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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

As background research for a biography of G. Evelyn Hutchinson, pioneer of American ecology and mentor of S. Dillon Ripley, eighth Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Nancy G. Slack conducted oral history interviews with Hutchinson, family members and colleagues during the 1990s. Hutchinson was on several Smithsonian boards and commissions and was a mentor to several Smithsonian researchers. The interviews were recorded on audio cassette and mini-cassette tapes, and deposited in the Smithsonian Institution Archives Oral History Collection. A few of the tapes have been remastered in digital audio for preservation purposes.

Introduction

The Smithsonian Institution Archives (SIA) began its Oral History Program in 1973. The purpose of the program is to supplement the written documentation of the Archives' record and manuscript collections with an Oral History Collection, focusing on the history of the Institution, research by its scholars, and contributions of its staff. Program staff conduct interviews with current and retired Smithsonian staff and others who have made significant contributions to the Institution. There are also reminiscences and interviews recorded by researchers or students on topics related to the history of the Smithsonian or the holdings of the Smithsonian Institution Archives.
Descriptive Entry

The G. Evelyn Hutchinson Interviews include interviews with Myrdene Anderson, Yemaiel Aris, Anna Aschenbach, Anna Bidder, E. J. Browne, Robert Cook, Dian Deevey, Rosemary Dodd, Peter Dodd, M. J. Dunbar, W. T. Edmondson, Yvette H. Edmondson, David George Furth, Eville Gorham, Paul Hutchinson, Dorothea Hutchinson, A. Hutchinson, G. Evelyn Hutchinson, Hannah Hutchinson, Sophie Hutchinson, Penelope Jenkin, Alison Jolly, Susan Soltau Kilham, Alan J. Kohn, Stanley Leavy, Mary Leavy, Estella B. Leopold, Sibyl Marcuse, Clement L. Markert, Ernst Mayr, Ian McLaren, Eric Mills, Jane M. Oppenheimer, Ruth Patrick, Gilbert Poulson, Mary Poulson, Paul Richard, Anne Richard, S. Dillon Ripley, Howard Sanders, Lawrence B. Slobodkin, Sarah Twombly, Peter J. Wangersky, Maxine Watson, and Margaret Wright.

The interviews were recorded by Dr. Nancy G. Slack, professor biology at Russell Sage College and a botanist and historian of science. The interviews focus on reminiscences of G. Evelyn Hutchinson and information about their careers in biology and ecology.

The G. Evelyn Hutchinson Interviews consist of 38 interview sessions, totaling approximately 56 hours of recordings on audiotape cassettes or mini-cassettes. Note that recording times are approximate. The interviews have not been transcribed.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Advisory boards
- Biology
- Botanists
- Ecology
- Environmental sciences
- Interviews
- Oral history
- Science -- History

Types of Materials:
- Audiotapes

Names:
- Anderson, Myrdene, 1934-
- Aris, Yemaiel
- Aschenbach, Anna
- Bidder, Anna
- Browne, E. J. (E. Janet), 1950-
- Cook, Robert
- Deevey, Dian
- Dodd, Peter
- Dodd, Rosemary
- Dunbar, M. J. (Maxwell John), 1914-1995
- Edmondson, Yvette H.
Furth, David George
Gorham, Evile
Hutchinson, A.
Hutchinson, Dorothea
Hutchinson, G. Evelyn (George Evelyn), 1903-1991
Hutchinson, Hannah
Hutchinson, Paul
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Jenkin, Penelope
Jolly, Alison
Kilham, Susan Soltau, 1943-
Kohn, Alan J.
Leavy, Mary
Leavy, Stanley
Leopold, Estella B.
Marcuse, Sibyl
Markert, Clement L. (Clement Lawrence), 1917-1999
Mayr, Ernst, 1904-2005
McLaren, Ian
Mills, Eric
Oppenheimer, Jane M. (Jane Marion), 1911-1996
Patrick, Ruth, 1907-2013
Poulson, Gilbert
Poulson, Mary
Richard, Anne
Ripley, S. Dillon (Sidney Dillon), 1913-2001
Russell Sage College
Sanders, Howard
Slack, Nancy G., interviewer
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Note:

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Interviews

Interview 6: June 20, 1993

Interview of M. J. Dunbar, Max, Hutchinson student and Professor emeritus at McGill University, recorded at the home of Professor Sarah P. Gibbs, in Montreal, Canada.

Interviews

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:

• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interviews

Interview 7: April 30, 1991

Interview of W. T. Edmondson, Hutchinson student and Professor emeritus at the University of Washington, and his wife Yvette Edmondson, recorded at the National Academy of Sciences, in Washington, D.C.

Interviews

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:

• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interviews

Interview 8: April 30, 1991

Interview of Yvette Edmondson, former editor of *Limnology and Oceanography* recorded at the National Academy of Sciences, in Washington, D.C.

