



Oral History & Reminiscences Collection

A Guide to the Collection
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the guide for Garrett Park's Oral History and Reminiscences Collection. This is a work in progress to document, describe, and index the oral histories in the Town Archives.

The Oral History Collection and Reminiscences Collection includes over 150 interviews of town residents past and present. Some of the interviews date back to the 1970s, and others are more recent, as late as 2012. A significant number of oral histories were collected by town volunteers in the mid-1990s for the town's Centennial Anniversary celebrated in 1998.

Most of the oral histories were originally recorded on magnetic cassette tapes. They were later converted to an MP3 digital audio format. Volunteers have transcribed most, but not all, of the recordings. The quality of these transcriptions varies greatly. Thanks to a donation from the town's Historic Preservation Committee, some of the recordings have been professionally transcribed.

This guide contains details about each of the oral histories in the Town Archives, including:

- Name of narrator and interview
- Date(s) of interview
- If the narrator signed a consent form or release, which determines if the Town Archivist can share an oral history
- Brief biographical information about the narrator, which was compiled by the Town Archivist
- Scope of coverage
- Subject and People indexes
- Formats available for use in the Town Archives
- Archivist's Notes related to the quality of transcription, special notices about content, and other relevant information
- A cross-reference number to the Archives collection management system (*still being updated*)

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GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Abrams, Annavieve Egan (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Abrams, Annavieve Egan (1913–2001)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/22/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Abrams was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1913. She moved to the DC area in 1940 and to Garrett Park in 1948. She worked in the kitchen of Garrett Park Elementary School and later in other Montgomery County Public Schools. She was active in the Girl Scouts and the Women’s Club. She also served as President of Community Arts and was one of the founders of Adventure Theater, which is still active today.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Adventure Theater	Almy, David
Anti-Semitism	Borror, Andra “Marty”
Betsy White Fund	Bridge, Dick
Bridge club	Bunker, Landon
Chapel	Crichton, Anne
Community Arts	Dittman, Laura McCune
Garrett Park Community Center	Duey, Joy
Garrett Park Elementary School	Higgins, Gail
Garrett Park Library	Howard, Janet
Garrett Park Nursery School	Howe, Carol
Girl Scouts	Maury Family
Greenhouses	Norman, Margaret “Peg”
House history	Payne, Felicity
Ken-Gar	Payne, George
Kensington	Payne, Norah
Kensington Cooperative Nursery School	Penn, Lina
Lunch Bunch	Reynolds, Joyce
Move to Garrett Park	Richter, Alexander
One-room school	Sherline Family
Penn Place	Sonner, Kathryn
Personal history	Spencer, Marty
Politics	Sutherland, Gertrude
Post Office	Thurston, Alice
Race, racism	White, Betsy
Swimming Pool	
Telephone directory	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Train	
Travel to Europe	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a some gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.1

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Almy, David (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Almy, David (joined later by Mary Kay Almy) (1938–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 4/17/94; 4/24/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Kapit, Richard

Brief Biographical Information: Almy was born in Washington, DC, and grew up in Chevy Chase. He attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and served in the U.S. Navy. Almy attended the University of Maryland and Howard University, where he studied architecture. In 1971, he moved his family to Garrett Park (Kenilworth Avenue) and became active in the Citizens Association. He also served on the Town Council. As an architect, he has been involved in numerous town renovation projects.

Scope of Coverage: 1970s–1994

Subjects	People
American Speech, Language and Hearing (ASLH)	Avery, Bill
Anti-Semitism	Boyer, Dee
Architecture	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Celebrations, events	Cohen, Edward
Chevy Chase Lake	Dickson, Paul
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Edlund, Paul
Citizens Association	Frost, Barbara
Corby Mansion	Lamont, Bev
Development	McLaughlin, Donal
Garrett Park Community Center	McLaughlin, Coille
Growing up in Montgomery County	Payne, George
Historic preservation	Payne, Norah
House history	Peterson, Mabel
Judaism	Pratt, Laura “Peggy”
Ken-Gar	Putnam Family
Kensington	Putnam, Jane
Maryland Historic Trust	Richter, Alexander
Metro	Stites, Elizabeth
Move to Garrett Park	Wright, Richard
Personal history	
Politics	
Race, racism	
Richterville	
Scotland Community	
Strathmore Avenue	
The Bungle	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Victorian houses	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with some gaps. See also May 1994 oral history with Mary Kay Almy.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.2

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Almy, David and Mary Kay (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Almy, David (1938–Living) and Almy, Mary Kay (1942–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 5/15/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Kapit, Richard

Brief Biographical Information: The Almys moved to Garrett Park in 1971. Both were involved in numerous community activities. David served on the Citizens Association and Town Council. Mary Kay was a staff member with the Strathmore Hall Foundation.

Scope of Coverage: 1970s–1994

Subjects	People
18th Annual Softball Game	Agenbroad
Arboretum	Barclay, Kathryn “Kitty”
Blizzard	Chisholm, William “Haile” and Eleanor
Bridge club	Damtoft, Walter and Janet
Celebrations, events	Edlund, Paul
Citizens Association	Flanders, Manny
Donnelly's Hill	Flather, Chester
Events in Garrett Park	Friedman, Edward
Garrett Park Estates	Guernsey Family
Halloween	Janney, Fritz
Marijuana	Johnston, Warren
Personal history	McLaughlin, Donal
Property dispute (Chisholm)	Modine, Barbara
Sledding	Payne, George
Snow	Richter, Alexander
Strathmore Hall	Shidler, Barbara
The Bugle	Townsend, Betty
Waverly crossing	Townsend, Dan

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription OK with multiple gaps. See also April 1994 oral history.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Atlee, Anne (2012)

Name of Narrator(s): Atlee, Anne (Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): January 17, 2012

Name of Interviewer(s): Green, Marian

Brief Biographical Information: Atlee moved to Garrett Park (Montrose Avenue) in 1958. She and her husband worked at the National Institutes of Health. The Atlee children attended Garrett Park Nursery School and Elementary School. Although Atlee did not grow up in Garrett Park, she lived nearby and attended Kensington Elementary School and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School with Garrett Park children.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Gardening	Buck, Clarence
Garrett Park Elementary School	Chamberlin
Garrett Park Nursery School	Clopper, Frances
Move to Garrett Park	Freer, Ruby
National Institutes of Health	Gootenberg, Florence
Senior's Committee	Huffman
Swimming Pool	Jackson, Barbara
	Kemeys, Ned
	Renshawe, Mary Ann
	Rodgers
	Sargent, Virginia
	Seeger, Mike

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript generally good. Ends abruptly; although, based on questions asked, appears to be complete.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.1

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Barclay, Kathryn “Kitty” Stevenson (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Barclay, Kathryn “Kitty” Stevenson (1921–2011)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/14/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Rugh, Andrea

Brief Biographical Information: Barclay moved to Garrett Park in 1954. She was involved with the League of Women Voters and became active in the Garrett Players, the town’s Theater group. Barclay served as a Den Mother with the Boy Scouts and worked with the Girl Scouts. In the late 1970s, she served as President of the Women’s Club. Barclay was also instrumental in establishing and managing the gift shop at Strathmore Hall.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1980s

Subjects	People
Book club	Bunker, Landon
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Children, activities for	Chrisler, Donald
Corby Mansion	Duey, Joy
Development	Maury, Priscilla
Dietle's	Murtaugh, Joe
Events in Garrett Park	Murtaugh, Patricia
Fourth of July	Payne, George
Garrett Park Elementary School	Penn, Lina
Garrett Park Estates	Reynolds, Dorothy
Garrett Park Library	Shriver sisters
Garrett Players	Sonner, Andrew
Hungarian family	
Mail delivery	
Move to Garrett Park	
Penn Place	
Personal history	
Plavnieks Addition	
Post Office	
Strathmore Hall	
Swimming Pool	
The Bugle	
Train	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.3

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Barnett, Lex and Betty (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Barnett, Lex (1915–2004) and Barnett, Betty (1919–2013)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 10/10/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Campbell, Jean

Brief Biographical Information: The Barnetts moved to Garrett Park in the 1950s. Lex was born in Pennsylvania. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy as a cryptographer with the National Security Agency (NSA). He later worked for different corporations, including IBM. Betty was born in Wisconsin. She too served in the U.S. Navy, where she met Lex. Betty had a long career in the U.S. government and retired from the National Institutes of Health.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Chapel organ	Berry, Joseph
Chickens	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Move to Garrett Park	Macgill
Neighborhood parties	Murphy, Joe
Personal history	Phillips
Town Hall (former chapel)	Rucker, Clara
Vietnam War	Rucker, Louise
	Tenny, Anne
	Tenny, Carole
	Tenny, Morgan
	Walter, Bert and Jack
	Woodwell, Stanley

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription; consider having redone.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.4

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Benjamin, Stan and Els (2012)

Name of Narrator(s): Benjamin, Stan (1931–Living) and Benjamin, Els (1937–Living)

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s): 3/20/12

Name of Interviewer(s): Green, Marian

Brief Biographical Information: The Benjamins moved to Garrett Park (Kenilworth Avenue) in 1968. Stan was born in Pennsylvania. He worked as a reporter with the Associated Press. Els was born in The Netherlands. She earned a master’s degree in horticulture and served as a long-term Director of Brookside Gardens in the late 1970s and 1980s. In Garrett Park, Stan served on a town committee to revise the charter. Els chaired the Arboretum Committee; during her tenure, the Committee created a database of the town’s 400-plus trees.

Scope of Coverage: 1970s–2000s

Subjects	People
Arboretum Committee	Coblyn, Donna
Arboretum designation (of Town)	Coblyn, Earl
Brookside Gardens	Ellingson, Dinniemaud
Celebrations, events	Guernsey, Adrienne
Database of trees	Guernsey, Tom
Development	Hahn, Carl
Foreign travel	Keller, Christopher
Garrett Park Elementary School	Melville Family
German occupation of Holland	Normandy, Phil
Move to Garrett Park	Reynolds, Dorothy
Non-citizen voting	Shidler, Barbara
Nuclear Free Zone	Zannelli Family
Personal history	Zannelli, Salvatore
Property values	
Race, racism	
Sears house	
Town Charter	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.6.14

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Berry, Joseph and Mildred Renshawe (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Berry, Joseph (1910–2000) and Berry, Mildred Renshawe (1914–1998) with Mary Ann Renshawe Stockton (1926–2020) (2nd interview with Joseph and Mildred Berry)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 8/28/93; 9/30/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Joan Gurian

Brief Biographical Information: Mildred and Mary Ann Renshawe were sisters who moved to Garrett Park when they were young. Joseph Berry was born near Garrett Park in Rockville. Joseph worked for the government for a short period and was involved with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp near Garrett Park in the 1930s. He later worked in banking and also held odd jobs, including delivering milk, serving as janitor for the school and chapel, and hauling coal for Garrett Park resident William “Haile” Chisholm. Joseph and Mildred were married in 1955.

Scope of Coverage: 1920s–1940s

Subjects	People
Berry's Farm	Bisset
Berry's Lane	Chamberlin
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chapel	Corby
Garrett Park Elementary School	DeGautier, Alphonse
Garrett Park Estates	Donnelly
Greenhouses	Dove Family
History of Garrett Park	Dye, Dee Dee
Ken-Gar	Griffith, Clara
Kensington	Gross, Robert
Move to Garrett Park	Gurley
Old post office	Hall, Clyde
One-room school	Holmes
Pavilion	Ingberg, Catherine
Personal history	Ingberg, Phillip
Race, racism	Jackson, Caroline
Scalding accident	Ketok, Walter
Swimming hole	Lewis, Gussie
Town Hall (former chapel)	Mitchell, James
Train	Monroe Family
Two-room school	Penn, Lina
Water tank, water tower	Plank Family
	Stevens
	Truitt
	Weaver, Lloyd
	Wells

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription with numerous gaps; need to identify speaker in several sections (marked as “Who”). Consider having re-transcribed.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.5

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Blakeslee, Martha and Newton (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Blakeslee, Martha (1912–2006) and Blakeslee, Newton (1910–1997)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/23/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: The Blakeslees moved to Garrett Park (Rokeby Avenue) in 1952. Martha was born and raised in Massachusetts. Newton was born in Illinois and came to the Washington, DC area in the 1910s with his parents. Martha came to DC for a job with the Civil Service Commission. The Blakeslees met when they both sang with the Cathedral Choral Society. In Garrett Park, Martha was involved in the Women’s Club. Newton participated in Christmas caroling and the Garrett Players. Both participated in the town’s bicentennial and diamond jubilee events.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Architecture	Almy, Mary Kay
Art classes	Barclay, Kathryn “Kitty”
Christmas caroling	Borror, Andra “Marty”
Diamond Jubilee	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Drainage problems	Dubinski
Events in Garrett Park	Eden, Sarah
Garrett Players	Fill, George
History of Garrett Park	Griffin, Sibyl
House history	Hall, Clyde and Mary
Hungarian family	Modine, Norman
Lunch Bunch	Payne, George and Norah
Move to Garrett Park	Pfanstiehl, Eliot
Music	Richter, Alexander
Personal history	Seigel, Martha
Richterville	
Strathmore Hall	
Swimming Pool	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps and possible missing pages.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.6

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Borrer, Andra “Marty” (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Borrer, Andra “Marty” (1919–2005)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/15/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Borrer was born in Alabama and came to Garrett Park as a teenager with her mother. After moving away as a young adult, Borrer returned to Garrett Park in 1944 with her husband and bought a house on Rokeby Avenue. She was active in the Women’s Club and participated in building the town’s community center in the 1950s. She was also involved with the Garrett Players, including as a playwright. She served as Acting Postmaster in 1960.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Blizzard	Abrams
Boy Scouts	Bailey, Temple
Celebrations, events	Borrer, Walter “Bunch”
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Caulkins
Community Center	Chrisler, Donald and Dorothy
Donnelly's Hill	Dubinski
Garrett Park Elementary School	Fill, George
Garrett Park Estates	Gieser, Ilah
Garrett Players	Hall, Clyde
Girl Scouts	Hall, Vera
Move to Garrett Park	Johnston, Bobbie
One-room school	Lamb
Personal history	Noland, Dallas
Politics	Payne, George
Rifle club	Payne, Norah
Sledding	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Snow	Penn, Lina
Swim League	Reynolds, Dorothy
Swimming Pool	Sonner, Andrew
Train	Stevens, Lucile
Train accident	Thurston, Alice
Women's Club	Weaver

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.7

Bortman, Ralph “Ray” and Esther Pecarsky (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Bortman, Ralph “Ray” (1920–2004) and Bortman, Esther Pecarsky (1919–2005)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Ralph Bortman was born in Boston in 1920. During World War II, he served in Panama; following the war, he worked for the National Weather Bureau. Later, he was a partner with George Bortman and Sons Paving and Chantilly Crushed Stones. Esther was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1919 and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. She married Ralph Bortman in 1942. The Bortmans moved to Garrett Park in 1952 and were original residents on Weymouth Avenue (10704).

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: NEEDS TO BE TRANSCRIBED

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.8

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Bowen, Lillian Berry (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Bowen, Lillian Berry (1913–2010)

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s): 10/27/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Maury, William

Brief Biographical Information: Bowen was born near Garrett Park in 1913. She was the daughter of Granville Berry of Virginia and Blanche Dove of Garrett Park. She grew up on a farm on Rockville Pike. Blanche Dove died in 1917, when Lillian was young. Lillian’s brother, Joseph, married Garrett Park resident Mildred Renshawe.

Scope of Coverage: 1910s–1930s

Subjects	People
Apple orchard	Bisset
Chevy Chase Lake	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Defandorf
Experimental farm	Dove, Blanche
Farm living	Dove Family
Greenhouses	Dunlap, Margaret
History of Garrett Park	Johnson, Guy
Ken-Gar	Offutt
Kensington	Pratt, Kerry
Old post office	Renshawe, Mildred
Personal history	Truitt
Race, racism	Williams, Toots
Streetcar	
Swimming hole	
Train	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. In reference to Black and African Americans, the oral history contains language no longer accepted in modern discourse. Oral history ends with a statement about getting Bowen’s signature; consent not found.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.9

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Brown, Sally (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Brown, Sally (1945–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 7/7/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Brown lived on Kenilworth Avenue in Garrett Park from her birth just after World War II until her early 20s. She shares recollections on growing up in Garrett Park in the 1950s.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Celebrations, events	Antosz, Candy
Children in town	Bunker, Landon
Childrens garden club	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Desegregation	Chisholm, Lee
Dogs in town	Dove, Mr.
First TV in Garrett Park	Franklin, Ben
Fourth of July	Gieser
Garrett Park Community Center	Hall, Clyde
Garrett Park Library	Hill Family
Girl Scouts	Kelley Family
Glen Echo protests	Love Family
Lucy the Goose	Murphy, Kathy
Personal history	Payne, Pamela
Politics	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Race, racism	Reynolds, Joyce
Rifle club	Turner Family
Swim team	Wells
Swimming Pool	White, Betsy
The Bugle	Young Family
Vietnam War	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.10

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Buck, Gladys Rickey (1990)

Name of Narrator(s): Buck, Gladys Rickey (1898–1992) (Reminiscences during 92nd Birthday Party)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 10/26/1990

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Buck was born in 1898 in Missouri. She moved to the Washington, DC area as a young woman and worked as a clerk for the U.S. Treasury. In the 1940s, she and her husband, Clarence, a chemist with the Government Printing Office, moved to Montrose Avenue in Garrett Park. Buck was a seamstress, and during the 1950s, she ran the Sew and Save Shop in Wheaton. In 1990, when residents of Garrett Park celebrated Buck’s 92nd Birthday, she was believed to be the oldest resident in town.

