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# W. Eben Burr Oral History Project Ms B112

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

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### Repository

Fairfield Museum and History Center

### Creator

various

### Title

W. Eben Burr Oral History Project

### ID

Ms B112

### Date [inclusive]

1958-2005

### Extent

5.5 Linear feet

### General Physical Description note

(11 boxes, 71 tapes)

### Language

English

### Abstract

This collection contains taped interviews with residents of Fairfield, CT spanning 1958-2005.

### ***Preferred Citation note***

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Fairfield Museum and History Center, Fairfield, Connecticut.



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## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE**

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This collection consists of 71 taped interviews with Fairfield residents from 1958-2005. The interviewees discuss their family background as well as their childhood memories of Fairfield. Also discussed are occupations, membership in clubs (Grange, Boy Scouts, Fairfield Sportsman and the Southport Garden Club), and leisure activities.

Other key topics consist of stories related to the section of town in which the interviewees lived (Southport, the Beach area, Mill Plain, Samp Mortar, Black Rock, Grasmere, Barlow Plain, Sasco Hill, Post Road, Stratfield, the Fairfield University area and Greenfield Hill) as well as personal or family experiences there.

Some subjects explored more in depth include real estate and development (Nicholas Fingelly) and small business (Angelina Mercurio, co-owner of Mercurio's Grocery). Other major topics: boating and sailing, banking and finance, farming and gardening, the Fire and Police departments, historical sites, manufacturing, medicine, politics and town government, religion and churches, and Fairfield public and private education.

Each tape has a signed release form and a transcript for each interview through tape number 45. The finding aid is arranged alphabetically by last name.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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### ***Publication Information***

Fairfield Museum and History Center  
370 Beach Rd.  
Fairfield, CT  
203-259-1598

### ***Conditions Governing Access note***

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.



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## **Conditions Governing Use note**

Use of the material requires compliance with the Fairfield Museum and History Center regulations.

## **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

This collection was donated by Eben Burr.

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## **CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS**

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### ***Personal Name(s)***

- Burr, William E. (William Eben), 1901-1996

### ***Subject(s)***

- Fairfield (Conn.)--History
- Oral history--United States.