version there are 196 interviews by women from thirty-six states. Typically they describe homemaking, child rearing, and family management in the small towns or rural areas where they live. A seminar was held during the National Conference of Extension Homemaker's Council in 1983. It featured authorities in the fields of oral history and women's studies who presented papers based on material extracted from the tapes. Following each of the presentations, an audience of over 200 homemakers participated in discussion of the points raised in each paper. A slide/sound program was produced in 1984, using photographs and excerpts from the taped interviews. Finally, in 1985 a book was written based on material gathered from the project. Titled *Voices of American Homemakers*, it proved to be well received and has been reprinted. A copy of the book has been placed in the Special Collections Book Collection. The final dissemination of materials was completed in 1986 when the previously selected repositories in each state received the interview transcriptions.

Processing information

The *Voices of American homemakers* collection (1981-1983) consists of interviews with 196 women throughout the United States about homemaking in the first half of the twentieth century. The transcripts are housed in binders one through five and have been arranged alphabetically by state. The master index has been arranged by subject with reference to interviewee, state, and page number within each interview.

Subject terms

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Amy Mabel Hughes, 1899: Born in New Jersey, later moved to Florida. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. Member of Extension Homemakers for sixty-one years. (thirty-five pages, 1981)

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Mary Fouts, 1909: Born and raised in Kentucky, twenty-nine-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. (ten pages, 1981)

Ethel Jury, 1926: Born and raised in Pennsylvania, twenty-eight-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, club life, lifestyles. (nineteen pages, 1981)

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Cecilia S. Lamb, 1894: Born in Ohio, moved to Michigan after she married. Member of Extension Homemakers for forty years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. (twenty-five pages, 1982)

Estella Myers: Michigan homemaker discusses club life and her background. (forty pages, 1982)

Blanche Ockerman, 1888: Born and raised in Michigan. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. (two pages, 1982)

Arvilla Parshall, 1898: Born and raised in Michigan, fifty-four-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background. (seven pages, 1982)

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Myra Daniel, 1894: Born in Nebraska, came to Montana for her husband's health in 1918. Member of Extension Homemakers for fifty years. Discusses background, club life. (fourteen pages, 1982)

Lora V. Foster, 1881: Born in Washington, moved to Montana to homestead after she married. Member of Extension Homemakers for fifty-two years. Discusses background, club life. (nine pages, 1982)

Luella Hardie, 1905: Born and raised in Montana. Member of Extension Homemakers for forty-eight years. Discusses background, club life, Japanese sumi-e painting. (six pages, 1981)

Pearl L. Herndon, 1914: Born and raised in Montana. Member of Extension Homemakers for thirty-eight years. Discusses background, club life. (fifteen pages, 1982)

Elsie Riegar, 1922: Born in Washington, later moved to Montana. Discusses background, club life. (thirteen pages, 1981)

Daisy Taylor, 1917: Born and raised in Montana. Member of Extension Homemakers for thirty years. Discusses background, club life, lifestyles. (eleven pages, 1982)

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Edna B. Wood, 1905: Born and raised in Nebraska. Member of Extension Homemakers for over fifty years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. (twenty-four pages, 1982)

Nellie Snyder Yost, 1905: Yost moved to Nebraska shortly after she married. Member of Extension Homemakers for twenty-three years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, 4-H clubs, gardening, mother's and father's histories. (thirty-two pages, 1982)

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Nancy D. Madre, 1944: Born and raised in North Carolina. Member of Extension Homemakers for seventeen years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, chicken pot pie. (forty-three pages, 1982)

Letha A. McCall, 1890: Born and raised in North Carolina. Member of Extension Homemakers for sixty years. Discusses background, lifestyles, club life. (forty pages, 1982)

Henrietta T. Phillips, 1911: Born in Georgia, moved to North Carolina when she was nine years old. Member of Extension Homemakers for forty years. Discusses background, lifestyles, club life, business. (thirty-nine pages, 1981)

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Minnie Ness, 1900: Born in Minnesota, moved to North Dakota in 1902 following her father's death. Discusses background, lifestyles, gardening, modernization, club life. (thirty-five pages, 1982)

Karen Retzlaff, 1947: Born and raised in North Dakota. Member of Extension Homemakers for eight years. Discusses club life, background, Germany, Russia, settlements of North and South Dakota, lifestyles. (thirty-three pages, 1981)