Scope of Coverage: During the brief recording of Buck’s birthday celebration, she shares reminiscences about living in Garrett Park in the 1940s and 1950s.

Subjects	People
Post Office	Hall, Vera Penn, Lina Penn, William

Archivist Notes: Reminiscence, not full oral history.

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Callahan, Felicity Payne (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Callahan, Felicity Payne (1942–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 12/29/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Keller, Henri

Brief Biographical Information: Callahan grew up in Garrett Park in the 1940s through the 1960s. Her father, George Payne, was the mayor and active in town politics and civic events. Callahan shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Blizzard	Berrigan, Michelle
Celebrations, events	Duey, Joy
Chisholm’s pasture	Fox, Buddy
Communism	Fox, Lois
Donnelly's Hill	Honey Family
Garrett Park Community Center	Kirby, George
Garrett Park Elementary School	Marth, Joe
Garrett Park Estates	Morris, Zoe
Garrett Park Library	Murray, Marguerite
Garrett Players	Payne, George
Girl Scouts	Payne, Norah
Girls softball	Penn, Lina
Grotto	Reynolds Family
Jewel T man	Sonner, Andrew
Kensington	Sutherland, Mrs.
Little Garrett Players (children’s group)	
McCarthyism	
Men who lived in woods	
Nuclear bomb drills	
One-room school	
Penn Place	
Personal history	
Politics	
Post Office	
Sledding	
Snow	
Summer programs	
Sunday School	
Swimming Pool	
The Bugle	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Train	
Wells Park	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. Ends abruptly –^ complete?

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.11

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Carver, Margaret (2004)

Name of Narrator(s): Carver, Margaret (1916–UNK) with Franz, Juliana (Friend/Employer)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 1/30/04

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Carver was born in Alabama and lived in Washington, DC. During the 1960s and 1970s, she provided childcare and house cleaning services to several Garrett Park families (Murray, Penn, Reynolds, Melville, Paynes, Franz) for many years.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1970s

Subjects	People
Boarding house	Franz, Jacob
Celebrations, events	Franz, Juliana
Gardens	Melville
Garrett Park Elementary School	Murray, James
Penn Place	Murray, Marguerite
Personal history	Payne, George
	Payne, Norah
	Penn, Lina
	Reynolds, Dorothy
	Reynolds, Walt

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.12

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Chau, Nguyen Minh (2012)

Name of Narrator(s): Chau, Nguyen Minh (1937–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 4/17/12

Name of Interviewer(s): Rugh, Andrea

Brief Biographical Information: Chau was born in Vietnam. She worked as a translator for an American military advisory group and came to the US in 1958 on a scholarship to Mt. Holyoke College. She earned her master’s degree at the University of Michigan. She returned to Vietnam for a few years but then returned to the DC area. Chau moved to Garrett Park in the early 1970s. She served on the Town Council for four terms.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1980s

Subjects	People
Children of American servicemen	Brubecker, Judy
Civil Rights	Higgenbotham, Earlyn
Community support	Howe, Carol
Garrett Park Estates	Howe, James
Garrett Park Nursery School	Lee, Aaron
Move to Garrett Park	Owens, Ann
Personal history	
Race, racism	
Randolph Hills	
Vietnam	
Vietnam War	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. Appears to be incomplete; is there also a 2005 interview?

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.15

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Chisholm, Catherine (1991)

Name of Narrator(s): Chisholm, Catherine (1901–1994)

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s): 1/16/91

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Chisholm was the daughter of Charles and Lucy Livings Chisholm and the sister of William “Haile” Chisholm. She grew up and lived on Kenilworth Avenue in the early 1900s. She attended George Washington University and lived her adult life in Garrett Park. She worked for the U.S. Departments of Interior and Treasury. She shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park before electricity and municipal water services.

Scope of Coverage: 1900s–1930s

Subjects	People
Carbury School Central High School Cheesebox (trolley) Garrett Park Elementary School George Washington University History of Garrett Park House history One-room school Personal history Pump house Train Trolley Windmill	Putnam, Jane Thomson, Jessie Ross

Archivist Notes: Transcription quality OK; contains multiple gaps. Incomplete. See also 1993 oral history, which has a consent form.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.13b

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Chisholm, Catherine (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Chisholm, Catherine (1901–1994)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/18/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Kapit, Richard

Brief Biographical Information: Chisholm was the daughter of Charles and Lucy Livings Chisholm and the sister of William “Haile” Chisholm. She grew up and lived on Kenilworth Avenue in the early 1900s. She attended George Washington University and lived her adult life in Garrett Park. She worked for the U.S. Departments of Interior and Treasury. She shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park before electricity and municipal water services.

Scope of Coverage: 1900s–1930s

Subjects	People
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Akers Family
Celebrations, events	Bacon
Central High School	Chisholm, Charles
Chapel	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Coal yard	Chisholm, Lucy
Elevator accident (mother)	Gurley
Fourth of July	Hellen, Hadassah
Garrett Park Community Center	Ingberg
Garrett Park Elementary School	Lamb
Garrett Park Road	Livings, Lucy
George Washington University	Macgill
History of Garrett Park	Putnam, Jane
House fire	Redding, Miss
House history	Spriggs, Grace
Ken-Gar	Stoddard
Kensington	Thomson, Jessie Ross
Oil delivery	
Old Garrett Park Road	
One-room school	
Outhouse	
Patent Office	
Pavilion	
Personal history	
Post Office	
Pumping station (railroad)	
Sears house	
Sprigg House	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Train	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. One section seems out of order; check original audio. See also 1991 oral history.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.13

Chisholm, Catherine and Hodge, Emlyn (1992)

Name of Narrator(s): Chisholm, Catherine (1901–1994) and Hodge, Emlyn (1905–1995)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Chisholm was the daughter of Charles and Lucy Livings Chisholm and the sister of William “Haile” Chisholm. She grew up and lived on Kenilworth Avenue in the early 1900s. Hodge lived in Garrett Park in the early 1900s. Hodge’s parents built their house in Garrett Park in the early 1890s (11013 Montrose Avenue).

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: NEEDS TO BE TRANSCRIBED

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Chisholm, William “Haile” and Eleanor Macgill (1975)

Name of Narrator(s): Chisholm, William “Haile” (1903–1991) and Chisholm, Eleanor Macgill (1911–2008)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/24/75

Name of Interviewer(s): Jackson, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Haile Chisholm grew up in Garrett Park on Kenilworth Avenue. He was the son of Charles and Lucy Chisholm. Eleanor Macgill Chisholm moved to Garrett Park when she was 7 years old. Her mother taught at the one-room schoolhouse in the 1920s. Haile and Eleanor continued to live in Garrett Park following their marriage. Haile ran several businesses in town, including coal and oil.

Scope of Coverage: 1920s–1930s

Subjects	People
Garrett Park Elementary School Great Depression Move to Garrett Park One-room school Personal history Price of things Train Trash route Two-room school	Macgill Rucker

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript OK; contains multiple gaps. Ends abruptly - incomplete?

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.1.14

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Chrisler, Donald and Dorothy (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Chrisler, Donald (1924–2004) and Chrisler, Dorothy (1924–2018)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 9/8/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Donald was born and raised in Illinois. Dorothy was born and raised in Michigan. Both attended the University of Michigan, where they met. Don served during World War II in Italy. The couple moved to Keswick Street in Garrett Park in 1952. Donald worked as a forester for the State of Maryland. The couple was active in various Garrett Park clubs and organizations, including the Garrett Players, the town’s Theater group.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1960s

Subjects	People
Celebrations, events	Barclay, Kathryn “Kitty”
Christmas play	Blakeslee, Newton
Fourth of July	Borrer, Andra “Marty”
Friends and neighbors	Borrer, Walter “Bunch”
Garden Club	Bunker, Landon
Garrett Park Nursery School	Chisholm, Lee
Garrett Players	Davis, Bing
Girl Scouts	Detmold, George
House history	Dubinski, Harry
Kensington	Fitzpatrick
Move to Garrett Park	Goldstein, Ruth
Penn Place	Howard, Janet
Personal history	Johnson, Guy
Race, racism	Lamb
Shelley Court	Mader
Swimming Pool	Maury Family
The Bugle	Maury, Priscilla
Town Hall (former chapel)	Meyers, Henry
Women’s Club	Offenstein, Charlie
	Payne, George and Norah
	Richter, Alexander
	Schlater
	Weaver

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription; consider having redone.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.1

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Cleveland, Richard (1981)

Name of Narrator(s): Cleveland, Richard (1921–1988)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 6/12/81

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Cleveland was born in Garrett Park in the early 1920s and lived there for about 60 years. His parents moved to Garrett Park in 1918. Cleveland served during World War II and returned to Garrett Park with his wife, Estelle, in 1950.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1950s

Subjects	People
Celebrations, events	Bell, Arthur
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Defandorf, Harriett
Garrett Park Elementary School	Defandorf, Jason
House history	Dye
Ken-Gar	Harrison
Kensington	Johnson, Guy
Milk delivery	Lenovitz, Tony
One-room school	Lewis
Outhouse	Penn, Lina
Penn Place	Rucker
Personal history	Wells
Post Office	Zannelli
Race, racism	
Rokeby Avenue	
Streetcar	
Swimming hole	
Swimming Pool	
Train	
Train accident	
Two-room school	
Water tank, water tower	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.2

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Coblyn, Earl and Donna (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Coblyn, Earl (1926–Living) and Cobyln, Donna (1934–UNK)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 5/9/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: The Coblyns were both born and raised in Massachusetts. Earl attended law school. The couple moved to South Carolina in the early 1960s and were involved in the Civil Rights. Earl became a lawyer for the NAACP. Donna was a potter. The couple share their memories of moving to Garrett Park and experiences as one of the town’s few Black families.

Scope of Contents: 1960s–1970s

Subjects	People
Civil Rights	Benjamin, Stan and Els
Gardening	Bredt, Denise
Garrett Park Elementary School	Chisholm, William “Haile”
House history	Denard, Cleveland
Kenilworth Avenue	Frost, Barbara
Kensington	Frost, Robert
Living in South Carolina	Gieser, Ilah
Move to Garrett Park	Gibson, John
NAACP	Gibson, Ruby
Personal history	Guernsey
Politics	Henig, Carole
Poor People's Campaign	Heymans, Art
Post Office	Heymans, Judy
Pottery	Kurtz, Sarah
Race, racism	Lichtenstein, Silvia
Raleigh Avenue	Reynolds, Dorothy
Swimming Pool	White, Betsy
Tea parties	
Threats/fear	
Women of Garrett Park	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps. In a reference to their experiences with racism, the oral history contains language not accepted in modern discourse.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.3

Compher, Paul Sr. and Paul Richard Jr. (1988)

Name of Narrator(s): Compher, Paul (1903–1997) and Compher, Richard (1927–2014)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 8/15/88

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Paul Compher was born in Virginia in 1903. He worked in the laundry sales business for many years. His son Paul Richard was born in the District of Columbia in 1927. He attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. After serving in Korea with the U.S. Army, he worked as a steamfitter. The Comphers lived on Strathmore Avenue.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription required

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Crichton, Elizabeth (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Crichton, Elizabeth (Lizann) (1919–2006)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/27/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Ruby, Gloria

Brief Biographical Information: Crichton moved to Garrett Park (Rokeby Avenue) from Prince George’s County in 1952. She wanted to live in this area because it offered public kindergarten. Her husband selected the house because he loved trains.

Scope of Contents: TBD

Subjects	People
Garrett Park Elementary School Rokeby Avenue Train	TBD

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription; consider having redone. Appears incomplete -- only 3 pages and ends abruptly.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.4

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Cross, Thomas (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Cross, Thomas (1932–UNK)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 3/31/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Lived on Keswick Street.

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription required

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Damtoft, Walter and Janet (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Damtoft, Walter (1922–2011) and Damtoft, Janet (1923–1998)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 4/23/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Walter was born in North Carolina, and Janet was born in Iowa. The couple moved to Garrett Park in about 1962 and bought a house on Montrose Avenue (the Dye House). Both were journalists.

Scope of Contents: 1960s–1970s

Subjects	People
Arboretum Committee	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Citizens Association	Dye
Crime	Franklin, Ben
Events in Garrett Park	Hodge
House history	Ostrander, Elinor
Journalism	Payne, George
Montrose Avenue	Pratt, Richard “Dick”
Move to Garrett Park	
Personal history	
Porcupine Woods	
Post Office	
Race, racism	
The Bugle	
Town Council	
Train	
Wells Park	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. Redacted identifying information about an unrelated rape survivor.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.5

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Dittman, Allen and Laura McCune (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Dittman, Allen (1921–1995) and Dittman, Laura McCune (1918–2003)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/18/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: At the time of the oral history, the Dittmans were the longest residents of Garrett Park. Allen was born in Ohio and grew up in Arizona. Laura grew up in Kansas. She attended graduate school in Michigan. The Dittmans came to Garrett Park in 1939. They originally lived in a Chevy House; later Alexander Richter designed their home. Laura worked in child development, including working with the Kensington Cooperative Nursery School. Allen served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He also served three terms on the Town Council.

Scope of Contents: 1940s–1980s

Subjects	People
Architecture	Bunker, Landon
Book club	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Cedar Lane Unitarian Church	Conger
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Hawkins, Don
Department stores	Leaf, Margaret
Development	McCurdy
Fourth of July	Mizell
Garrett Park Library	Oyster, Carla
Greenhouses	Parsons, Olive
History of Garrett Park	Payne, George
House history	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Ken-Gar	Richter, Alexander
Kensington	Victor
Kensington Cooperative Nursery School	White, Betsy
Monmouth Street	
Move to Garrett Park	
Penn Place	
Personal history	
Post Office	
Race, racism	
Storm drains	
Street names	
Swimming hole	
Swimming Pool	
Techbuilt house	
Wells Park	
Women's Club	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.6

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Dolan, John E. “Ned” (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Dolan, John E. “Ned” (1925–2006)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 10/31/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Rugh, Andrea

Brief Biographical Information: Dolan moved to Garrett Park in 1955. He joined the Marines in 1942 and served during World War II and in Korea. He later worked for the Central Intelligence Agency. He was active in local legislative and civic affairs, including the Maryland Veterans Commission and Maryland Municipal League. In the 1980s, he opposed a referendum to make Garrett Park a Nuclear Free Zone. He played “Uncle Sam” for Town July 4th festivities.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1980s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Citizens Association	Doctor, Charlie
Communism	Dye
Fourth of July	Friedman, Edward
Garrett Park Library	Frost, Barbara
Garrett Park Road	Hill, Dudley
Government employees	Johnston, Warren
House history	Lee, Blair III
Hungarian family	Morella, Connie
Korean War	Payne, George
Maryland Veterans Commission	Pecora, Louis
McCarthyism	
Military service	
Move to Garrett Park	
Municipal League	
Nuclear Free Zone	
Plavnieks Addition	
Playing Uncle Sam	
Politics	
Post Office	
Race, racism	
Randolph Hills	
Religious discrimination	
Storm drains	
Strathmore Avenue	
Town Council	
Vietnam	
Zoning	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript OK with several gaps. In a reference to Black and African Americans, the oral history contains language not accepted in modern discourse. Redacted information about another person’s private health information and names of town residents who died by suicide.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.7

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Dove, Margaret (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Dove, Margaret (1914–2009)

Consent Form: **No** [Although transcript includes discussion re: signing the form]

Interview Date(s): 2/27/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Maury, William

Brief Biographical Information: Dove, the daughter of William and Emma (nee Johnson) Dove, lived most of her life in Garrett Park. She grew up across the tracks on or near the property owned by Haile Chisholm. Dove was one of eight children. She attended Garrett Park’s one-room schoolhouse. In 1936, she married Elbert Dove, the son of Edward and Martha (nee Sadler) Dove. Dove shares recollections of growing up and living in Garrett Park in the 1920s and later.

Scope of Coverage: 1920s–1960s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Berry, Joseph
Blizzard	Chamberlin
Celebrations, events	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Corby
Children of Garrett Park	Defandorf
Donnelly's Hill	Griffith, Clara
First radio	Lewis
Garrett Park Elementary School	Penn, Lina
Great Depression	Penn, Suzy
History of Garrett Park	Rucker
Iron bridge	Truitt
Ken-Gar	
Kensington	
Old post office	
One-room school	
Penn Place	
Personal history	
Post Office	
Prohibition	
Race, racism	
Sledding	
Snow	
Street name change	
Streetcar	
Swimming hole	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription OK with multiple gaps. In reference to Black and African Americans, the oral history contains language not accepted in modern discourse.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.8

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Dove, Margaret and Elbert (1975)

Name of Narrator(s): Dove, Margaret (1914–2009) and Dove, Elbert (1915–1991)

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s): 1975

Name of Interviewer(s): Jackson, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Margaret Dove, the daughter of William and Emma (nee Johnson) Dove, lived most of her life in Garrett Park. She grew up across the tracks on or near the property owned by Haile Chisholm (Waverly Avenue). She was one of eight children. She attended Garrett Park’s one-room schoolhouse. In 1936, she married Elbert Dove, the son of Edward and Martha (nee Sadler) Dove. Elbert Dove worked at the Garrett Park school.

