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**Barrett, Barbara Eato** (1923 - ). Child-minder. *See also* **Bisserup, June Eato**.

Family genealogy and Indian ancestry; growing up in Port Washington, early 1900s; migration from the South, 1903; family traditions: cooking, recreation, superstitions, rug-making; work; religious practices.

Reminiscences of: Sam Eato, Mary Louise Eato, David Eato, Kate Griffin.

*14 pages. Open. Interviewer - Elly Shodell. 1985.*

**Biddle, Gerald** (1935 - 1996). Businessman.

Family ancestry; genealogy; roots in Port Washington dating back to 1700s; Biddies' occupations, education, religion; integration in Port Washington, 1950s-present; home ownership by blacks; Port Washington Fire Department; party politics, 1950s-present; baseball, early 1900s-present.

Reminiscences of: Minnie Biddle, the Dumpson family.

*24 pages. Open. Interviewer - Elly Shodell. 1980.*

**Biddle, Marjorie** (1904 - 2002). Private nurse. *See also* **Longworth, Florence Biddle**.

Family genealogy, Indian ancestors; growing up in Port Washington in the early 1900s: schools, recreation, family traditions and celebrations; parents' occupations; influence of religion: Old Free Church (established 1858), camp meetings, Mt. Olive Church, 1920s-present; effects of Depression on family; Mrs. Longworth's marriage, 1922; work experiences of black women in Port Washington, 1920s-present; race relations in Port Washington; differences between Southern and Northern blacks.

Reminiscences of: William Biddle, Minnie Biddle, Mary Veit.

*70 pages. Open. Interviewer - Glenderlyn Johnson. 1981.*

**Biddle, Minnie** (1870-1971). Midwife. *With* **Lacey, Daisy Miles**.

Indian heritage of Port Washington; topography of Port Washington, late 19th century; early farms, e.g. Mitchell, Brown, Cocks; working on the big estates; Italian and Jewish immigration to Port, early 1900s; church and school.

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Reminiscences of: Dame Baxter, Solomon Cocks, the Jenkins family, Mitchells, McKees.

Interview courtesy of Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society.

*18 pages. Open. Interviewers - James Salerno and Jean Wood. 1964.*

**Bisserup, June Eato** (1917 - ). Nurse.

*Tape only - 40 minutes. Open. Interviewer - Elly Shodell. 1985.*

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**Blount, John Morgan** (1899 -1985). Mason.

Family migration from Georgia to Port Washington, early 1900s; father's job at livery stable on Main Street; blacks and whites together at Main Street School; Port Washington Colored Stars, 1920s-: members of team, travels, fund-raising, mascots; Mill Pond model boat races, 1930s and 1940s; Ida Townsend's tea room; Bayles' Corner dances; beer gardens; job history; Zion Baptist Church and baptism in the Bay; ethnic interactions, Poles and Italians.

Reminiscences of: Garfield Bailey, Daisy Miles.

*23 pages. Open. Interviewer - Glenderlyn Johnson. 1981.*

**Dumpson, Dorothy** (1901 -1991). Dayworker.

Childhood in Port Washington: growing up in Baxter house, early schooling, childhood illnesses, games; family life: siblings, recreation, holidays, relationship with Phoebe Dumpson; Indian ancestry; recollections of early buildings in Port Washington; first black businesses, 1910s; Mt. Olive Church; cemeteries on Long Island; first automobile in Port

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Washington; the naming of Port Washington; Great Depression; domestic work experiences; black labor; Italian and Jewish newcomers to Port, early 1900s.

*45 pages. Open. Interviewer - Glenderlyn Johnson. 1981.*

**Goode, Hubert** (1905 -1987). Taxicab driver.

Arrival in Port Washington, 1917; living and working conditions at Smull and Eagle family homes; Mount Zion Church; economic development of Port Washington; start of Lewis Oil; Colored Stars baseball team; reflections on black-white relations in Port since 1920s.

*27 pages. Open. Interviewer - Glenderlyn Johnson. 1981.*

**Lacey, Daisy Miles** (1890 -1980). Dayworker. *See also Biddle, Minnie.*

Indian heritage of Port Washington; topography of Port Washington, late 19th century; early farms, e.g. Mitchell, Brown, Cocks; working on the big estates; Italian and Jewish immigration to Port, early 1900s; church and school.

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### **Littig House Family Reunion**

Transcript of gala family gathering held in conjunction with the opening of the Port Washington Public Library exhibition, "It Looks Like Yesterday to Me."

Bill Dumpson, Gerald Biddle, Dorothy Dumpson, Laurence Durnpson, Gloria (Veit) Swain and others.

*3 pages. Open. 1981.*

**Longworth, Florence Biddle** (1898 - 2000). Housewife.

Courtship and marriage, 1910s; home on Valley Road; child-bearing; prayer meetings, Old Free Church, 1910s; picnics, Dodge Grove, 1920s; winter sports in Port Washington; death of Mr. Thomas Longworth, 1959.

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Reminiscences of: Phoebe Dumpson.

*26 pages. Open. Interviewer - Glenderlyn Johnson. 1981.*

(Also interviewed in Newsday, December 5, 1999.)

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*70 pages. Open. Interviewer - Glenderlyn Johnson. 1981.*

**Nixon, Beatrice Armstrong** (1901 - c.1988). Housewife.

Coming to Glen Cove from the South in 1928, to Port Washington in 1947; husband's occupations; Union Burying Society; children's schooling and careers; recreational activities.

*11 pages. Open. Interviewer - Glenderlyn Johnson. 1981.*

**Phillips, Clarence** (1892 - ). Gardener.

Birth in Camden, New Jersey; early years at West Jersey Orphanage for Destitute Colored Children, 1896-1905; foster family, South Woodstown, New Jersey, 1905-10; work and school experiences, Hampton Institute, 1910-15; singing lessons, New York City, 1920s; arrival in Port Washington, 1926; jobs in Port, 1920s-50s: gardener, landscaper, waiter, bartender; memories of father and foster father; religious experiences.

*110 pages. Open. Interviewer - Elly Shodell. 1981.*

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**Russell, Ella Beatrice** (1907 - ). School teacher.

Growing up on the Hewlett Homestead; family life, parents' gardening and domestic work; sports and recreation; graduation, Port Washington High School, 1926; teaching career: Cheyney State (Pa.), New York City school system, 1950s-70s; Mt. Olive Church; social activities; prominent blacks in Port Washington's history.

Reminiscences of: the Hewletts.

*34 pages. Open. Interviewer - Glenderlyn Johnson. 1981.*

**Saulter, Ethel** (1913 - ). Secretary.

Childhood and schooling in Port Washington; father, Thomas Calvert's, career, 1910s-50s; occupations, religion and political involvement; work at Publisher's Clearinghouse; old Port landmarks and businesses; marriage to Lloyd Saulter, 1937.

Reminiscences of: Daisy Miles, Elizabeth Henderson (mother), Charlie Calvert.

*31 pages. Open. Interviewer - Elly Shodell. 1981.*

**Simpkins, John, Jr.** (1965 - ). Law school student.

Short history of Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church (Port Washington, N.Y.); role of the Biddle and Eato families in church activities.

*7 pages. Open. Interviewer - Elly Shodell. 1985.*

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