Interviews

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:

• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interviews

Interview 9: October 3, 1992

Interview of David Furth, systematic entomologist, formerly at Peabody Museum, Yale University, now at the Smithsonian Institution, recorded at Harvard University.

Interviews

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:

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Interviews

Interview 10: October 6, 1997

Interview of John Gilbert, Hutchinson student and Professor at Dartmouth College, and Mary Poulson, former Hutchinson assistant at Yale, recorded at the Biology Department, Dartmouth College.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.25 hours

Note: • Original Master: 1 74-minute audiotape cassette

Interviews

Interview 11: May 2, 1995

Interview Eville Gorham, biogeochemist and ecologist, Professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, at the University of Minnesota, recorded at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note: • Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interviews

Interview 12: April 25, 1991

Interview of Andrew Hutchinson, Hutchinson's nephew, and Anna Aschenbach, a long-time Hutchinson assistant, recorded at Yale University.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note: • Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interviews

Interview 13: July 26, 1991

Interview of Dorothea Hutchinson, Hutchinson's sister, and Anna Bidder, recorded at Joseph Needham Institute in Cambridge, England.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:45:06 hour

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• Preservation Master: 1 digital .wav file
• Reference Copy: 1 digital .mp3 file

Interviews

Interview 14: July 24, 1991

Interview of Francis Hutchinson, nephew of Hutchinson, and his wife, Joyce, recorded in London, England.
Interviews

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:
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Interview 15: October-November 1990

Interview of G. Evelyn Hutchinson, recorded at Yale University.

Note:
• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 16: January 31, 1991

Interview of Paul Hutchinson, nephew, and Marie Dodd, niece of Hutchinson, recorded in New Haven, Connecticut.

Note:
• Original Master: 1 60-minute audiotape microcassette
• Preservation Master: 1 digital .wav file
• Reference Copy: 1 digital .mp3 file

Interview 17: July 28, 1991

Interview of Hannah Hutchinson, Hutchinson’s sister-in-law and wife of his brother Leslie, and Hannah’s sister Sophie, recorded at Owl Cottage, Isle of Wight, England.

Note:
• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 18: August 5, 1993

Interview of Penelope Jenkin, limnologist and student with Hutchinson at Cambridge University in 1921 to 1925, recorded in Ruthin, North Wales.

Note:
• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 19: March 17, 1993

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Interviews

Interview of Alison Jolly, student of Hutchinson, lemur expert, professor and author, recorded at Russell Sage College, Troy, New York.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:
• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 20: May 8, 1996

Interview of Susan Kilham, professor at Drexel University and wife of Peter Kilham.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:
• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 21: May 3, 1992

Interview of Alan Kohn, a student of Hutchinson's and Professor at the University of Washington, recorded at the Edmondsons’ house in Seattle, Washington.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:
• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 22: September 15, 1991

Interview of Stanley Leavy, M.D. psychiatrist and friend of Hutchinson and his wife Mary, recorded in New Haven, Connecticut.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note:
• Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 23: May 4, 1992

Interview of Estella Leopold, Yale Ph.D. student and Professor at the University of Washington, recorded at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours
Interview 24: August 1, 1991
Interview of Sibyl Marcuse, Sibyl, authority on musical instruments, formerly at Yale, recorded in San Francisco.
Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours
Note: Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 25: April 24, 1991
Interview of Clement Markert, former chairman of the Yale University Biology Department in 1965, recorded at Yale University.
Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours
Note: Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 26: April 4, 1994
Interview of Ernst Mayr, Professor Emeritus at Harvard, recorded at the Harvard University Faculty Club.
Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:40:59 hour
Note: Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette
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Interview 27: August 21, 1996
Interview of Ian McLaren, a student of Hutchinson and Professor at Dalhousie University, recorded at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.
Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours
Note: Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

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Interview of Lawrence B. Slobodkin, Hutchinson's student and Professor at the State University of New York at Stonybrook, recorded at a Long Island, New York restaurant.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note: • Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 34: May 30, 1992

Interview of Sarah Twombly, who received her Ph.D. from Yale and became a Professor at the University of Rhode Island, recorded in Rhode Island.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note: • Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 35: November 6, 2000

Interview of Peter Wangersky, a student of Hutchinson's and Professor at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia and the University of Victoria, British Columbia, recorded at Victoria, British Columbia.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note: • Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 36: April 4, 1991

Interview of Maxine Watson, student of Hutchinson and Professor at the University of Indiana.

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours

Note: • Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

Interview 37: November 29, 1996
Interviews

Interview of Margaret Wright, a former Yale University Ph.D. student and Professor emerita, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, recorded in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Interviews

Audio Recording of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.5 hours
Note: • Original Master: 1 90-minute audiotape cassette

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Interview 38: August 2, 1993

Interviews

Interview of E. Janet Browne, historian of science.
Note: • Total recording time: 0:35:58 hour

Interviews

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