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Coal yard	Corby
Donnelly’s Hill	Duey, Joy
Entertainment	Penn, Lina
Frick Farm	
Garrett Park School	
General store	
Great Depression	
Halloween, pranks	
Holy Cross Church	
Kensington	
Rockville Fruit Farm	
Shopping	
Swimming hole	
Victory Garden	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Transcription part of the Barbara Jackson Collection

Available Formats: Hardcopy transcript, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2022.0004

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Duey, Joy (1975)

Name of Narrator(s): Duey, Joy (1902–1997)

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s): 3/22/75

Name of Interviewer(s): Jackson, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Duey was a teacher at Garrett Park's first school (one-room schoolhouse). Later she became the principal of the elementary school. Duey moved to this area from Nebraska in 1938. She describes her experiences teaching in a one-room schoolhouse and learning the Montgomery County Public Schools “way.”

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1940s

Subjects	People
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Broome, Edwin
Christmas play	Defandorf, Harriett
Garrett Park Elementary School	Douglas, Bill
Garrett Park Estates	Guernsey
Great Depression	Howard, Alice
Montgomery County Public Schools	Marlow, Virginia
Mother's Club	Matthews, Lucille
Personal history	Payne, Felicity
Works Progress Administration (WPA)	Reynolds, Dorothy
	Smith, Mabel
	Sonner, Andrew

Archivist Notes: High quality transcription; professionally done. Some parts of the tape are unintelligible. See also 1994 oral history. Part of the Barbara Jackson Collection.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2022.0004

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Duey, Joy (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Duey, Joy (1902–1997)

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s): 3/22/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Duey was a teacher at Garrett Park's first school (one-room schoolhouse). Later she became the principal of the elementary school. Duey moved to this area from Nebraska in 1938. She describes her experiences teaching in a one-room schoolhouse and learning the Montgomery County Public Schools “way.”

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1960s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Buck, Allen
Desegregation	Dove
Garrett Park Elementary School	Frost, Robert
Garrett Park Estates	Guernsey
Home Study Program	Hall, Peter
Montgomery County Public Schools	Harrison, Betty
Mother's Club	Henley, Michael
Names of children in school	Howard, Alice
One-room school	Lamb, John
Parent Teachers Association (PTA)	Lichtenstein
Race, racism	Linton
	Macgill, Eleanor
	Maury
	McLaughlin, Donal
	Payne, George
	Payne, Norah
	Reynolds, Dorothy
	Sherline
	Shidler, Barbara
	Smith, Mabel
	Sonner, Andrew
	Stevens, Rick
	Tenny
	Thomas, Betty Penn

Archivist Notes: High quality transcription; professionally done. See also 1974 oral history.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Duey, Joy and Rawlings, Sally Buck (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Duey, Joy (1902–1997) and Rawlings, Sally Buck (1936–Living)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Duey was a teacher at Garrett Park's first school (one-room schoolhouse). Later she became the principal of the elementary school. Duey moved to this area from Nebraska in 1938. Rawlings is the daughter of the late Clarence and Gladys Buck. She grew up in Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Duffey, Jean Lester and Mote, Page Lester and Thomas (1975)

Name of Narrator(s): Duffey, Jean Lester (1918–1994) and Mote, Page Lester (1920–1997) and Thomas (1916–1966)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1975

Name of Interviewer(s): Jackson, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Jean and Page Lester were the daughters of Robert and Ellen Lester of Waverly Avenue. Robert Lester was a Veteran of the Spanish American War and, along with other members of the Lester family, is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Page Lester married Thomas Mote. The Lesters moved to Garrett Park in 1926.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
Cars	Carey, Arthur
Chapel	Carter
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Chisholm
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Curtis
Entertainment	Donnelly
General store	Dove, Thomas
Great Depression	Griffith, Clara
Move to Garrett Park	MacNulty
Offutt's store	Offutt, Edmund
One-room school	Penn, Lina
Race, racism	Perkins, Francis
Radio	Roosevelt, Franklin Delano
School, corporal punishment	Uncle Bob
Streetcar	Windegate
Train	
Victrola	
Works Progress Administration (WPA)	

Archivist Notes: Transcription part of the Barbara Jackson Collection. In reference to Black and African Americans, uses language not accepted in modern discourse.

Available Formats: Hardcopy transcript, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.4.3 - Release; 2022.0004

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Duffey, Jean Lester and Mote, Page Lester (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Duffey, Jean Lester (1918–1994) and Mote, Page Lester (1920–1997)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1993

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Jean and Page Lester were the daughters of Robert and Ellen Lester of Waverly Avenue. Robert Lester was a Veteran of the Spanish American War and, along with other members of the Lester family, is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The Lesters moved to Garrett Park in the late 1920s.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: **Transcription Needed**

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.4.2 - Release

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Eden, Abigail (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Eden, Abigail (Abby) (1946–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/2/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Eden came to Garrett Park in the 1950s with her parents and lived in a large Victorian house (11018) on Kenilworth Avenue. She attended Garrett Park Elementary School. She shares recollections of her childhood in Garrett Park.

Scope of Contents: 1950s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Abrams, Annavieve
Blizzard	Abrams, Nancy
Donnelly Bed and Breakfast	Bullard
Donnelly's Hill	Bunker, Landon
Entertainment	Dove Family
Friends in Garrett Park	Duey, Joy
Garrett Park Elementary School	Eden, Murray
Garrett Park Estates	Fleisher
Garrett Park Library	Grinnell, Jule
Garrett Players	Guernsey
Girl Scouts	Hall, John
House history	Henley, Elizabeth
Judaism	Henley, Michael
Ken-Gar	Honey
Musicians in town	Howard, Jill
Politics	Kelley
Race, racism	Lamb
Religion	Lane, Pearl
Segregation	Millard
Sledding	Payne
Snow	Penn
Swimming Pool	Roberts, Suzanne
Train station	Ziska, Cathy

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription OK with several gaps. In discussion related to segregation and Black and African Americans, oral history contains language not accepted in modern discourse. See also oral history for Murray Eden, Abby's father.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.9

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Eden, Murray (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Eden, Murray (1920–2020)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/14/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Eden moved to Garrett Park in the mid-1950s and owned a Victorian house (11018) on Kenilworth Avenue. He worked at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He shares recollections of living in Garrett Park in the 1950s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s

Subjects	People
Garrett Park Estates	Chisholm, William “Haile”
History of Garrett Park	Feller, Henry
House history	Henley
Move to Garrett Park	Kennedy, Tom
National Institutes of Health	
Personal history	
Professional recollections	
Swimming Pool	
Train	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript with a few gaps. See also oral history with Eden’s daughter, Abigail Eden.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.10

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Edlund, Karen (2005)

Name of Narrator(s): Edlund, Karen (1949–2019)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 2005

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Edlund was the oldest daughter of the late Paul and Mary Jane Edlund. The Edlunds moved to Garrett Park in 1958. Paul, a Veteran of World War II, served as the Mayor of Garrett Park, and both Paul and Mary Jane were active in numerous town events and committees. Karen grew up in Garrett Park with her sisters and brother. She worked as a public health nurse for many years and was also an artist.

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: **Transcription Needed**

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Edlund, Mary Jane (1997)

Name of Narrator(s): Edlund, Mary Jane (1925–2011)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 4/27/97

Name of Interviewer(s): Boyle, Lizzie

Brief Biographical Information: Edlund was born and raised in Massachusetts. She taught nursery school after her children were born. She and her husband (Paul) moved to Garrett Park (Kenilworth Avenue) in 1958. She received a master’s degree from University of Maryland, worked for the Governor’s Commission on Early Childhood, and was later involved in day care licensing with the Health Department. Her husband served as mayor of Garrett Park. Edlund was involved in numerous town events and on committees. She also participated in a town book club.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1990s

Subjects	People
Book club	Edlund, Paul
Community Center	Green, Marian
Cooperative Nursery School	Hall, Vera
Home Study Program	Keene Family
Ken-Gar	McLaughlin, Laura
Move to Garrett Park	Penn, Lina
Nuclear Free Zone	Richards, Jo
Penn Place	Richter, Virginia
Personal history	Thomas, Betty

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription just OK with a lot of gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.11

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Edlund, Paul (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Edlund, Paul (1922–2011)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 9/20/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara and Boyle, Lizzie

Brief Biographical Information: Edlund was born and raised in New York. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1942 and attended bombardier school. During a mission, he was critically injured when a German bomb hit the plane (B-24) he was in; Edlund lost his arm as a result. Following the war, Edlund attended Yale University on the GI Bill and taught school in Cooperstown, NY. He and his wife (Mary Jane) moved to Garrett Park in 1958. Edlund was a librarian at the Library of Congress. He also served on the Town Council and as mayor.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1990s

Subjects	People
Archives	Almy, David
Blizzard	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Celebrations, events	Dittman, Allen
Cooperstown Academy	Edlund, Mary Jane
Development	Johnston, Warren
Donnelly's Hill	Kurtz, Gerry
Garrett Players	Lichtenstein, Jeremy
House history	McLaughlin, Donal
Library of Congress	McLaughlin, Laura
Military service	Morris, Bill
Move to Garrett Park	Payne, George
Overlay zone	Pratt, Richard “Dick”
Penn Place	Shorb
Personal history	Snyder, Charlie
Poker group	
Politics	
Quilt (Town)	
Race, racism	
Role as bombardier	
Sledding	
Snow	
Streets and roads	
Swimming Pool	
Town Council	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
World War II	
Zoning	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.11

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Ellingson, Dinniemaud Jensen (1998)

Name of Narrator(s): Ellingson, Dinniemaud Jensen (1920–2003)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/21/98

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Ellingson was born in Minnesota in 1920. Her father was a country doctor; he died during a flu epidemic when Ellingson was 8. Ellingson moved to the Washington, DC area in about 1950 to work for the National Institutes of Health as a research biologist. She purchased a house on Kenilworth Avenue in Garrett Park in 1960. She was active in the Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) in the early 1970s. Ellingson shares recollections of moving to Garrett Park, house history, and her knowledge of birds.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Audubon Naturalist Society	Benjamin, Els
Birds	Ellingson, Herman
House history	Ervin, Colleen
Landscape and garden	Hartmann, John
Move to Garrett Park	Weathersbee
Personal history	Zannelli, Lucille
	Zannelli, Salvatore

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription with numerous gaps. Consider redoing.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.6.9

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Fitzpatrick, George (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Fitzpatrick, George (1915–1997)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 4/7/1993

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Fitzpatrick was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1915. He served in the U.S. Navy in Panama during World War II. In 1956, he moved to Garrett Park (Rokeby Avenue) with his wife and children. He was elected to Town Council in 1962 and served until 1966. He later served as mayor from 1974 through 1978, during which time he was instrumental in purchasing Penn Place, where town offices are now located.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1970s

Subjects	People
Bicentennial	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Citizens Association	Fitzpatrick, Molly
Computer (first in Town Office)	Franklin, Ben
Historic preservation	Friedman, Edward
House history	Griffin, Sibyl
Move to Garrett Park	Hill, Dudley
Overlay zone	Ingham, Glenda
Penn Place	Johnston, Warren
Post Office	Payne, George
Town Council	Penn, Lina
Town records	Weiner, Phil
Wells Park	White, Betsy

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription OK with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.13

Franklin, Jane Burrage and Ben (2005)

Name of Narrator(s): Franklin, Jane Burrage (1923–2019) and Franklin, Ben (1924–2005)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 2005

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Jane was born in New York City in 1923. In the early 1940s, Jane's family moved to the District of Columbia, where Jane met her future husband, Ben Franklin. Ben was born in 1924 in New York City. The couple moved to Rokeby Avenue in Garrett Park in the 1950s and raised their family there. Jane worked for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and Ben was a journalist with the New York Times.

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: [Transcription needed](#)

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

Freer, Ruby Pettit and Walter, Sandra Freer (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Freer, Ruby (1913–2000) and Walter, Sandra Freer (1945–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/13/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Ruby was born in South Carolina in 1913. In 1940, she married Charles Freer in Washington, DC. The couple moved to Garrett Park in the 1950s to raise their family, including daughter, Sandra. Ruby worked at the Garrett Park Post Office.

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: [Transcript needed](#)

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Friedman, Edward (1977)

Name of Narrator(s): Friedman, Edward D. (1912–2006)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 4/24/77

Name of Interviewer(s): Griffin, Sibyl

Brief Biographical Information: Friedman was born and raised in Chicago. He graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and moved to the DC area in the 1940s to work as a lawyer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and later the Department of Labor and National Labor Relations Board. In 1952, he moved his family to Weymouth Avenue in the Richterville section of Garrett Park. He served on the Citizens Association and Town Council in the mid-1950s and as mayor from 1966 through 1970.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Brown, Ann
Citizens Association	Dove
Communism	Goldstein
Development	Hill, Dudley
First woman on the Town Council	Janney, Fritz
Judaism	Johnston, Warren
McCarthyism	Kennedy
Move to Garrett Park	McLaughlin, Donal
Parkside Apartments	Ostrander, Elinor
Personal history	Payne, George
Politics	Perlmutter
Randolph Hills	Richter, Alexander
Richterville	Snyder, Dick
Swimming Pool	Snyder, Mary Lou
Tennis courts	Wenck, Ed
Threat of nuclear attack	
Town Council	
Town operations	
Water tank, water tower	
Weymouth Avenue	
Zoning	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with some gaps. Apparently, retranscribed in 2011 due to poor quality of first transcription. See also 1993 oral history.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.14

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Friedman, Edward (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Friedman, Edward (1912–2006)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 5/31/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Kapit, Richard

Brief Biographical Information: Friedman was born and raised in Chicago. He graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and moved to the DC area in the 1940s to work as a lawyer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and later the Department of Labor and National Labor Relations Board. In 1952, he moved his family to Weymouth Avenue in the Richterville section of Garrett Park. He served on the Citizens Association and Town Council in the mid-1950s and as mayor from 1966 through 1970.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Annexation	Fitzpatrick
Anti-Semitism	Franz, Jay
Bomb shelters	Friedman, Mary Lou
Citizens Association	Honey, Jack
Communism	Johnston, Warren
Development	McLaughlin, Donal
Garrett Park Estates	Ostrander, Elinor
Judaism	Payne, George
Legal career	Penn, Lina
Mayor	Perlmutter
McCarthyism	Richter, Alexander
Move to Garrett Park	Snyder, Mary Lou
Murder	Woodwell, Stanley
Personal history	
Politics	
Post Office	
Railroad tracks	
Randolph Hills	
Richterville	
Road closures	
Swimming Pool	
Threat of nuclear attack	
Town Council	
Town operations	
Zoning	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription OK with multiple gaps. See also 1977 oral history.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.2.15

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Frost, Robert (1987)

Name of Narrator(s): Frost, Robert (1929–1990) (Reminiscences transcribed by Barbara Shidler)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 4/26/1987

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Frost was born Illinois to Robert and Mary Frost. His family came to Garrett Park in 1931 and lived at 10915 Montrose. In 1946, Frost joined the Navy. He permanently returned to Garrett Park in the early 1970s. He owned a landscaping company called Green Gardens, which employed a number of town residents over the years. In 1971, Frost married Barbara Hughes. Frost shares reminiscences of growing up in Garrett Park in the 1930s and 1940s.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1940s

Subjects	People
Activities and entertainment	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Baseball	Chrisler, Andy
Chickens	Cleveland, Alton
Chisholm coal yard	Foster, John and Woody
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Guernsey, Tom
Great Depression	Hall, John
Donnelly’s Hill	Hall, Peter
Green Gardens	Hurdle, Mike
Newspaper route	Kemeys, Ploat
Railroad tracks	Kennedy, Joan
Sheriff	Lichtenstein, Jeremy
Sledding	Marable, Tom
Swimming hole	McCune, Mac
Works Progress Administration (WPA)	Modine, Mike
World War II	Stevens, Lucile
	Wenk, Larry
	Wilkinson, Lester

Archivist Notes: More reminiscences than a formal oral history.