Anna Sorensen: Born in Minnesota, grew up in North Dakota. Member of Extension Homemakers for over forty years. Discusses background, lifestyles, social changes, club life. (thirty-nine pages, 1982)

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Jeanette Stratton, 1933: Born and raised in Ohio, eleven-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, club life, lifestyles. (eighteen pages, 1982)

Sarah Adkins, 1955: Born and raised in Ohio, five-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, club life. (eighteen pages, 1982)

Lura Hess, 1890: Born and raised in Ohio, fifteen-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, lifestyles, social changes, family tragedies. (twenty-six pages, 1981)

Mary Jonas, 1891: Born and raised in Ohio. Member of Extension Homemakers for fifty years. Discusses club life, background, 4-H clubs, modernization. (sixteen pages, 1982)

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Betty J. Wenig, 1930: Born and raised in Ohio. Member of Extension Homemakers for twenty-five years. Discusses background, club life, children's Future Farmers of America and 4-H awards. (thirteen pages, 1982)

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Mary Skelley, 1905: Born and raised in Oklahoma, thirty-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, storms, education, club life. (thirty pages, 1982)

Zelma Wood, 1904: Born in Texas, moved to Oklahoma when she was four years old. Member of Extension Homemakers for forty-nine years. Discusses background, club life, lifestyles, 4-H clubs. (twenty-one pages, 1982)

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Dorris L. Graves, 1911: Born and raised in Oregon, fifty-two-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, club life, community programs, travels. (twenty-one pages, 1981)

Dorothy Personette, 1904: Born and raised in Oregon. Member of Extension Homemakers for thirty years. Discusses background, lifestyles, social changes, club life. (twenty-five pages, 1982)

Alice Ward, 1915: Born and raised in Oregon. Member of Extension Homemakers for forty-seven years. Discusses club life, background, social change, modernization. (fourteen pages, 1981)

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Pat Gates, 1926: Born and raised in South Carolina, thirty-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club activities, background. (nine pages, 1981)

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Hazel Johnson, 1925: Born and raised in South Carolina, twenty-eight-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, 4-H clubs, tours, community service. (seven pages, 1982)

Etta Sue Sellers, 1892: Born and raised in South Carolina. Discusses background, extension activities, war kitchens, lifestyles, the Depression. (twenty-eight pages, 1982)

Tab 2 Interviews--South Dakota

Marge Kleinjan, 1938: Born and raised in South Dakota. Member of Extension Homemakers for twenty-five years. Discusses background, club life, lifestyles, modernization, social change, Equal Rights Amendment. (seventeen pages, 1984)

Carla Kleinhan, 1961: Born and raised in South Dakota, one-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, modernization, social change, Equal Rights Amendment. (seventeen pages, 1984)

Christine Gaffin, 1893: Born in Iowa, later moved to South Dakota. Discusses club life, extension activities, lifestyles, background. (five pages, 1977)

Byrdie Johnson, 1896: Born and raised in South Dakota, sixty-three-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, poetry. (six pages, 1982)

Minnie Murphey, 1894: Born in Indiana, moved to South Dakota at age ten. Member of Extension Homemakers for sixty-four years. Discusses club work, club life, songs, poetry, background. (seven pages, 1983)

Florence Phillips, 1892: Born and raised in South Dakota, sixty-two-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, club life. (five pages, 1980)

Marjorie Pontius: Born and raised in South Dakota. Member of Extension Homemakers for forty-five years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, modernization. (twelve pages, 1983)

Oriska Stroschein: Discusses club life, background, social changes. (twenty-eight pages, 1983)

Ina Tate, 1898: South Dakota homemaker, fifty-nine-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, lifestyles, club life, family. (twenty-eight pages, 1983)

Cleo Tyler: Born and raised in South Dakota, fifty-five-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, community service. (six pages, 1977)

Tab 3 Interviews--Tennessee

Aileen Cole, 1903: Born and raised in Tennessee, fifty-four-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, community service, social changes. (thirteen pages, 1982)

Orna Lewis, 1911: Born and raised in Tennessee. Member of Extension Homemakers for fifty years. Discusses club life, background, 4-H clubs. (thirteen pages, 1982)

Hautie Nelson, 1913: Born and raised in Tennessee, forty-eight-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. (fourteen pages, 1982)

Tressa Waters, 1897: Born and raised in Tennessee. Member of Extension Homemakers for fifty-one years. Discusses club life, community service, background, modernization. (ten pages, 1982)

