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#### **Descriptive Summary**

Title: Glenna Matthews Oral History Collection

Dates: 1986-2000 Bulk Dates: 1998-2000

Collection number: MSS-2010-05-11

Creator: Matthews, Glenna

**Collection Size:** 4 custom boxes, 2.29 linear feet **Repository:** San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The Glenna Matthews Oral History Collection, 1986-2000 (bulk 1998-2000), consists of thirty-seven oral history interviews and transcriptions. Historian, Glenna Matthews, conducted these interviews as part of the research for her book, *Silicon Valley, Women, and the California Dream: Gender, Class, and Opportunity in the Twentieth Century* (2003). Matthews' study originated from her dissertation, which she completed at Stanford in the 1970s. She extended her original research on Santa Clara County in the Great Depression to include the transformation of the "Valley of the Hearts Delight"-reflecting the agricultural roots of the region-to become known as the "Silicon Valley," from mid-century to the present. The focus of this work is on the social and economic history of the region, with a specific focus on women workers. She documented the workforce during the agricultural hey-day through the modern era of high-tech industries. The book and the oral interviews demonstrate how poor and immigrant women have shouldered the work production, while making the lowest wages.

Moreover, the oral histories provide primary sources that document the diverse experiences of individuals living in this region, while providing the historical context for understanding the sweeping changes that produced the Silicon Valley. The collection consists of audio cassette tapes, transcriptions, and select release forms from the interviewers. The interviews include: Bacon, David; Batchet, Robert; Brownstein,

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Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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#### **Processing Information**

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#### **Project Information**

This finding aid was created as part of the Survey and Cataloging Project, a two-year San José State University Library grant project funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The project began in 2008. The Project Director is Danelle Moon. The Project Archivist is Erin Louthen.

#### **Project History**

Dr. Glenna Matthews, historian, received her B.A. from San José State University in 1969 and in 1977 she received her Ph.D. from Stanford University. Matthews is the author of several books on the history of U.S. women. Among her major publications are *Silicon Valley, Women, and the California Dream: Gender, Class, and Opportunity in the Twentieth Century* (2003), *Rise of Public Woman: Woman's Power and Woman's Place, 1630-1970* (1992), and "*Just a Housewife*": *The Rise and Fall of Domesticity in America* (1987). Matthews has worked as an associate professor at Oklahoma State University and a visiting associate professor at Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley and Los Angeles. In addition, Matthews also served as the principal consultant for an award-winning documentary about historian Angie Debo.

#### **Bibliography**

Matthews, Glenna. Silicon Valley, Women, and the California Dream: Gender, Class, Opportunity in the Twentieth Century (Stanford University Press, 1997).

#### **Related Material**

Bay Area Second Wave Feminist Oral History Project, MSS-2006-06-30, San José State University Archives Collection.

Diana McKenna Papers. San José State University Archives Collection. <a href="http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt767nc8vv">http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt767nc8vv</a>

Janet Gray Hayes Papers. San José State University Archives Collection. <a href="http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt4v19r0fx">http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt4v19r0fx</a>

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#### Arrangement

This collection is arranged into a single series: Series I. The Glenna Matthews Oral History Collection, 1986-2000 (bulk 1998-2000).

#### **Subject Headings**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Matthews, Glenna

Agriculture -- California -- Santa Clara Valley (Santa Clara County) -- History

California -- Santa Clara Valley -- Politics and Government

Women in technology -- California -- Santa Clara Valley (Santa Clara County)

Women computer industry employees -- California -- Santa Clara Valley (Santa Clara County)

Women -- Political activity -- California

Santa Clara Valley (Santa Clara County, Calif.) -- Politics and government

#### Series I: The Glenna Matthews Oral History Collection, 1986-2000 (bulk 1998-2000)

Physical Description: 4 boxes

**Series Scope and Content Summary** 

In Silicon Valley, Women, and the California Dream: Gender, Class, and Opportunity in the Twentieth Century, Matthews focused on gender, race, and class to examine the development of the Silicon Valley's labor history. The oral histories in the collection document the experiences of fruit-cannery workers, high-tech industry workers, union organizers, and a number of female politicians that formed part of the "Feminist Capital" period of politics in the Silicon Valley.

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Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by last name.

Box 1	Transcriptions: Bacon - Lofgren, 1986-2000
Box 2	Audio Cassette Tapes: Bacon - Lofgren, 2006-2008
Box 3	Audio Cassette Tapes: Manan - Zimmerman, 2006-2008
Box 4	Transcriptions: Manan - Zimmerman, Release forms, 2006-2008