Available Formats: MP3

PastPerfect Reference: TBA

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Gieser, Ilah Case (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Gieser, Ilah Case (1910–1999)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/2/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Gieser was born in rural Michigan in 1910. Her family was poor, and Gieser was sent to work for a family. She attended Battle Creek College and became a dietician. Her first job was in New York City. She married during the Great Depression and moved to the Washington, DC area, where she worked for the Federal Reserve during the Roosevelt Administration. Gieser and her husband moved to Garrett Park in the early 1940s. She was involved in the Mother’s Club, Women’s Club, and as librarian of the town library and part of the production crew of the Garrett Players. She also served as Town Clerk. In 1997, Gieser established the Ilah Gieser Music Scholarship Fund to help children pay for music lessons.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1950s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Bunker, Landon
Berry’s Farm	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Development	Chisholm, Eleanor
Garrett Park Community Center	Duey, Joy
Garrett Park Cooperative Nursery School	Freer, Charles
Garrett Park Elementary School	Frost, Robert
Garrett Park Library	Hill, Dudley
Garrett Players	Leaf, Margaret
History of Garrett Park	Lee, E. Brooke
Kensington	Payne, George
Kensington Cooperative Nursery School	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Kensington Women's Club	Penn, Lina
Mother's Club	Reynolds, Dorothy
Move to Garrett Park	Sonner, Kathryn
Penn Place	Stevens, Lucile
Personal history	Thompson, Helen
Politics	Thurston, Alice
Post Office	Weaver
Race, racism	Werner, Stella
Swimming hole	White, Betsy
Techbuilt house	Wilson, Thomas
Town Hall (former chapel)	Woodwell, Stanley
Train	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription OK with multiple gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Gilmore, Vera Hall (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Gilmore, Vera Hall

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: TBA

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Gootenberg, Florence (2012)

Name of Narrator(s): Gootenberg, Florence (1923–Living)

Consent Form: Yes (Email approval from son)

Interview Date(s): 5/14/2012

Name of Interviewer(s): Unknown

Brief Biographical Information: Gootenberg was born in Montreal, Canada and raised in Windsor, Ontario. She moved with her family to Detroit and then Brooklyn, NY, where she attended Erasmus Hall High School and met her future husband, Roy. Gootenberg attended Brooklyn College and worked in a nursery school. She received her master’s degree from the Nursery Training School of Boston (in association with Boston University). She moved to the DC area in 1946 and Garrett Park around 1956–1957. She served as an early teacher and director of the Garrett Park Nursery School and later worked as a public school teacher in Montgomery and Fairfax counties. Gootenberg shares her experiences advocating for a daughter and other children with developmental disabilities.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1960s

Subjects	People
ARC	Abrams, Annavieve
Art	Atlee, Anne
Art Gallery	Barclay, Kathryn “Kitty”
Boy Scouts	Gootenberg, Roy
Garrett Park Library	Graham, Martha
Garrett Park Nursery School	Guthrie, Arlo
Girl Scouts	Guthrie, Woody
Move to Garrett Park	Howe, Carol
Personal history	Howe, James
	Kirsch, Nancy
	Kirsch, Robert
	Morris
	Norman, Margaret “Peg”
	Payne, Norah
	Pinkson, Ruth

Archivist Notes: Transcription high quality, professionally transcribed (in 2021). Audio recording found in collection. Interviewer not identified on recording. Recording ends abruptly.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Gootenberg, Roy (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Gootenberg, Roy (1923–2000)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 6/1/1993 and 6/16/1993

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Gootenberg was born in Brooklyn, NY. He served during World War II and was educated at Harvard on the G.I. Bill. Following graduate school, he came to DC to work for the Bureau of Budget. The Gootenberg family moved to Garrett Park in the late 1950s and built a Tech-Built home around 1960. Gootenberg served one term on the Town Council. His career was in in public service, and he set up the present organization of the U.S. Information Agency. An amateur sculptor, he opened the Sculpture Studio Gallery in Georgetown. In Garrett Park, he was known for playing Santa Claus.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1980s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Bortman
Art	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Artists	Douglas, Helen Gahagan
Bureau of Budget	Edlund, Paul
Demi-semisesquicentennial	Friedman, Edward
Desegregation	Gootenberg, Florence
“Excursion” house	Harris, Evelyn
Garrett Park Community Center	Harris, Mark
Garrett Park Elementary School	Hartmann, Greg
Garrett Players	Henig, Les
Harvard	Hodges, Luther
Mail delivery	Howe, Carol
McCarthyism	Howe, James
Move to Garrett Park	Hull, Dayton
Nuclear Free Zone	Kennedy, John F.
Peace Corps	Kirsch, Charles and Son
Personal history	Koch, Carl
Politics	Leaf, Margaret
Race, racism	McLaughlin, Donal
Racial and ethnic diversity	Nixon, Richard
Santa Claus	Payne, George and Norah
Sculpture Studio Gallery	Perlmutter, Jack
Swimming Pool	Pinkson, Ray
Techbuilt house (1 st in area)	Pratt, Laura “Peggy”
Town Council	Richter, Alexander
Vietnam War	Seigel, Martha

Archivist Notes: Transcription quality good with few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Graham, Elizabeth Akers (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Graham, Elizabeth Akers (1929–**UNK**)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/19/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Graham lived in Garrett Park (Kenilworth Avenue) from birth (1920s) until family moved to Bethesda in the 1940s. Her father was Sheldon Akers, who served on the Town Council in the 1940s. Her uncle, Richard Akers, was mayor from 1928 to 1933. Graham’s father participated in the Citizens Association, and her mother participated in the Bridge club and the Women’s Club (Civic Study Club). Graham shares her experiences growing up in Garrett Park in the 1930s and 40s.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1940s

Subjects	People
Berry's Farm	Akers, Richard
Blizzard	Akers, Sheldon
Bridge club	Bailey, Temple
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Bell, Ada
Chapel Guild	Berry
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Brown
Chickens	Chisholm, Eleanor
Citizens Association	Chisholm, Willaim “Haile”
Development	Collins
Donnelly's Hill	Donnelly
Garrett Park Elementary School	Dove, Earl
Goats	Fenby, Catherine
History of Garrett Park	Greer
Hudgins barn	Ingberg, Eddie
Ken-Gar	Kemeys, Ned
Kenilworth Avenue	Kizer
Kensington	Linton
Penn Place	Mabel
Personal history	Oden, Louisa
Post Office	Payne, George
Race, racism	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Sledding	Penn, Lina
Snow	Renshawe
Sunday School	Rucker
Swimming hole	Thomas
Town Hall (former chapel)	Wells
Train	Zannelli
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Grasewicz, Mary Ann Wilkerson (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Grasewicz, Mary Ann Wilkerson (1920–1998) with Grasewicz, Julian (1913–1996)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/26/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Wilkerson Grasewicz was born in Washington, DC in 1920. She moved with her family to Garrett Park (Clermont Avenue) around age 5. She attended school at Garrett Park’s one-room schoolhouse. In later years, she worked at the U.S. Census Bureau during World War II. Joined by her husband, she shares her recollections of living in Garrett Park in the 1920s through 1940s.

Scope of Coverage: 1920s–1940s

Subjects	People
Babysitting	Chisholm, Eleanor
Bicycle rides	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Blizzard	Cleveland
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Darling, Laura
Census Bureau	Donnelly
Chevy Chase Lake	Dove
Great Depression	Hetzer
Donnelly’s Hill	Lester
Garrett Park Elementary School	Penn, Betty
Glen Echo	Warring, Ruth
Ken-Gar	Wilkerson
Kensington	
Personal history	
Post Office	
Race, racism	
Radio	
Sheriff	
Sledding	
Snow	
Sunday School	
Swing accident	
Swimming hole	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Train	
Trolley	
Water tank, water tower	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript good with a few gaps. In discussion related to Black and African Americans, oral history contains language not accepted in modern discourse.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Green, Marian (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Green, Marian

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): TBD

Name of Interviewer(s): TBD

Brief Biographical Information: Moved to Garrett Park in 1959. Lives on Montrose.

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Final transcript needed

Available Formats: MP3 (ONLY draft, hardcopy transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Griffin, George and Sibyl Brown (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Griffin, George (1919–2007) and Griffin, Sibyl (1923–2000)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 11/1/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: George was originally from Norfolk, VA. He moved to Kensington in 1928. Sibyl Brown was originally from Colorado and moved to the Washington, DC area in 1936. The couple met at McKeever’s Ice Cream Store in Kensington and later married. They moved to Garrett Park in the 1950s and built a house. Sibyl worked as the town clerk/treasurer. George was a builder. They share recollections of moving to the area, meeting in Kensington, and living in Garrett Park in the 1950s and 1960s. Sibyl also discusses development in the town, serving as town clerk, and her efforts to preserve town records.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1960s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Anderson, Sidney
Celebrations, events	Ballinger
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Bisset
Chapel vote	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Clermont Avenue	Donnelly
Development	Dufief
Garrett Park Community Center	Friedman, Edward
Garrett Park Cooperative Nursery School	Hurdle
Garrett Park Elementary School	Ingham, Glenda
Greenhouses	Johnston, Warren
History of Garrett Park	Lincoln, S. Dana
Kensington	Mizell
Lot and block files	Murphy, Ed
Move to Garrett Park	Newhall, Peggy
Personal history	Ostrander, Elinor
Plavnieks Addition	Payne, George
Swim team	Payne, Norah
Swimming Pool	Penn, Betty
Tax sales	Reynolds, Dorothy
Town Archives	Reynolds, Walt
Town Clerk	Richter, Alexander
Town Council	Shidler, Barbara
Town Hall (former chapel)	Wells
Town Office	White, Betsy
Town records	
Wells Addition	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. See also 11/10/93 interview just with Sibyl Griffin.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Griffin, Sibyl Brown (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Griffin, Sibyl Brown (1923–2000)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 11/10/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Griffin was originally from Colorado and moved to the Washington, DC area in 1936. She moved to Garrett Park in the 1950s, where she and her husband built a house. Sibyl worked as the town clerk/treasurer. She shares recollections of moving to Garrett Park and discusses development in the town, serving as town clerk, and her efforts to preserve town records.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1970s

Subjects	People
Celebrations, events Chapel vote Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp Clermont Avenue Development Garrett Park Community Center Garrett Park Cooperative Nursery School Garrett Park Elementary School Greenhouses History of Garrett Park Kensington Lot and block files Move to Garrett Park Personal history Plavnieks Addition Porcupine Woods Swim team Swimming Pool Tax sales Town Archives Town Clerk Town Council Town Hall (former chapel) Town Office Town records Wells Addition Willcher property	Anderson, Sidney Ballinger Chisholm, William “Haile” Friedman, Edward Ingham, Glenda Johnston, Warren Lincoln, S. Dana Mizell Murphy, Ed Ostrander, Elinor Payne, George Reynolds, Dorothy Reynolds, Walt Richter, Alexander Shidler, Barbara Wells White, Betsy

Archivist Notes: High quality, professional transcription. See also 11/1/93 interview with Sibyl and George Griffin.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Hanke, Kate Gilbert (1992)

Name of Narrator(s): Hanke, Kate Gilbert (1904–1993)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 12/8/92

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwarz, Jodie Hanke

Brief Biographical Information: Kate Gilbert Hanke was the wife of Lewis Hanke, a historian of US colonial Latin America. Lewis served as the first chair of the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress in the 1940s. Kate Gilbert Hanke was a poet and published a couple books of poetry. The Hanks lived in Garrett Park just a short time in the 1940s and early 1950s.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s

Subjects	People
Book club	Hanke, Lewis
Hungarian family	Israels
Library of Congress	Leaf, Munro
Montrose Avenue	Payne, George
Move to Garrett Park	Payne, Norah
Town meetings	Turner, Shelley
World War II	Turner, Violet
Writers in Garrett Park	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Harrison, Hettie (1976)

Name of Narrator(s): Harrison, Hettie (1901–1981)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 11/26/76

Name of Interviewer(s): Mader, Millie

Brief Biographical Information: Harrison moved to Garrett Park with her husband and children in 1925 and bought one of the original homes (ca. 1893) on Keswick Street. Harrison shares recollections of raising her children in Garrett Park and participating in various clubs, such as the Homemaker’s Club and Bridge club. She also describes town life during the Great Depression and World War II.

Scope of Coverage: 1920s–1940s

Subjects	People
Berry’s Farm	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Bridge club	Defandorf
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Macgill
Donnelly’s Hill	Penn
Frederick, Maryland	Truitt
Gardening	Turner, Violet
Great Depression	Watkins
Halloween	Weaver, Elizabeth
Homemaker’s Club	
House history	
Migrant workers (“hobos”)	
Move to Garrett Park	
One-room school	
Rockville	
Sewing	
Shopping	
Swimming hole	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Transportation	
Water tank, water tower	
World War I Ships	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript OK with multiple gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Hartmann, Greg and Harriett (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Hartmann, Greg (1911–1996) and Hartmann, Harriett (1915–1997) with son John

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 3/17/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Greg was born in NY. He earned degrees in mathematics and physics. Harriett was also born in NY. She earned a degree in psychology and worked in cryptanalysis during World War II. The couple share recollections on moving to and living in Garrett Park (in the old Truitt House). They are joined by their son John, who shares stories from childhood.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Blizzard	Barclay, Kathryn "Kitty"
Celebrations, events	Bortman
Cryptoanalysis	Maury, Priscilla
Development	Maury, Richard
Donnelly's Hill	Penn, Lina
Easter Egg Hunt	
Fourth of July	
History of Garrett Park	
House history	
Keswick	
Mother's Club	
Parent Teachers Association (PTA)	
Personal history	
Post Office	
Sledding	
Snow	
Swimming Pool	
Train station	
Travel in Europe	
Truitt house	
Vietnam	
Women's Club	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript OK with multiple gaps. Ends abruptly.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Hearn, Mary Alice (2005)

Name of Narrator(s): Hearn, Mary Alice

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcript needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Henley, Elizabeth (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Henley, Elizabeth (1950–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 12/30/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Henley moved with family to Garrett Park (Kenilworth Avenue) in 1952. She attended the Garrett Park Nursery School and Garrett Park Elementary School. She also participated in the Girl Scouts. Henley lived in Garrett Park until the early 1970s when she moved to New York City. She taught at NYU and is a published poet. She returned to Garrett Park in the 1990s. She serves as assistant to the Town Manager. Henley shares her recollections of growing up in Garrett Park during the 1950s and 1960s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1960s

Subjects	People
Blizzard	Abrams, Annavieve
Celebrations, events	Bortman
Christmas caroling	Chisholm, Catherine
Civil Rights	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Donnelly's Hill	Darling
Fourth of July	Duey, Joy
Garrett Park Elementary School	Eden, Abby
Garrett Park Estates	Efross
General store	Freer
Girl Scouts	Gibson, John
Glen Echo Amusement Park	Gibson, Ruby
Halloween	Guernsey
Hawthorne School	Harris
Horseback riding	Kelley
Move to Garrett Park	Leaf, Munro
Nursery school	Louie (the butcher)
Penn Place	Mote
Poetry	Mrs. Howe
Political activism	Newell, Chloe
Poor People’s Campaign	Penn, Lina
Post Office	Pinkson
Published works	Putnam
Race, racism	Spencer, Marty
Segregation	Thomas, Betty
Sledding	Turner
Snow	Wagner, Mary
St. Angela's Hall	
The Bugle	
Vietnam	
Women’s Strike for Peace	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. Redacted one sentence because it provides identifying information about an unrelated rape survivor.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Henley, Lillian (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Henley, Lillian (1917–2016)

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s): March 29, 1996

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Henley moved to Garrett Park (Kenilworth Avenue) with her husband and children in 1952. She worked as a copy editor for a Russian magazine. She shares her recollections of living and raising children in Garrett Park, as well as being a “working mom” in the 1950s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Chisholm
Development	Darling
Garrett Park Elementary School	Duey, Joy
Garrett Park Nursery School	Fleisher
Move to Garrett Park	Guernsey
Politics	Hall, John
Race, racism	Henley children
Swimming Pool	Howe, Carol
Vietnam War	Kelley
	Lamb, James
	Lamb, John
	Modine, Barbara
	Pinkson, Ray
	Pinkson, Ruth
	Turner, Steve

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcript with a lot of gaps. Consider redoing.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Henley, Michael (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Henley, Michael (1944–2021)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): March 29, 1996

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Henley moved with his parents and siblings to Garrett Park in 1952. He was in third grade at the time and attended Garrett Park Elementary School. He went on to study political science in college. Henley was also a musician. He shares recollections of friends and neighbors and growing up in Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Desegregation	Chisholm, Catherine
Garrett Park Elementary School	Chisholm, Debbie
Garrett Park Estates	Chisholm, William “Haile”
McCarthyism	Duey, Joy
Move to Garrett Park	Franz, Don
Music	Guernsey, John
Politics	Guernsey, Tom
Post Office	Hall, Clyde
Race, racism	Hartmann, Karen
Vietnam War	McCune
	Parsons, Olive
	Penn, Lina
	Richter
	Simpson, Dave
	Sonner

Archivist Notes: Professionally transcribed. Tape ends abruptly. In reference to individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities, uses language no longer accepted in modern discourse. Redacted discussion about an unrelated, living individual’s mental health issues.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Higgins, Marthe Nichols (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Higgins, Marthe B. Nichols (1911–1996)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Martha Nichols(?)Higgins. Keswick Street.

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Hodge, Emlyn (1988)

Name of Narrator(s): Hodge, Emlyn (1905–1995)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/15/88

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Hodge lived in Garrett Park in the early 1900s. Her father, Frederick Webb Hodge, was an anthropologist and historian who worked for the Smithsonian. Hodge’s parents built their house in Garrett Park in the early 1890s (11013 Montrose Avenue). Hodge shares her recollections of growing up in Garrett Park in the early 1900s and 1910s.

Scope of Coverage: 1905–1920s

Subjects	People
Bahaists	Barr, David (Reverend)
Chickens	Chisholm
Development	Corby
Electricity (lack of)	Defandorf, Elizabeth
Garrett Park Elementary School	Defandorf, Harriett
Girl Scouts	Defandorf, Jason
History of Garrett Park	Dye
House history	Griffith, Clara
Montrose Avenue	Hazard
Move to Garrett Park	Hopper
Old post office	Jones, Eugene
One-room school	Kelley
Outhouse	Kern
Personal history	Kinnan
Physicians	Linderleff, Victor
Post Office	McCallister, Charles
Smithsonian	McMillan
Springs (natural)	Momsen, Charles
St. James Chapel	Momsen, Eli
Swimming hole	Penn, Lina
Town Hall (former chapel)	Putnam, Nelma
Victrola, first	Redden, Helen
	Soleau
	Springer, Horace
	Stone, Mr.
	Tenny
	Thomson, Jessie Ross
	Wilson, Jenny

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Holmgren, Harriett Pratt (2005)

Name of Narrator(s): Holmgren, Harriett Pratt [VERIFY SPELLING]

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Daughter of Dick & Laura Pratt?