Julia C. White, 1922: Born and raised in Tennessee, forty-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses background, social change, modernization. (ten pages, 1982)

Tab 4 Interviews--Virginia

Irby Arnett, 1916: Born and raised in Virginia., thirty-nine-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. (four pages, 1981)

Janet W. Cassell, 1947: Born and raised in Virginia. Member of Extension Homemakers for fourteen years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, social change. (twenty pages, 1982)

Mrs. Ray Cassell, 1913: Born and raised in Virginia, forty-seven-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. (sixteen pages, 1982)

Corrla Ratliff, 1899: Born and raised in Virginia. Member of Extension Homemakers for thirty-six years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, social changes. (fifteen pages, 1981)

Tab 5 Interviews--Washington

Violet Cottrell, 1912: Born and raised in Washington. Member of Extension Homemakers for twenty-six years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, social changes. (twenty-three pages, 1982)

Esther Dagnen, 1914: Born and raised in Washington, forty-two-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, modernization, social change. (twenty-three pages, 1982)

Elsa Skiles, 1898: Born in Kausaslata, moved to Washington. Member of Extension Homemakers for fifty-two years. (nine pages, 1982)

Tab 6 Interviews--West Virginia

Constance Lewis Anderson, 1954: West Virginia Homemaker, four-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, background, personal philosophies, lifestyles. (thirty-one pages, 1982)

Diana M. Barton, 1929: Born and raised in West Virginia. Member of Extension Homemakers for sixteen years. Discusses club life, background, Snowshoe Ski Resort, religious activities, car accident, disability. (twenty-four pages, 1982)

Frances Caldwell, 1927: Born and raised in West Virginia. Member of Extension Homemakers for thirty years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles. (thirty-eight pages, 1981)

Deanna Cook: Born and raised in West Virginia, eleven-year-member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, early married life, lifestyles. (twenty-seven pages, 1982)

Pearl Faulkner: Born and raised in West Virginia. Member of Extension Homemakers for thirty years. Discusses club life, club-related activities. (twenty-one pages, 1982)

Margaret Hill: West Virginia homemakers, thirty-six-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, club-related activities, Jackson's Mill. (thirteen pages, 1982)

Gertrude Humphreys, 1895: West Virginia homemaker, member of Extension Homemakers for over sixty years. Discusses club life, club-related activities, Country Life Conferences, jam making, program changes. (twenty-one pages, 1982)

Ansel Peterson, 1905: Born and raised in West Virginia. Retired elementary school teacher and farmer. Discusses club-life, church-life, farming methods and milk production. He also discusses his life as a teacher, travel and the World Wars. (fourteen pages, 1981)

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Beatrice McCann: West Virginia homemaker, grew up in Ohio on a farm. Member of Extension Homemakers for over fifty years. Discusses club life, background, social changes, educational benefits of Extension Homemaking. (twenty pages, 1981)

Phyllis Sullivan: West Virginia homemaker, eighteen-year member of Extension Homemakers. Discusses club life, club-related activities, leadership. (twenty-eight pages, 1982)

Tab 7 Interviews--Wisconsin

Lillian Blonien, 1913: Born and raised in Wisconsin. Member of Extension Homemakers for two years. Discusses club life, background, lifestyles, experience as postmistress, foster children. (twenty-four pages, 1982)

Celia Lausted, 1933: Born and raised in Wisconsin. Member of Extension Homemakers for two years. Discusses background, club life, social changes, inheritance tax issues, political involvement, Equal Rights Amendment. (thirty-six pages, 1981)

Josephine Nixon, 1892: Born and raised in Wisconsin. Member of Extension Homemakers for sixty-one years. Discusses background., lifestyles, education, club life. (thirty-one pages, 1981)

Tab 8 Interviews--Wyoming

Mary Raymond: Moved to Wyoming from South Dakota with her family during the Depression. Discusses club life, background. (thirteen pages, 1982)

Jennie Williams, 1894: Born and raised in Wyoming. Williams was the first National President and has been a member since the organization of the club in Wyoming. Discusses background, club life, lifestyles, club activities. (seventeen pages, 1983) Note: The last few pages after the interview are part of a speech Williams gave, date unknown.

Tapes

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Scheerer interviewed by Harley does not have a transcript.

Pulaski County

Schlatter interviewed by Binkley does not have a transcript.

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