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## **Guide to the Cooperative Nursery School Movement of Southern California Oral History Project Collection**

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**Extent:** 0.62 linear feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1976

**Abstract:** The Cooperative Nursery School Movement of Southern California Oral History Project consists of eight interviews representing a cross-section of parents, teacher, and directors who were closely associated with the co-op nursery school movement beginning as early as 1947. These oral interviews document first-hand accounts of local developments and provide insight into the educational philosophies and practices that helped to shape its significance as a national movement.

**Language of Material:** English

**Historical Note:**

The library created this collection of materials for study and research.

**Scope and Contents**

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The project was conducted by Rose Selesnick, then Director of the Crestwood Hills Co-op Nursery School in Los Angeles, California, and a Masters Degree candidate at California State University, Northridge. The interviews were conducted in the homes of the interviewees in the Spring of 1976.

The collection is divided into two series, **Audio Recordings** (1976) and **Transcriptions** (1976). Interviews are recorded onto 7 inch reel-to-reel tapes. Transcriptions of the oral histories are bound in a single volume.

**Arrangement of Materials:**

Series I: Audio Recordings, 1976

Series II: Transcriptions, 1976

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Documents

Audiovisual materials

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**Series I: Audio Recordings, 1976**

Box 1, Item 1

**Brown, Margaret and Betty Sumnicht, 1976 April 3**

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**Cloke, Shirley, 1976 May 4**

Box 1, Item 3

**Harmon, Fanny, 1976 March 10**

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**Lampert, Ruth, 1976 March 27**

Box 1, Item 5	<b>Senelick, Harriet, 1976 April 7</b>
Box 1, Item 6	<b>Troup, Kathy, 1976 March 17</b>
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**Series II: Transcriptions, 1976**

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Box 2, Item 2	<b>Varon, Mae</b>
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