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

Hooven, Coile McLaughlin (2005)

Name of Narrator(s): Hooven, Coile McLaughlin

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Daughter of Donal McLaughlin

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Horn, Louise Nickell (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Horn, Louise Nickell (1916–2004)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 2/2/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Ruby, Gloria

Brief Biographical Information: Horn was born and raised in West Virginia. She graduated from Western Maryland College in 1937 and became a music teacher in Cumberland, MD. In 1946, she moved to Garrett Park, where she participated in the Homemakers Club, the Women’s Club, and the Garrett Players. Horn shares recollections of moving to Garrett Park and raising her family there. She also shares observations regarding development and changes in town.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1970s

Subjects	People
Celebrations, events	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Detmold, George
Christmas caroling	Ellingson, Dinniemaud
Citizens Association	Horn, Harold
Demi-semisesquicentennial	Reynolds, Dorothy
Diamond Jubilee	Sargent, Virginia
Fourth of July	Stevens, Lucile
Garrett Park Elementary School	Turner, Edith
Garrett Park Library	
Garrett Players	
General store	
Girl Scouts	
Homemaker’s Club	
House history	
Kensington	
Move to Garrett Park	
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	
Personal history	
Plavnieks Addition	
Porcupine Woods	
Post Office	
Randolph Hills	
Rokeby Avenue	
Swimming hole	
Vietnam	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Transcription quality good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Horn, Ronald (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Horn, Ronald (1947–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/17/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Horn was born in Garrett Park in 1947 and lived with his family on Rokeby. Horn shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park, including friends he had and activities they participated in.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Antosz, Candy
Delivering newspapers	Bigelow, Dick
Donnelly’s Hill	Bradley, Mrs.
Garrett Park Estates	Cleveland, Richard “Dick”
Gnats (baseball team)	Collison, Mrs.
Politics	Crichton, Dave
Post Office	Duey, Joy
Railroad tracks	Franz, Don
Sledding	Freer, Robert
Swim Club	Gieser
Swimming Pool	Green, Mrs.
Teachers	Guernsey, Tom
Train	Henley, Michael
Wells Park	Kennedy, Paul
	Krouse, Barbara
	Lichtenstein, Jeremy
	Millard
	Ostrander, Elinor
	Powell, Timmy
	Reynolds, Chuck
	Reynolds, Dorothy
	Richter, Tom
	Sherline, Brian
	Sherline, Mike
	Shriver
	Sutherland, Mrs.
	Wilson, Thomas

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript OK with gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Howard, Fred and Janet (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Howard, Fred (1910–2013) and Howard, Janet (1914–2012)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 2/15/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Kapit, Rich

Brief Biographical Information: Fred and Janet both spent their early lives in Chicago. They moved to Garrett Park in 1948. Fred worked as an editor. Janet was a school librarian. They raised their son and daughter in Garrett Park. The couple share recollections of moving to Garrett Park and getting involved with local politics. Janet served as Vice President of the Women’s Club. The couple was also involved with the Garrett Players, the town’s local theater group. Their recollections include details about specific productions and cast and crew members.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Antiwar movement	Aylor
Blizzard	Borror, Andra “Marty”
Bus transportation	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Cedar Lane Unitarian Church	Davis, Bing
Communism	Dittman, Laura
Development	Gieser, Ilah
Donnelly's Hill	Guernsey, Elsa
Garrett Park Community Center	Jones, Ruth
Garrett Park Elementary School	Kerby, Frederick
Garrett Players	Lamb, Leona
Ken-Gar	Maury, William “Bill”
Kensington	Payne, George
Kensington Elementary School	Penn, Lina
Mail delivery	Reynolds, Dorothy
McCarthyism	Richter, Alexander
Move to Garrett Park	Stevens, Lucile
Personal history	Werner, Stella
Politics	
Post Office	
Race, racism	
Segregation	
Shopping	
Sledding	
Snow	
Sports in Garrett Park	
Swimming Pool	
Train	
Vietnam	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription; numerous gaps in several sections.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Howe, James and Carol (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Howe, James (1920–2014) and Howe, Carol Werner (1924–UNK)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 11/15/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Jim was born in Nebraska. He attended Peru Teachers College followed by the University of Nebraska, American University, and Harvard. Carol was born in Nebraska in 1924. She attended the University of Nebraska and University of Iowa, and George Washington University. Jim and Carol met at the University of Nebraska where they both sang in the choir. They moved to Garrett Park in the 1950s and raised their family there. Carol was active in the Nursery School. Jim served as President of the Citizens Association. The Howe family lived in Garrett Park on-and-off until the early 1960s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s

Subjects	People
Citizens Association	Barclay, Kathryn “Kitty”
Development	Bortman, Ralph
Garrett Park Community Center	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Garrett Park Estates	Crichton
Garrett Park Nursery School	Dittman
Hemidemisemiquaver	Friedman, Edward
House history	Gootenberg, Roy
Mail delivery	Griffin, George
Move to Garrett Park	Griffin, Sibyl
Porcupine logo	Guernsey
Post Office	Hall, Clyde
Race, racism	Hall, Vera
Railroad crossing	Honey, Jack
Richterville	Karsh, Louie
Sewer	Keene, Paul
Speed bumps	King, Clark
Swimming Pool	McLaughlin, Donal
Techbuilt house	Morris
Town Hall (former chapel)	Payne, George
Waverly Avenue	Penn, Lina
Wells Park	Sherfey
	Stevens, Turk

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript OK with multiple gaps. In discussion related to Black and African Americans, oral history contains language not accepted in modern discourse.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Hurdle, Ethel (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Hurdle, Ethel

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: **Transcription needed**

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Ingham, Glenda (2012)

Name of Narrator(s): Ingham, Glenda (1942–Living)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 10/13/12

Name of Interviewer(s): Mitchell, Kathryn

Brief Biographical Information: Ingham grew up in Michigan. She worked for General Motors after college and married Ken Ingham in 1963. The Inghams moved to Garrett Park in 1972 with their twin daughters. Ingham became Town Clerk in 1975 and worked for seven mayors. In 2000, she earned the designation of Master Municipal Clerk (the third person in Maryland to do so at the time). In 1999, Ingham was named Municipal Clerk of the Year for Maryland.

Scope of Coverage: 1970s–2000s

Subjects	People
Beauty Parlor	Almy
Betsy White Fund	Antosz
Blizzard	Chisholm, Eleanor
Citizens Association	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Diversity (lack of)	Dorch, John
Donnelly's Hill	Edlund, Paul
Emergency Loan Fund	Fitzpatrick, George
Events in Garrett Park	Fitzpatrick, Molly
Fourth of July	Floreen, Nancy
Garrett Park Conservation Trust	Frost, Robert
Garrett Park Elementary School	Griffin, George
GIVES Program	Griffin, Sibyl
House history	Guernsey, Addrienne
Lawsuits against Town	Guernsey, Tom
Move to Garrett Park	Gurian, Joan
Overlay zone	Harris, Dolores
Penn Place	Keller, Henri
Political activism	Kraich, Elaine
Politics	Mader, Donald “Donn”
Race, racism	McLaughlin, Donal
Rokeby Avenue	Millard, Bill
Sledding	Mizell, Bill
Snow	Payne, George
Storm damage	Payne, Norah
Strathmore Mansion	Pratt, Laura “Peggy”
Swimming Pool	Printz, Bill
Town Clerk	Shore, Senator Frank
Town Office	Wentworth, Judy
U.S. Census (1980, 1990)	
Volunteering	
Waverly crossing	
Women, Town Council	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Ingham, Kenneth (1997)

Name of Narrator(s): Ingham, Kenneth

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed (incomplete copy found)

Available Formats: MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Johnston, Eunice “Bobby” (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Johnston, Eunice “Bobby” (1921–2005)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 8/4/1995

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Johnston was born in New York City. She attended Barnard School for Girls and Columbia University, where she met her husband Warren Johnston. In 1950, the couple moved to Garrett Park, where Bobby got involved with the Mothers Club, the Woman’s Club, the Community Center, and other activities. In the late 1950s/early 1960s, the Johnston family lived in Greece, where Warren was assigned to the U.S. Embassy. They returned to Garrett Park in 1964.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Centennial	Benowitz, Ben
Central Intelligence Agency	Benowitz, Marie
Chapel	Bunker, Landon
Children, activities for	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Christmas caroling	Cooper, Marie
Citizens Association	Duey, Joy
Donnelly’s Hill	Friedman, Edward
Fourth of July	Gieser, Ilah
Garrett Park Library	Hollands
Garrett Park School	Honey, Mary
Greece	Keenes, Cal
Hungarian family	Keenes, Elsa
Kennedy assassination	Murphy
Mother’s Club	Murray, Marguerite
Move to Garrett Park	Payne, Norah
Parkside Apartments	Penn, Lina
Pembroke Street	Pyle, Jimmy
Post Office	Rucker
Race, racism	Sonner, Kathryn
Sledding	Walkers
Street name change	Weaver, Elizabeth
The Bugle	Wilson, Thomas
Two-room school	Woodwell, Marie
Women’s Club	
Working women	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: Full transcript/consent in PP (2012.3.16)

Kennedy, Tom and Elaine (1993?)

Name of Narrator(s): Kennedy, Tom and Kennedy, Elaine

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

King, Clark (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): King, Clark (1910–2001)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 5/24/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: King moved to Garrett Park in the 1930s while he was attending Stewart’s Business College and later law school. The King family lived in the town for about 20 years. They were known in town for having chickens, cows, and horses. King served as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia for 25 years. The King family lived in Damascus following their time in Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1940s

Subjects	People
Chevy House	Diller, Carvel
Chickens	Griffin, Sibyl
Cows	Payne, George
Great Depression	Penn
Horses	Pugh, Johnny
Move to Garrett Park	Sonner, Andrew
Post Office	Warring, Bruce
Town Clerk	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript OK; some gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.3.18

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Klavans, Minnie Farber and Farber, Leon (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Klavans, Minnie Farber (1915–1999) and Farber, Leon (1911–1996)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 4/10/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Minnie Farber and her brother Leon were the children of Samuel and Annie Farber, immigrants from Austria and Lithuania, respectively, who owned a grocery store. The Farbers moved to Garrett Park in about 1915 to open a grocery store in what is now Penn Place (4600 Waverly Avenue). Minnie was born in the family home in 1915. The Farbers remained in Garrett Park for several years before moving back to DC to open a store in Northwest Washington. In 1938, Minnie married Elmer Lee Klavans. Minnie and Leon share their earliest recollections of Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage: 1910s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Corby
Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Train Station	Farber, Annie
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Farber, Samuel
Corby Farm	
Family history	
House history	
Judaism	
Model T Ford	
Penn Place	
Post Office	
Plumbing	
Train	
Wonder Bread	
Woods	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Lamb, John (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Lamb, John (1945–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 8/15/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Lamb lived in Garrett Park from birth (ca. 1945) until 1965. His family was the last in town to have chickens. Lamb shares recollections of childhood in Garrett Park; he also shares experiences during the Civil Rights.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1960s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Borror, Andra “Marty”
Blizzard	Brown, Sally
Bus transportation	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chickens	Davis, Bing
Civil Rights	Donnelly
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Dove
Desegregation	Duey, Joy
Development	Gieser, Ilah
Domestic help	Guernsey
Donnelly's Hill	Hendershot, Fred
Garrett Park Community Center	Horn
Garrett Park Elementary School	Howard
Garrett Park Estates	Jones, Ruth
Garrett Players	Keene
Halloween	Kizer, Susan
House history	Maury, Priscilla
Kenilworth Avenue	Payne, George
Mother's dress shop	Putnam
Move to Garrett Park	Reynolds, Bing
Pembroke Street	Reynolds, Dorothy
Politics	Richter, Mark
Post Office	Robinson, Mary Elizabeth
Race, racism	Sonner
Richterville	Tenny
Rokeby Avenue	Wilson, Thomas
Sledding	
Snow	
Teen club	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Train	
Two-room school	
Wells Park	
Windmill	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Lester, John (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Lester, John (1925–1999) with Mote, Page (Sister)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 2/26/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Lester moved with his family to Garrett Park in 1926, when he was 1 year old. His father worked for the government, and his mother was a concert pianist. Lester lived in Garrett Park through high school. He attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and the University of Maryland. Joined by his sister, he shares recollections of his childhood in Garrett Park, including life during the Great Depression and World War II.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1940s

Subjects	People
Air raid drills	Akers
Blizzard	Alton
Bus transportation	Berry
Development	Bisset
Domestic help	Brooks
Donnelly's Hill	Chamberlin
Government employees	Chisholm, William "Haile"
Great Depression	Cleveland
Haunted house	Curtis
Ken-Gar	Darling
Pearl Harbor	Hall, Clyde
Penn Place	Hall, Vera
Personal history	Hill
Post Office	Jackson
Race, racism	Kemeys, Ned
Sledding	Lewis
Snow	Morton
Swimming hole	Payne, George
Tennis courts	Payne, Norah
Train	Penn
World War II	Plank
	Renshawe, Mary Ann
	Roosevelt, Franklin Delano
	Seeger, Mike
	Sherline
	Sonner, Andrew
	Warring
	Wells
	Young

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript good with a few gaps. Other oral histories?

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Lichtenstein, Silvia

Name of Narrator(s): Lichtenstein, Silvia

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: **Transcription needed**

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Lynch, David (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Lynch, David (1939–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 7/6/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Lynch lived in Garrett Park in the 1950s prior to going to college. He attended Garrett Park Elementary School. He shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park and visits back to town in the 1960s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1960s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Chamberlin, Bennett
Civil Rights	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Dove
Communism	Duey, Joy
Development	Gieser, Jim
Diversity	Korch, Billy
Fourth of July	Lamb, Michael
Garrett Park Community Center	Mrs. Reid
Garrett Park Elementary School	Murray, Bill
General store	Murtaugh, Michael
Judaism	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Ken-Gar	Penn, Lina
McCarthyism	
Personal history	
Playing in the woods	
Race, racism	
Television	
Train	
Vandalism	
Water tank, water tower	

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription with a lot of gaps. Consider redoing.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Lynch, Doris (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Lynch, Doris (1907–2003)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 12/6/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Ruby, Gloria

Brief Biographical Information: Lynch moved with her husband and son to Garrett Park in 1950. They purchased a home from architect Alexander Richter. Lynch was active in the Women’s Club and the PTA for Garrett Park Elementary School. A social worker by profession, Lynch worked at Chestnut Lodge, a psychiatric facility, in Rockville.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Cedar Lane Unitarian Church	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Christmas caroling	Gieser, Ilah
Civil Rights	Guernsey, Tom
Garden Club	Hill, Dudley
Garrett Park Community Center	Horn, Don
Garrett Park Elementary School	Horn, Ruth
Garrett Park Estates	Kleingarten, Peg
Garrett Park Library	Leaf, Margaret
Lunch Bunch	Leaf, Munro
Move to Garrett Park	Lynch, David
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	Lynch, John
Personal history	Maury, Priscilla
Porcupine Woods	Payne, George
Post Office	Penn, Lina
Richterville	Peterson, Mabel
Square dancing	Powell, Samuel
Swimming Pool	Pratt, Laura “Peggy”
Train	Remley
Women's Club	Reynolds, Dorothy
	Richter, Alexander
	Shidler, Barbara
	Turner, Mary

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Mader, Donald “Donn” and Mildred “Millie” Dobson (1995, 1998)

Name of Narrator(s): Mader, Donald “Donn” (1926–2008) and Mader, Mildred “Millie” Dobson (1926–?)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 12/15/95; 2/4/98 (Donn only)

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Millie Mader was born Mildred Dobson in South Carolina. She attended college for 1 year before moving to Washington, DC to work for the Department of the Navy during World War Two. Donn was born in New Jersey. After high school, he worked at a radio repair shop while attending college at night. When his family moved to Georgia, he attended Georgia Tech. Millie and Donn met in DC in 1950 and were married a year later. In 1952, they moved to Garrett Park Estates; four years later, they moved to Keswick Street in Garrett Park. Both were actively involved in town organizations, events, and politics.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1980s

Subjects	People
Arboretum Committee	Abrams, Annavieve
Cable television	Bortman, Ralph
Christmas caroling	Bunker, Landon
Citizens Association	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Community Center	Crawford, Ted
Development	Davis, Cliff
Doctors Orchestra	Fitzpatrick, George
Elderhouse	Gilchrist, Charles
Garrett Park Elementary School	Goldwater, Marilyn
Garrett Park Estates	Howe, Carol
Garrett Park Library	Howe, James
Garrett Park Swimming Pool	Johnston, Warren
Garrett Players	Kirby, Edwin
Mariners	Mizell, Bill
Montgomery County politics	Norman, Margaret “Peg”
Penn Place	Payne, George
Personal history	Pratt, Laura “Peggy”
Race, racism	Richter, Alexander
The Bugle	Stevens, Lucile
Town Council	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Town operations	
Unitarian church	
Vietnam War	
Waverly crossing	
Whistle Stop store	
Women’s Club	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript with a few gaps

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: Full transcript/consent in PP (2012.4.6)

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Mahaney, Margaret (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Mahaney, Margaret (1910–1997)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 2/16/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Joan Gurian

