Centennial Celebration Oral Histories 1986-1989
Interviews conducted by Arlene M. Winer ‘54
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Donated 10/16/2001 by Arlene M. Winer ’54: two dozen cassette tapes and transcripts of interviews conducted by Arlene M. Winer (e.g. with various alumnae and President Emeritus Millicent C. McIntosh) for the oral history of Barnard College, dating from the 1980s

Historical Note:
Arlene Winer ’54 initiated and coordinated the Barnard Oral History Project. Although histories of Barnard were published for the 50th and the 75th anniversaries, Winer’s project was meant to be an original, “important resource for scholars and feminists as well as nostalgic alumnae.” Winer first became interested in interviewing while working for WKCR; marriage and children sidetracked her dream career in journalism to teaching American History. In 1985, Winer studied with oral historian Charles Morrissey at a seminar sponsored by the N.Y.S. Historical Association, helping her rediscover her “native talent as an interviewer.” She first envisioned the Barnard Oral History Project under his guidance. In 1988, she took a one-year leave from Byram Hills High School to spend her time on the project, intending to focus mostly on the oldest surviving classes (1920-1925). Regional clubs were interested in holding group sessions to share Barnard memories, though the “main focus of the…project [was] on the compilation of personal, one-on-one interviews with members of the community…” According to her, the “true history of Barnard” is one of “voices,” going beyond “documents and learned works.”

Quotes taken from: Arlene Winer’s notes and article on Barnard Oral History Project, Carole Cook, April 1988

Box 1 (of 1), Folders 1-16
1. Esther Biederman ’31, Research, c. 1985-1987
2. Esther Biederman ’31, Transcript, 12/13/1988, cassette 3
3. Carolyn Agger Fortas ’31, Transcript, 3/13/1989, cassette 1
6. Hannah Falk Hofheimer ’09, Research, c. 1988
10. Millicent C. McIntosh, Transcript, 1/30/1989, cassette 6
11. Florence Samet Rothschild ’08, Transcript, 9/30/1988, cassette 8
12. Elizabeth Man Sarcka ’17, Research, c. 1983-1984
13. Elizabeth Man Sarcka ’17, Transcript, 11/9/1988, cassette 7
15. Dr. Lila Amdurska Wallis ’47, Transcript, 2/6/1989, cassette 2