Brief Biographical Information: Mahaney moved to Garrett Park in 1942 with her husband, John. The lot on Kenilworth had been purchased by her grandfather. She attended Washington School for Secretaries and worked for the federal government until her retirement. She shares recollections of living in Garrett Park in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
House history	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Kennedy assassination	Hall
Move to Garrett Park	Kennedy, John F.
Penn Place	Penn, Lina
Post Office	Roosevelt, Franklin Delano
Roosevelt funeral	Thomas
Train	White, Betsy
World War II	Zannelli

Archivist Notes: Professionally transcribed.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Martin, Reed (2011)

Name of Narrator(s): Martin, Reed (1946–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 2/20/11

Name of Interviewer(s): Snyder, Charles and Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Martin grew up in Southern Indiana. His family moved to Baltimore in 1958. As a teen, he took up banjo and played folk music. He became a self-described “rambler.” He moved to Kensington in the 1960s and later became a boarder at what is now Penn Place in Garrett Park. He also worked as a mailman. He shares his recollections of living in Garrett Park, his friendship with folk musician and Garrett Park resident Mike Seeger, and the local music scene.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s

Subjects	People
Banjo playing	Bottom, Norman
Flea Market	Dildine, John
Folk music	Hearns
Folklife Festival	Kinsey, Alfred C.
Folklore Society	Martin, Clyde
High store	Miller
Ken-Gar	O'Donald, Jim
Kensington	Osmond, Paul
Kensington Post Office	Penn, Lina
Modifications Unlimited	Purdue, Chuck
Move to Garrett Park	Purdue, Nancy
New Lost City Ramblers	Schneyer, Soloman
Penn Place	Schneyer, Helen
Personal history	Schreider, Chuck
Post Office	Seeger, Mike
Race, racism	Seeger, Pete
Whippo Clock Shop	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Maury, William “Bill” (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Maury, William “Bill” (1939–2013)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 1/9/94 and 2/6/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Kapit, Rich

Brief Biographical Information: Maury was born in Washington, DC in 1939 to Thompson B. and Priscilla Landon Maury. Thompson Maury was military officer who later died in a Japanese prisoner of war camp during World War II. Following her husband’s death, Priscilla Maury (joined by her mother Landon Bunker, who also lost her husband during the war) moved her four children to the Richterville area of Garrett Park. Maury shares his experiences growing up in Garrett Park in the 1950s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Berry’s Farm	Collins
Bethesda	Davis, Bing
Chickens	Dickerson, Vriginia
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Fox, Buddy
Desegregation	Franz, Jay
Development	Gironda, Cathy
Flack Farm	Goldstein
Fourth of July	Hartmann, George
Garrett Park Elementary School	Hartmann
Garrett Park Estates	Hendershot, Fred
Garrett Players	King, Clark
Hitchhiking	Lamb
Judaism	Lynch, David
Ken-Gar	Merrill, Alwin
Kensington	Mizell
Kensington Estates	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
McCarthyism	Plaveniek
Mizell Lumber	Reed, Mrs.
Race, racism	Remley
Richterville	Richter, Alexander
Rock Creek	Richter, Virginia
Rockville Pike	Rowes
Saul mansion	Saul
Springs (natural)	Sonner
Swimming hole	Wagner
Water tank, water tower	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript with some gaps

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.4.9

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

McCune, Wesley (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): McCune, Wesley

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript found)

PastPerfect Reference:

McDowell, Eugene (1997)

Name of Narrator(s): McDowell, Eugene (1940–2020)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 12/13/97

Name of Interviewer(s): Flavin, Martin

Brief Biographical Information: McDowell served as Vice President and President of the Garrett Park Citizens Association. He led the effort to make Garrett Park a Nuclear Free Zone in the early 1980s. He shares recollections of his work to pass an ordinance declaring Garrett Park a Nuclear Free Zone and the ensuing response, locally, nationally, and internationally.

Scope of Coverage: 1980s

Subjects	People
Citizens Association	Agenbroad, Jim
Committee for National Security	Donnay, Albert
Media coverage	Franklin, Ben
Nuclear arms race	Ingham, Ken
Nuclear free America	Mader, Donald “Donn”
Nuclear Free Zone	Pinkson, Ray
Nuclear war	Pratt, Laura “Peggy”
Soviet Union	Ramsey, Nancy
Takoma Park	
Town Ordinance	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription, professionally done. Transcribed in 2020. Ends abruptly. Other tapes?

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

McLaughlin, Donal and Laura (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): McLaughlin, Donal (1907–2009) and McLaughlin, Laura Neves (1911–1998)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 5/1/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Kapit, Rich

Brief Biographical Information: The McLaughlins were long-time residents of Garrett Park. Donal was an architect and graphic artist. He is known for creating the United Nations emblem. Laura was a writer and English teacher at the University of Maryland. The couple shares recollections of moving to and living in Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1970s

Subjects	People
Architecture	Almy, David
Baseball	Almy, Mary Kay
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Baldwin, Cal
Communism	Bortman, Ralph
Garrett Park Elementary School	Dickson, Paul
Garrett Players	Edlund, Paul
History of Garrett Park	Friedman, Edward
House history	Hall, Clyde
Man Against Cancer exhibit	Maury, Priscilla
McCarthyism	Myers, Henry
Move to Garrett Park	Nixon, Richard
Office of Strategic Services (OSS)	Payne, George
Personal history	Payne, Norah
Porcupine Woods	Pinkson, Ray
Richterville	Richter, Alexander
Strathmore Hall	
Swimming Pool	
The Bugle	
The Bungle	
Train	
Train station	
United Nations	
United Nations emblem	
Vietnam	
Weymouth Avenue	
World War II	
Writing	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Millard, Robert (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Millard, Robert

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcription found)

PastPerfect Reference:

Millard, William “Bill” (1998)

Name of Narrator(s): Millard, William “Bill”

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcription found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Modine, Barbara (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Modine, Barbara Leinhardt (1927–2008)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): March 26, 1996

Name of Interviewer(s): Rugh, Andrea

Brief Biographical Information: Born in New York. Moved to Garrett Park in about 1950 with her husband. Lived on Argyle Street and Kenilworth Avenue, where they built a Techbuilt, prefabricated home. The mother of four, Modine was instrumental in starting the Garrett Park Cooperative Nursery School. She served as manager of the Garrett Park Swimming Pool, which was one of the first integrated community pools in the area. She also served as President of the County Swim League, which led her to a position with Montgomery County, where she developed the county’s public swimming facility program.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1980s

Subjects	People
Children, activities for	Abrams, Annavieve
Cooperative Nursery School	Bailey, Temple
Desegregation	Brown, George
Development	Bunker, Landon
Garrett Park Estates	Dye
Garrett Park Library	Guernsey, George
Garrett Park Swimming Pool	Modine, Norman
Mariners	Payne, George
Nuclear Free Zone	Penn, Lina
Parkside Apartments	Sonner, Andrew
Strathmore Hall	
Swim team	
Techbuilt house	
Vietnam War	
Wells Park	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.4.11

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Modine, Norman (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Modine, Norman

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcription found)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Morgan, Pamela Payne (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Morgan, Pamela Payne (1944–2012)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/24/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Morgan was the daughter of George and Norah Payne. She was born in 1944 and grew up in Garrett Park. She attended the University of Maryland and Kings College, University of London. She worked for IBM. Morgan shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park and returning after her family lived in Paris and London for a time.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Celebrations, events	Abrams, Annavieve
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Communism	Duey, Joy
Development	Guernsey, Tom
Fourth of July	Hearns
Garrett Park Elementary School	Howard
Garrett Park Estates	Ingham, Ken
Garrett Players	Keene
Girl Scouts	Mueller
IBM	Parsons, Olive
Ken-Gar	Payne, George
Kenilworth Avenue	Payne, Norah
Kensington	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
McCarthyism	Penn, Lina
Penn Place	Rucker
Personal history	Snyder, Charlie
Post Office	Sonner, Andrew
Race, racism	Sonner, Ken
Rokeby Avenue	Sutherland
Swimming Pool	Weaver
The Bugle	White, Betsy
Wells Addition	White, Joe
	Woodwell, Stanley

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps. Ends abruptly. Complete?

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Murray, Exa Morris (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Murray, Exa Morris (1923–2008)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 11/4/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Rugh, Andrea

Brief Biographical Information: Murray grew up in Georgia and met her husband when he was stationed there. He grew up in Kensington but often played with other children in Garrett Park. Murray and her husband moved to Garrett Park around 1946. She shares recollections of the town in the 1950s and 1960s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1960s

Subjects	People
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Abrams, Annavieve
Clermont Avenue	Chisholm, William “Haile”
County fair	Grinnell
Development	Lester, Ellen Putnam
Eastern Star	Murtaugh
Garrett Park Elementary School	Ostrander, Elinor
Girl Scouts	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Greenhouses	Penn, Lina
House history	Roberts, Florence
Kensington	Roberts, Suzanne
Move to Garrett Park	Thrashers
Murder	
Personal history	
Post Office	
Sewing Circle	
Shopping	
Swimming Pool	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Murray, James (?)

Name of Narrator(s): Murray, James

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Murray, Marguerite (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Murray, Marguerite

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Myers, Viola (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Myers, Viola (1912–2010) with Albertson, Jessica Myers (Daughter)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): July 4, 1993

Name of Interviewer(s): Kapit, Richard

Brief Biographical Information: Myers moved to Garrett Park (Weymouth Avenue) in the early 1950s. Her husband was a psychiatry resident at St. Elizabeth Hospital in DC at the time. The Myers raised their children in Garrett Park before moving out of state. Myers is joined by her daughter Jessica Myers Albertson in sharing recollections of Garrett Park in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Move to Garrett Park	Franz, Jacob
Parkside Apartments	Franz, Juliana
St. Elizabeth Hospital	Richter, Alexander

Archivist Notes: Transcript incomplete; **have professionally transcribed.**

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Nakada, Yasu (1997)

Name of Narrator(s): Nakada, Yasu (1945–Living)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 11/13/97

Name of Interviewer(s): Flavin, Martin

Brief Biographical Information: Nakada lived in the DC area and worked as a Japanese news correspondent. He covered Garrett Park's Nuclear Free Zone story.

Scope of Coverage: 1980s

Subjects	People
Japanese media	Ingham, Ken
Nuclear Free Zone	McDowell, Eugene
Nuclear weapons	Pinkson, Ray
Politics	
Soviet Union	
Star Wars, missile defense	

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription with a lot of gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Nicolais, Laura Darling (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Nicolais, Laura Darling (1919–2006) (joined by husband Nicolais, Bernard later in the interview)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 7/26/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Nicolais moved to Garrett Park in the late 1920s when she was 7 years old. She shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park in the 1930s and 1940s. She met her husband, Bernard, through the USO when he served in the U.S. Navy. He joins her later in the interview.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1940s

Subjects	People
Chapel	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Collins
Entertainment	Donnelly
Garrett Park Elementary School	Dove
Glen Echo	Penn, Lina
Great Depression	Rucker
Halloween	Smoot
History of Garrett Park	Tenny
Ken-Gar	Thomson, Jessie Ross
Move to Garrett Park	
Old post office	
One-room school	
Penn Place	
Personal history	
Post Office	
Public water	
Race, racism	
Sewer	
Streetcar	
Swimming hole	
Telephone service	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Victory Garden	
Women's Club	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. Joined by husband Bernard late in the interview.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Norman, Margaret (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Norman, Margaret "Peg" (1911–1999)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/1/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Norman was born and raised in Ohio. She attended college in Kentucky and worked as a social worker and then a microbiologist. She came to the DC area in the 1940s to work as a pharmacologist. In 1948, she moved to Garrett Park, where she worked with the Girl Scouts and helped with various events in town.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory) Clyde Avenue Community Center Co-Op Nursery School European travels Fourth of July Garrett Park Elementary School Garrett Players Girl Scouts Health Committee Lunch Bunch Move to Garrett Park Personal history Post Office Swimming Pool Telephone directory Women's Club	Abrams, Annavieve Penn, Lina Reynolds, Dorothy Sonner, Kathryn White, Betsy

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription ok with multiple gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Norman, Paul (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Norman, Paul

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed.

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Payne, George (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Payne, George (1914–1998)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 6/28/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Payne was born in Amsterdam in 1914. He came to the U.S. and worked in the British Embassy. He moved his family to Garrett Park in the 1940s. Payne served on the Citizens Association and participated in the Garrett Players. He served on the Town Council and was a long-time mayor. Payne was instrumental in building the Community Center and the swimming pool in Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Book club	Dolan, Ned
British Embassy	Donnelly
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Duey, Joy
Citizens Association	Dye
Dogs	Fitzpatrick, George
Garrett Park Community Center	Geiser, Steve
Garrett Park Elementary School	Green
Garrett Park Library	Hall, Clyde
Garrett Players	Kirby, Edwin
Greenhouses	Payne, Norah
House history	Penn, Lina
Ken-Gar	Reynolds
Kenilworth Avenue	Richter, Alexander
Kensington	Southland
Move to Garrett Park	Stevens, Lucile
Old road across tracks	Thurston, Alice
Personal history	Turner, Violet
Politics	Weaver
Race, racism	White, Betsy
Rock Creek	
Swimming hole	
Swimming Pool	
Town Council	
Two-room school	
U.S. Citizenship	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Professionally transcribed. Oral history contains profanity and racially offensive language.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Payne, George (ca. 1993/n.d.)

Name of Narrator(s): Payne, George (1914–1998)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): n.d.

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Payne was born in Amsterdam in 1914. He came to the U.S. and worked in the British Embassy. He moved his family to Garrett Park in the 1940s. Payne served on the Citizens Association and participated in the Garrett Players. He served on the Town Council and was a long-time mayor. Payne was instrumental in building the Community Center and the swimming pool in Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Adventure Theater	Brown
Citizens Association	Dieffenbach
Community Center	Fox
Garrett Players	Hall, Clyde
Neighbors	Honey
Recorder Society	Murray, Marguerite
Train station	Norman, George
	Norman, Margaret "Peg"
	Powell, Samuel
	Smoot
	Tenny
	Thomas, Jim
	Turner, Violet
	Woodwell

Archivist Notes: Transcription good with a few gaps. Date of interview not given; identified in Archives records as ca. 1993. Not sure if this is an extension of the oral history he gave on 6/28/93. Only 11 pages; cuts off abruptly.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Payne, George (1998)

Name of Narrator(s): Payne, George (1914–1998)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Payne was born in Amsterdam in 1914. He came to the U.S. and worked in the British Embassy. He moved his family to Garrett Park in the 1940s. Payne served on the Citizens Association and participated in the Garrett Players. He served on the Town Council and was a long-time mayor. Payne was instrumental in building the Community Center and the swimming pool in Garrett Park.

Scope of Coverage: TBD

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed (unless this is a duplicate)

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Payne, Norah Russell (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Payne, Norah Russell (1910–2007)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 3/23/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Payne was born in Dorking, England in 1910. Her parents traveled extensively between England, Canada, and the U.S. Payne lived much of her childhood with her grandparents and aunt in England. She joined her parents in the DC area after high school and worked at the Pratt Library where she was encouraged to go to library school (University of Wisconsin). She moved with her husband, George, to Garrett Park in 1941. She worked for the Library of Congress and later in the Garrett Park Library. She shares recollections of living in Garrett Park, including during World War II and the creation of the town library.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1970s

Subjects	People
Book club	Bunker, Landon
Chapel	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chapel Guild	Duey, Joy
Citizens Association	Gieser, Ilah
Development	Hall, Clyde
Farms	Hall, Vera
Garrett Park Community Center	Honey
Garrett Park Elementary School	Hurdle
Garrett Park Library	Maury, Priscilla
Kenilworth Avenue	Noland, Dallas
Kensington	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Montrose Avenue	Penn, Lina
Mother’s Club	Remley, Ralph
Move to Garrett Park	Reynolds, Dorothy
Penn Place	Stevens, Lucile
Personal history	Turner, Violet
Post Office	
Shopping	
Sunday School	
Swimming Pool	
Town Council	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Two-room school	
Victory Garden	
Women’s Club	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Penn, Charles “Charlie”

Name of Narrator(s): Penn, Charles “Charlie” (1917–2005)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/2/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Penn was the son of William and Lina Penn, proprietors of the general store located at 4600 Waverly Avenue (later known as Penn Place) in Garrett Park. The Penns purchased the building in 1920. Penn shares his recollections of living in the original building and growing up in Garrett Park in the 1920s and 1930s.

Scope of Coverage: 1920s–1930s

Subjects	People
Fourth of July	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Frick Farm	Lenovitz, Tony
House history	Lewis, Rosalie
Penn Place	McNulty
Plumbing	Mr. Johnny
Swimming hole	Mullinix
Tennis courts	Thomas, Jim
	Weaver, Lloyd
	Welch, Barney

Archivist Notes: Ok quality transcript. According to interviewer, this oral history was not intended to be part of the oral history project for the town’s centennial. Instead, it was intended as an architectural oral history to learn more about the original structure at 4600 Waverly Avenue, which later became part of today’s Penn Place.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Peterson, Mabel (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Peterson, Mabel (1920–1994)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 2/12/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Peterson was born in 1920 in South Dakota. She moved to the DC area with her husband in the 1940s; he worked at the National Institutes of Health. The couple moved to Garrett Park in 1960. Peterson helped with the publication and circulation of the town paper, *The Bugle*, and was involved with the Women’s Club. She also served as President of the Citizens Association and later on the Town Council. Peterson also worked at Chestnut Lodge in Rockville.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1980s

Subjects	People
Betsy White Fund	Agenbroad, Jim
Cambria access	Almy, David
Citizens Association	Damtoft, Janet
Garrett Park Elementary School	Duey, Joy
Mayors of Garrett Park	Fitzpatrick, George
Move to Garrett Park	Friedman, Edward
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	Hill, Dudley
Personal history	Janney, Fritz
Plavnieks Addition	Johnston, Warren
Politics	Mader, Donald “Donn”
Porcupine Woods	Payne, George
Swimming Pool	Pratt, Laura “Peggy”
The Bugle	Reynolds, Dorothy
Town Council	Shidler, Barbara
Women's Club	Thomas, Betty
Zoning	Thompson, Helen
	Wenk, Carolyn
	White, Betsy

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Phillips, Melissa Smoot (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Phillips, Melissa Smoot (1919–2006)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 7/18/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Smoot Phillips and her family moved to Garrett Park in 1934 and lived in town for much of the 1930s through 1950s. She graduated from the Conservatory of Music at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania and worked as a church organist and piano teacher. She married a fellow graduate, Ralston Dale Phillips.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1950s

Subjects	People
Bridge group	Bailey, Temple
Donnelly's Hill	Bisset
Entertainment	Collins
Great Depression	Darling, Laura
Greenhouses	Donnelly
House renumbering	Dove, Margaret
Railroad tracks	Gurley
Swimming hole	Hill
World War II	Ingberg, Catherine
	Payne, Norah
	Payne, George
	Penn, Lina
	Putnam
	Sherline, David
	Tenny, Anne
	Weaver, Lloyd
	Wells

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2012.4.19

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Pinkson, Ray and Ruth (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Pinkson, Ray (1912–1997) and Pinkson, Ruth (1914–2010)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 4/4/93; 4/11/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Muchnick, Sarah

Brief Biographical Information: Ray was born in Bessarabia (Moldavia) and came to the U.S. in 1921. He worked as a cutter in the garment industry in New York City and later became an electrician. Ruth was born and raised in New York City. She worked as a secretary and later a union organizer and in public relations. Previously widowed, Ruth married Ray in 1952. The couple moved to Garrett Park Estates and later Garrett Park. They share recollections of the McCarthy era, racism and the Civil Rights, and, later, participating in the campaign to declare Garrett Park a Nuclear Free Zone.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1980s

Subjects	People
Boy Scouts	Brown, Ann
Civil Rights	Coblyn, Donna
Communism	Coblyn, Earl
Flanders Street	Davis, Bing
Garrett Park Cooperative Nursery School	Duey, Joy
Garrett Park Elementary School	Efross
Garrett Park Estates	Gibson, John
Garrett Park Peace Committee	Gibson, Ruby
Girl Scouts	Gootenberg, Florence
Ken-Gar	Gordon, Ann
Kensington Library	Ingham, Glenda
Keswick Street	Ingham, Ken
McCarthyism	Lichtenstein, Silvia
Media coverage	Malone, Catherine
Move to Garrett Park	Malone, Claudia
National Loyalty Oath	McDowell, Eugene
Nuclear Free Zone	McLaughlin, Donal
Nuclear Free Zone signs	Szillard, Leo
Ober Law	Wallace, Henry
Personal history	Wells
Politics	
Poor People's Campaign	
Race, racism	
Referendum	
Sister City	
Swimming Pool	
Unions	
US-Soviet Friendship Walk	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Powell, Iris (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Powell, Iris (1909–1998)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 6/6/1993

Name of Interviewer(s): Moyer, Mary

Brief Biographical Information: Formerly a resident of Washington, DC and Prince George’s County, Powell moved to Garrett Park in the 1940s, during World War II. She lived in Garrett Park (Clyde Avenue) for 50 years. Powell participated in the Mother’s Club, in support of the Garrett Park School. She also worked in the Garrett Park Library. Her husband, Samuel, served on the Town Council and as Town Mayor in the 1950s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1960s

Subjects	People
Birds	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Celebrations, events	Davis, Bing
Chickens	Hall
Garrett Park Community Center	Payne, Norah
Garrett Park Elementary School	Powell, Samuel
Garrett Park Library	Turner
House history	White, Betsy
Kensington	
Mother’s Club	
Move to Garrett Park	
One-room school	
Victory Garden	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Poor quality transcription with multiple gaps. Consider redoing.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Pratt, Laura “Peggy” Combs (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Pratt, Laura “Peggy” (1937–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/29/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Peggy Pratt was born in Tulsa, OK where she attended public schools. After graduating from McMurray College in Illinois, she moved to California, where she received her Master’s degree in education at Stanford University. In 1966, the Pratts moved to Garrett Park, where Pratt became involved with the Garrett Park Nursery School, serving as Treasurer for a couple of years. She also served on the Citizens’ Association and was instrumental in having Garrett Park placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1978, Pratt was elected to the Town Council, and four years later, she was elected Mayor—the first women in Garrett Park to hold this office. Pratt served as Mayor for four years.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1990s

Subjects	People
American Speech, Language and Hearing Association	Almy, David
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O)	Bailey, Temple
Citizens Association	Chaitovitz
Famous people in Garrett Park	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Garrett Park Estates	Damtoft, Janet
Grotto	Danner, Marie
Historic preservation	Dolan, Ned
Lawsuits	Fitzpatrick, George
National Institutes of Health	Franklin, Ben
National Register of Historic Places	Griffin, Sibyl
Nuclear Free Zone	Hill, Dudley
Nursery School	Hollerith, Herman
Overlay zone	Mader, Donald “Donn”
Porcupine Woods	Maloney, Patrick
Springs (natural)	McDowell, Eugene
The Bugle	Momsen, Charles
Townhouses	Paine, George
Waverly crossing	Patrick, Bill
Woman mayor	Payne, George
Women, Town Council	Shea
Zoning ordinance	Shidler, Barbara
	Short, Francis J. “Spot”

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Prinz, Bill (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Prinz, Bill (1928–2009)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 7/3/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Prinz was born in Ohio in 1928. He attended school in college and graduate school in Ohio and later earned his PhD in Geology at Yale University in Connecticut. His professional career was with the U.S. Geological Survey. Prinz and his family moved to Garrett Park in 1962 and lived on Rokeby until the 1990s. Prinz served on the Town Council twice—first from 1970 to 1972 and again from 1973 to 1975. Prinz served as Mayor for two terms, from 1986 to 1990.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1990s

Subjects	People
Garrett Park Elementary School	Chisteller, Norman
Historic preservation	Edlund, Paul
Leaf burning	Fitzpatrick, George
Liability insurance	Gonson, Paul
Maryland Municipal League	Griffin, Sibyl
Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission	Ingham, Glenda
Move to Garrett Park	Morella, Connie
Nature trail	Nichol, Dave
North Bethesda-Garrett Park Master Plan	Parsons, Olive
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	Payne, George
Penn Place	Shore, Frank
Planning committee	
Porcupine Woods	
Post Office	
Strathmore Avenue	
Swim team	
Swimming Pool Association	
Town Council	
Town Office	
Willcher Property	
Zoning	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Putnam, Jane (1975)

Name of Narrator(s): Putnam, Jane (1908–1991[**VERIFY**])

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 3/24/75

Name of Interviewer(s): Jackson, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Putnam was the daughter of Smith L. and Jane Gouldman Putnam, early residents of Garrett Park. Her father served as the town's clerk/treasurer. Putnam was born in Garrett Park in 1908 and attended the one-room school. Putnam trained and worked as a nurse. During the 1930s, she worked at an orphanage and later a government hospital in Panama. She returned to Garrett Park at the start of World War II.

Scope of Coverage: 1910s–1940s, with emphasis on the Great Depression

Subjects	People
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Akers, Sadie
Chicken pox	Bailey, Temple
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Bisset
Dynamo	Chisholm, Eleanor
Electricity	Chisholm, William "Haile"
Entertainment	Cleveland
Great Depression	Dove
Halloween parties	Griffith, Clara
Hard times parties	Momsen
House fire (Bisset)	Penn
Ice man, ice box	Penn, Lina
Nursing work	Renshawe, Mary Ann
Old post office	Richter, Alexander
One-room school	Roosevelt, Franklin Delano
Panama Canal	Rucker
St. John's Orphanage	Wells
Streetcar	
Train station	
Train	
Trees	
Vaudeville	
Women's suffrage	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Rawlings, Sally Buck (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Rawlings, Sally Buck

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed. See also entry for Duey, Joy and Rawlings, Sally Buck

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Richter, Thomas & Mark (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Richter, Thomas & Richter, Mark

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 8/28/94

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Thomas and Mark Richter and the two oldest sons of well known architect, Alexander Richter, who developed numerous mid-century modern homes in an area known as Richterville, in Garrett Park. The Richters moved to Garrett Park in the late 1940s, and Thomas and Mark grew up in town.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s

Subjects	People
Civil War memorabilia	Bunker, Landon
Desegregation	Chisholm, William "Haile"
Entertainment	Dittman, Allen
Fourth of July	Franz
Garrett Park Elementary School	Freer
Garrett Park Library	Frost, Robert
Green Gardens	Guernsey, Tom
Howard University	Hartmann
One-room school	Johnson, Guy
Politics	Lamb, John
Post Office	Lichtenstein, Jeremy
Race, racism	Maury, William "Bill"
Richterville	McCune, Mac
Rock Creek	McLaughlin, Donal
Softball	Morgan, Pamela Payne
Swimming Pool	Parsons, Olive
Truitt house	Penn, Lina
Two-room school	Richter, Alexander
Water tank, water tower	Sonner, Andrew
Weymouth Avenue	

Archivist Notes: Ok quality transcription; numerous gaps and handwritten corrections. **Consider redoing.**

Available Formats: PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Roberts, Susanna Hall (1997)

Name of Narrator(s): Roberts, Susanna "Sue" Hall (1932–Living)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 1/23/97

Name of Interviewer(s): Rugh, Andrea

Brief Biographical Information: Roberts moved to Garrett Park in the late 1930s when she was about 5 years old. She was the daughter of Clyde and Vera Hall. Her father served as mayor and founded *The Bugle* the town newspaper. The family lived on Rokeby, Albermarle, and then Kenilworth. Roberts earned her masters and doctorate in Social Work. She shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park in the 1940s and 50s.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1950s

Subjects	People
4-H	Chisholm
Baseball	Confer, Bobby
Blizzard	Hall, Clyde
Celebrations, events	Hall, Vera
Donnelly's Hill	Hill
Garrett Park Elementary School	Morris
Glen Echo	Penn
History of Garrett Park	Powell, Iris
Kenilworth Avenue	Powell, Samuel
Move to Garrett Park	Quigley
One-room school	Sonner
Penn Place	
Personal history	
Race, racism	
Richterville	
Rokeby Avenue	
Sledding	
Snow	
Sunday School	
Swimming Pool	
Tennis courts	
The Bugle	
Wells Park	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript good with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Sherline, Albert “Al” (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Sherline, Albert “Al” (1925–2019)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 10/23/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Sherline was the grandson of David Bisset, a Scottish immigrant and early resident of Garrett Park. Sherline was born in Brooklyn, New York and moved to Garrett Park during the Great Depression. He joined the Marines after high school and served two years in the Pacific during World War II. He later worked for the U.S. Public Health Service and went to college. He moved to Illinois in the mid-1950s and become an athletic coach.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1940s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Akers
Chevy Chase Lake	Berry
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Bisset
Department of Agriculture	Carter
District Grocery Store (DGS)	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Donnelly’s Hill	Cleveland
Farms	Collins
Garrett Park Elementary School	Curtis, Leon
Greenhouses	Darling, Johnny
Griffith Stadium	Defandorf
Hitchhiking	Dorsett
Hot Shoppe	Dove
Ice man, ice box	Greer, Catherine
Ice Palace	Ickes, Harold
Iron bridge	Johnson, Walter
Ken-Gar	Kemeys
Offutt’s store	King, Harry
Pony	Lester
Post Office	Lewis, Bob
Race, racism	Meyers, Henry
Rock Creek	Mizell
Streetcar	Newhall
Swimming hole	Penn, Lina
Telephones	Putnam, Woody
Tennis courts	Renshawe
Town Marshal	Sargent, Virginia
Train station	Smoot
Washington Senators	Truitt
Water tank, water tower	Wilkinson
Waverly Avenue	Wyler, Chick
White Flint Golf Course	Young
World’s Fair	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Shidler, Barbara (2012)

Name of Narrator(s): Shidler, Barbara (1926–Living)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 2/15/12

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Shidler was born and raised in California in the 1930s and 40s. She met her husband in college and married in 1948. In 1961, the couple moved to Garrett Park, where Shidler participated in the Citizens Association and Women’s Club. She later became President of the Women’s Club. Shidler was instrumental in establishing the Arboretum Committee and the Town Archives.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1970s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Abrams, Annavieve
Arboretum Committee	Almy, David
Archives room	Baldwin
Cedar Lane Unitarian Church	Bonifant, Maurice
Citizens Association	Buck, Sally
Communism	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Demi-semisesquicentennial	Chrisler
Garrett Park Community Center	Coblyn, Donna
Garrett Park Elementary School	Coblyn, Earl
Garrett Players	Flanders, Manny
Judaism	Frost, Robert
Kenilworth Avenue	Gieser, Ilah
McCarthyism	Gootenberg, Roy
Move to Garrett Park	Green, Marian
Penn Place	Griffin, Sibyl
Personal history	Guernsey, George
Post Office	Henley
Race, racism	Johnston, Bobbie
Semidemihequavers	Keller, Henri
Social gatherings	McLaughlin, Donal
Spring Concert	Murray, Marguerite
Swimming Pool	Norman, Margaret “Peg”
Town Archives	Pratt, Laura “Peggy”
Town Clerk	Putterman, Ethel
Town Hall (former chapel)	Reynolds, Dorothy
Trees	Shidler, Atlee
Women's Club	White, Betsy

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps. See also 1995 interview.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Shidler, Barbara (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Shidler, Barbara (1926–Living)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 10/4/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Flavin, Martin

Brief Biographical Information: Shidler was born and raised in California in the 1930s and 40s. She met her husband in college and married in 1948. In 1961, the couple moved to Garrett Park, where Shidler participated in the Citizens Association and Women’s Club. She later became President of the Women’s Club. Shidler was instrumental in establishing the Arboretum Committee and the Town Archives. Much of this oral history focuses on Garrett Park as an arboretum.

Scope of Coverage: 1960s–1970s

Subjects	People
Arboretum Committee	Almy, David
Celebrations, events	Benjamin, Els
Development	Chrisler, Donald
Kenilworth Avenue	Fitzpatrick, George
Move to Garrett Park	Normandy, Phil
Personal history	
Porcupine Woods	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Town property	
Trees	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Professionally transcribed. See also 2012 oral history.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Smith, Ann Brown (1997)

Name of Narrator(s): Smith, Ann Brown (1916–2005)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 2/28/97

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara and Boyle, Lizzie

Brief Biographical Information: Smith grew up in Pennsylvania. She attended college in DC and earned her master’s degree in clinical psychology from Catholic University. She moved to Garrett Park in the early 1940s and had a house built on a lot on Rokeby. She was the first woman elected to the Town Council and served two terms. Smith was also active in the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee. She shares recollections of living in Garrett Park with heavy emphasis on the political environment of the town and county.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Borror, Andra “Marty”
Book club	Brown, George
Communism	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Democratic Party	Edlund, Mary Jane
Garrett Park Cooperative Nursery School	Friedman, Edward
Garrett Park Community Center	Gieser, Ilah
Garrett Park Estates	Guernsey, George
Girl Scouts	Hall, Clyde
History of Garrett Park	Hill, Dudley
Judaism	Kennedy
Kensington	Lee, E. Brooke
McCarthyism	Noland, Dallas
Montgomery County Human Relations Commission	Noland, Lester
Move to Garrett Park	Payne, George
Politics	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Race, racism	Penn, Lina
Shopping	Powell
Suburban Maryland Fair Housing	Reynolds, Dorothy
Swimming hole	Stevens, Lucile
Swimming Pool	Thurston, Alice
Town Council	Thurston, John
Train	Wells
Weymouth Avenue	
Women's Club	
Working mothers	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Sonner, Andrew (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Sonner, Andrew (1934–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/17/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Maury, William

Brief Biographical Information: Sonner grew up in Garrett Park in the 1940s. Sonner and his family originally lived in the “Carriage House” on Montrose and later in a house his father built on Oxford. Sonner attended Garrett Park School. He went on to receive his law degree from American University and became the State’s Attorney for Montgomery County.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1950s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Buck, Allen
Baseball	Burke, Doyle
Carriage House	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Corby
Flack Farm	Dove
Garrett Park Community Center	Duey, Joy
Garrett Park Elementary School	Flore, John
Garrett Park Estates	Fox, Buddy
Georgetown Prep	Goodman, Preston
Glen Echo	Harris
Hunting and trapping	Harrison, Betty
Judaism	Hendershot, Fred
Ken-Gar	Jackson, Leonard
Kensington	Kizer, Albert
Montrose Avenue	Manoff
Old Garrett Park Road	Payne, George
One-room school	Quigley
Oxford Street	Ryan, Charlie
Personal history	Shoemaker, Mary Lee
Race, racism	Shoemaker, Willard
Streetcar	Warring, Bruce
Swimming hole	Woolly
Train	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcript with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Southworth, Nancy Abrams (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Southworth, Nancy Abrams (1946–Living)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 2/11/96

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Southworth is the daughter of long-time Garrett Park resident Annavieve Abrams. The Abrams family moved to town in 1948. Southworth attended Garrett Park School. She shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park in the 1950s and 60s.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1960s

Subjects	People
Blizzard	Bullard
Celebrations, events	Bunker, Landon
Development	Chisholm, Eleanor
Domestic help	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Donnelly's Hill	Dove
Garrett Park Elementary School	Duey, Joy
Garrett Park Estates	Eden
Garrett Park Library	Franz, Terry
Girl Scouts	Freer, Robert
Glen Echo	Honey
Halloween	Howard, Jill
Ken-Gar	Johnson, Guy
Kensington	Loeb
Keswick Street	Maury
Move to Garrett Park	Murray, Jennifer
Penn Place	Murray, Marguerite
Post Office	Norman, Margaret “Peg”
Race, racism	Payne
Segregation	Penn, Lina
Sledding	Sonner, Andrew
Snow	Sutherland
Swimming Pool	Wagner
Television	Weaver

Archivist Notes: Professionally transcribed. Some gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Spinks, Lois Weaver (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Spinks, Lois Weaver (1916–2000)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 11/10/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Spinks was born and raised in Michigan. She moved to Garrett Park in 1934. She attended Wilson Teachers College. Her father married Elizabeth Defandorf, daughter of one of Garrett Park's first families, Jason and Harriett Defandorf. The Weavers lived with the Defandorfs. Later Spinks and her husband bought their own house in town. Her grandfather and father served as Town Mayor, and her mother served as President of the Civic Study Club (later Women’s Club) and also taught at the Garrett Park School.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1950s

Subjects	People
Celebrations, events	Bisset
Chapel	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chickens	Corby, Carl
Civic Study Club	Darling
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Defandorf, Harriett
Garrett Park Library	Defandorf, Jason
Genealogy	Dove
Great Depression	Dye
Greenhouses	Hill
Grosse Ile	Holmes, Harriett
Halloween	Johnson, Guy
Honor Roll	Macgill
Ken-Gar	Maury, Priscilla
Kensington	Penn, Lina
Keswick Street	Renshawe
Mayor	Rucker
Move to Garrett Park	Sherline, Al
Personal history	Skinner
Post Office	Smoot
Race, racism	Tenny
Shopping	Truitt
Town Hall (former chapel)	Weaver
Train	
Transportation	
Women's Club	
World War II	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Stevens, Lucile and Richard (1992)

Name of Narrator(s): Stevens, Lucile and Stevens, Richard

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed. See also entry for Duey, Joy and Rawlings, Sally Buck

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Stevens, Lucile Gibson (1975)

Name of Narrator(s): Stevens, Lucile Gibson (1901–1993)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): ADD

Name of Interviewer(s): Jackson, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Born Annie Lucile Gibson in Charlottesville, Virginia, Lucile married Ernest Stevens in 1927. The couple moved to Rokeby Avenue in Garrett Park in 1937. In the late 1940s, Stevens was active in the Women’s Club and was instrumental in creating a library in Garrett Park. The library was even housed in her basement for several years before moving to a newly built Community Center.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1940s

Subjects	People
Chapel	Carter, Mr.
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Penn, Lina
General store	Putnam, Jane
Great Depression	Roosevelt, Franklin Delano
Ken-Gar	Warring, Ruth
Move to Garrett Park	
Politics	
Train	
Victory Garden	
Women’s Club	

Archivist Notes: Part of the Barbara Jackson Oral History Collection.

Available Formats: MP3

PastPerfect Reference: 2022.0004

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Stevens, Richard (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Stevens, Richard (1932–2009)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 5/5/93; 5/8/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Shidler, Barbara

Brief Biographical Information: Stevens moved to Garrett Park at the age of 3-1/2 in the mid-1930s. His family lived on what is now Rokeby, which was called Park Place at the time. He attended Garrett Park School when it was a one-room school. He shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park in the 1940s and 50s.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1950s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Akers
Berry's Farm	Bisset
Blizzard	Carter
Boy Scouts	Chisholm, William "Haile"
Chapel	Dieffenbach
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Duey, Joy
Chickens	Dye
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp	Hall, Clyde
Culverts	Hall, Vera
Donnelly's Hill	Hill, Dudley
Garrett Park Elementary School	Monger
Ginkgo trees	Patrick, Eugene
Halloween	Payne, George
Haunted house	Penn, Lina
Hollerith house	Putnam, Smith L.
House history	Safford, Wade
Move to Garrett Park	Wells
Old Garrett Park Road	Young, Bill
Old street names	Zannelli
One-room school	
Park Place	
Penn Place	
Physicians	
Playing in the woods	
Sears house	
Sledding	
Snow	
Springs (natural)	
St. James Chapel	
Swimming hole	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Train	
Wells Park	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Stites, Elizabeth Gaertner and Moyer, Mary Stites (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Stites, Elizabeth Gaertner (1915–2007) and Moyer, Mary (1942–2020)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 2/2/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Elizabeth was born in New York City in 1915. She earned an architectural degree at New York University, and she taught at the University of Maryland for 27 years. She also volunteered at the Maryland College of Art and Design. Mary Stites, Elizabeth’s daughter, was born in Ohio in 1942. She attended Earlham College and later Brown University. She taught art in Prince Georges County and also served as the church organist at Holy Cross. The Stites moved to Kenilworth Avenue in Garrett Park in 1953.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
Christmas caroling	Abrams, Annavieve
Coal yard	Blakeslee, Newton
Development	Bunker, Landon
Donnelly’s Hill	Chamberlin
Fourth of July	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Garrett Park Library	Hall, Clyde
Girl Scouts	Hall, John
Holy Cross Church	Howe
Houses, architecture	Keene, Calvin
Howard University	Keene, Elsa
Kensington Junior High School	Millard
Move to Garrett Park	Payne, George
Murder	Payne, Norah
National Gallery	Penn, Lina
Penn Place	Richter, Alexander
Religions in Garrett Park	Sonner, Andrew
Richterville	Stites, Raymond
Shopping	
Sledding	
Swimming pool	
The Bugle	
Working women	
Zoning	

Archivist Notes: Generally good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Sullivan, Marian “Manny” Alvord Flanders (2001)

Name of Narrator(s): Sullivan, Marian “Manny” Alvord Flanders (1926–2004)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Born in Washington, DC.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed.

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

Sullivan, Marion “Manny” Alvord Flanders (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Sullivan, Marion “Manny” Alvord Flanders (1926–2004)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Born in Washington, DC.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed.

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Tenny, Anne Thomas (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Tenny, Anne (1920–2001)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 5/10/1994

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy

Brief Biographical Information: Born in Texas. Moved to DC when her father got a job with the Federal government. Moved to Garrett Park in 1934. Married Morgan Tenny in 1946.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed.

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Thomas, Elizabeth “Betty” Penn (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Thomas, Elizabeth “Betty” Penn (1922–UNK)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 12/3/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Maury, William

Brief Biographical Information: Thomas was born in 1922. Her parents owned 4600 Waverly Avenue, which is now known as Penn Place. Her mother was the postmistress for Garrett Park and also ran a small store. Thomas attended the Garrett Park School when it was still a two-room schoolhouse. She shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s.

Scope of Coverage: 1920s–1940s

Subjects	People
Coal yard	Buckingham, Lillian
Domestic help	Chisholm, William “Haile”
House history	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Ken-Gar	Penn, Lina
McKeever's Ice Cream	Renshawe
Penn Place	
Race, racism	
Telephones	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. Incomplete; appears to start in the middle of the interview. Not clear if it is misdated; another interview dated 12/5, also with Maury but transcribed by different individual.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Thomas, Elizabeth “Betty” Penn (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Thomas, Betty Penn (1922–UNK)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 12/5/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Maury, William

Brief Biographical Information: Thomas was born in 1922. Her parents owned 4600 Waverly Avenue, which is now known as Penn Place. Her mother was the postmistress for Garrett Park and also ran a small store. Thomas attended the Garrett Park School when it was still a two-room schoolhouse. She shares recollections of growing up in Garrett Park in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s.

Scope of Coverage: 1920s–1940s

Subjects	People
Berry’s Farm	Berry, Eva
Blizzard	Chisholm, Eleanor
Chapel	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chickens	Dove
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp	Newhall, Peggy
Donnelly's Hill	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Fourth of July	Penn, Lina
House history	Renshawe
Ken-Gar	Tenny
Kensington	
Kensington	
Penn Place	
Personal history	
Post Office	
Race, racism	
Shopping	
Sledding	
Snow	
Swimming hole	
Town Hall (former chapel)	
Train	
Water tank, water tower	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. See also oral history dated 12/3/93.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Thompson, Barbara and Knowles, Linda Thompson (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Thompson, Barbara (1947–Living) and Knowles, Linda Thompson (1941–Living)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 8/11/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Thompson and Knowles are sisters who grew up in Garrett Park in the 1940s and 1950s. Their father was in the U.S. Navy, and the family moved to Japan for a time before returning to Garrett Park. At various times, the family lived in houses on Clermont, Weymouth, and then Oxford. The sisters share recollections of growing up in Garrett Park in the 1940s and 50s.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1950s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Chisholm
Blizzard	Connelly, Catherine
Celebrations, events	Dove
Chickens	Duey, Joy
Covenants, lack of	Groom, Pam
Crime	Harrison, David
Donnelly's Hill	Johnston, Warren
Fourth of July	Lichtenstein, Jeremy
Garrett Park Community Center	Modine, Barbara
Garrett Park Elementary School	Payne, Jennifer
Garrett Park Estates	Pecora, Priscilla
Garrett Players	Penn, Lina
Girl Scouts	Powell, Timmy
Halloween	Reid, Pearl
Kensington	Sonner, Andrew
Move to Garrett Park	Stevens, Lucile
Oxford Street	Sutherland, Gertrude
Politics	Tinsely, Jeff
Post Office	Ward
Race, racism	
Richterville	
Role of women	
Sledding	
Swimming Pool	
Two-room school	
U.S. Military	
Weymouth Avenue	
Women's Club	
Zoning	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps. In reference to Black and African Americans, use language no longer accepted in modern discourse.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Tolson, Virginia Stoddard (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Tolson, Virginia Stoddard (1916)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 1/15/1996

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Born in San Francisco in 1916. Her father worked for IBM, and the family frequently moved. Although Virginia did not live in Garrett Park, her father grew up in town. Her grandfather, Josiah Stoddard, was one of Garrett Park's first residents. He died in 1917, shortly after Virginia was born.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed.

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

Walker, Della Victoria Dove (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Walker, Della Victoria Dove (1922–2007)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information: Born in Garrett Park in 1922, the daughter of William Dove and Emma Johnson. Sister of Margaret Dove.

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: [Transcription needed.](#)

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Warring, Julia Ruth McFall (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Warring, Julia Ruth McFall (1903–1998) with son Peter Warring

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 6/5/1993

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Born in Indiana. Moved to Garrett Park in 1931 and purchased a Chevy house on Clermont (10915). Married to Bruce Warring.

Scope of Coverage: 1930s–1950s

Subjects	People
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chickens	Dove
Halloween	Penn, Lina
One-room school	Stevens
Post Office	Wilkerson
Race, racism	
Sawmill	
Train	

Archivist Notes: Very poor quality transcript; many gaps. Redo.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Wilbur, Patricia Murray (2001)

Name of Narrator(s): Wilbur, Patricia Murray (1947–Living)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s): Daughter of Charles and Exa Murray.

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed.

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Wilpers, John “Jack” & Marian (1995)

Name of Narrator(s): Wilpers, John “Jack” (1919–2013) and Wilpers, Marian (1920–2006)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 10/17/95

Name of Interviewer(s): Anderson, Karen

Brief Biographical Information: The Wilpers came to Garrett Park in 1950, shortly after their marriage. They lived on what was then known as Pembroke Street (now Kenilworth Avenue). Their house (or a portion thereof), 30 Pembroke Street or 10701 Kenilworth Avenue, had been the former one-room schoolhouse in Garrett Park. Jack was born and raised in NY. He served in the military and later worked for the Central Intelligence Agency until the 1970s. Marian was born and raised in DC.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1970s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Abrams, Annavieve
Celebrations, events	Hall, Clyde
Citizens Association	Payne, George
Demi-semisesquicentennial	Penn, Lina
Development	Quinn
Fourth of July	Shriver
Garrett Park Community Center	Sonner, Andrew
Garrett Park Elementary School	Woodwell, Marie
Garrett Park Estates	Woodwell, Stanley
Girl Scouts	
Holy Cross Church	
House history	
Kenilworth Avenue	
Move to Garrett Park	
One-room school	
Parkside Apartments	
Pembroke Street	
Penn Place	
Post Office	
Septic tank	
Sewer	
Shopping	
Snakes	
Swimming Pool	
The Bugle	
Train	
Women's group	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcription good with a few gaps. Ends abruptly, although from discussion, appears they had discussed everything.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

Wilson, Loretta Hill (2005)

Name of Narrator(s): Wilson, Loretta Hill

Consent Form: **No**

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: **Transcription needed.**

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Wilson, Ruth Isherwood (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Wilson, Ruth Isherwood (1906–1994)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s): 5/7/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Gordon, Mary

Brief Biographical Information: Wilson was born and raised in Portland, OR. She attended Reed College and worked for a youth symphony. Her husband, Thomas, worked in her father's law firm. The couple moved to DC in the late 1930s for Thomas' job with the National Labor Relations Board. Wilson was involved with the Democratic Club and the Women's Club. She shares recollections of raising her family in Garrett Park, including her husband's role in establishing an integrated youth baseball team in Montgomery County.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1960s

Subjects	People
Baseball	Honey
Communism	Johnston, Warren
Democratic Club	Penn, Lina
Development	Reynolds, Dorothy
Georgetown Prep	Richter, Alexander
House history	Wilson, Thomas
Integrated team	
Ken-Gar	
Kenilworth Avenue	
Kensington	
Lunch Bunch	
McCarthyism	
Move to Garrett Park	
Neighbors	
Politics	
Post Office	
Race, racism	
Shopping	
Swimming Pool	
Train	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Good quality transcription with a few gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Winegarden, Margaret (1994)

Name of Narrator(s): Winegarden, Margaret “Peg” (1916–2019)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 3/26/94

Name of Interviewer(s): Gurian, Joan

Brief Biographical Information: Winegarden was originally from Rochester, NY. She was a certified social worker. She and her husband lived in Garrett Park from 1952 to 1989. They purchased their first house in Garrett Park (Oxford Avenue) from Alexander Richter, who designed and built it. Three years later, they moved to Keswick Street. Winegarden was active in the Women’s Club and book club. She also served as Secretary for the Citizens Association.

Scope of Coverage: 1950s–1980s

Subjects	People
Anti-Semitism	Berman, Susie
Book club	Bortman, Henry
Citizens Association	Bortman, Viola
Citizens for Peace	Brown, Ann
Development	Chisholm, Catherine
Elder housing	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Garrett Park Estates	Coblyn, Donna
Halloween	Coblyn, Earl
Judaism	Gibson, John
Ken-Gar	Gibson, Ruby
Keswick Street	Hall, Clyde
McGovern Campaign	Johnston, Warren
Move to Garrett Park	Kennedy, John F.
Oxford Street	McLaughlin, Donal
Peace March	McLaughlin, Laura
Political activism	Miller, Cathy
Politics	Miller, David
Poor People's Campaign	Murtaugh
Race, racism	Myers
Riots	Penn, Lina
Swimming Pool	Richter, Alexander
The Bugle	Rowe, Mary
Vietnam	Wilper
War on Poverty	
Women's Club	

Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript just OK with multiple gaps. Consider having redone.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Woodwell, Stanley (1993)

Name of Narrator(s): Woodwell, Stanley (1916–2003)

Consent Form: Yes

Interview Date(s): 5/24/93; 6/29/93

Name of Interviewer(s): Schwartz, Nancy B.

Brief Biographical Information: Woodwell grew up in Kensington, MD. He married Marie Tenny of Garrett Park in 1937. The couple lived in the Tenny house on Kenilworth Avenue after their marriage. During World War II, Woodwell worked for the telephone company; he later became a real estate agent. Woodwell worked as Town Clerk from 1948 to 1951. He served on the Town Council and as mayor, 1953 to 1960.

Scope of Coverage: 1940s–1970s

Subjects	People
Celebrations, events	Caulkins
Chapel	Chisholm, William “Haile”
Chevy House (or Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Mallory)	Dove
Citizens Association	Duey, Joy
Democratic Party	Hoover, J. Edgar
Development	Hurdle
Garrett Park Estates	Mizell
Holy Cross Church	Modine
House history	Payne, George
Kenilworth Avenue	Payne, Norah
Kensington	Penn, Charles “Charlie”
Mayor	Penn, Lina
McKeever’s Ice Cream	Richter, Alexander
Move to Garrett Park	Sonner
Old Garrett Park Road	Tenny
One-room school	Tenny, Marie
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Archivist Notes: Quality of transcript just OK with multiple gaps.

Available Formats: MS Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3

PastPerfect Reference:

GARRETT PARK ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Zibelli, Louis (1996)

Name of Narrator(s): Zibelli, Louis (1916–2004)

Consent Form: No

Interview Date(s):

Name of Interviewer(s):

Brief Biographical Information:

Scope of Coverage:

Subjects	People
TBD	TBD

Archivist Notes: Transcription needed.

Available Formats: MP3 (No transcript)

PastPerfect Reference:

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