

**A GUIDE TO THE ARCHIVES OF
THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS**

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The National Federation of Community Broadcasters (NFCB) is a national, grass-roots, non-profit organization which has served non-commercial community-based radio stations since 1975. There are currently some 170 stations, producers, and organizations in the membership of NFCB, representing diverse communities from remote regions of Alaska to densely populated cities, in markets ranging from Native American reservations to large metropolitan areas.

Community broadcasters first met as a group in the summer of 1973 in Seattle, Washington. Only a half dozen community licensed stations were on the air at that time. Representatives from those stations, as well as representatives of another dozen groups interested in building stations, were present.

Two years later, the National Alternative Radio Conference (NARC) convened in Madison, Wisconsin. Representatives of some 40 community broadcast organizations gathered to discuss the future of community radio. The group agreed upon the need for a national organization to represent community broadcasters. Only through such an organization could community stations have a voice in national policy concerning noncommercial broadcasting. Several months later, the National Federation of Community Broadcasters was founded. Tom Thomas and Terry Clifford were named to head the new organization, and Bill Thomas was confirmed as head of the cooperative program exchange service. Thomas and Clifford opened NFCB's national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

NFCB's initial mission was to develop training manuals for stations, to help stations obtain FCC licenses, to promote the participation of minorities and women at all levels of public broadcasting, and to establish the Program Exchange, a sharing of programming tapes among member stations. Since then, the organization's mission has expanded to promote the ideals and role of community radio in the public broadcasting system, to assist and advocate for the successful operation and funding of local stations and projects, and to facilitate the production of high quality and innovative programming from diverse sources.

In the late seventies and early eighties, community radio expanded rapidly. NFCB grew along with community radio, soon reaching a membership of 75 stations and broadcasting groups. The Public Radio Legal Handbook and AudioCraft, a production training manual, were published in the late seventies. NFCB was instrumental in bringing people of color into community radio in the early eighties. It organized the first Minority Producers Conference in 1982. NFCB also assisted in the development of national policies to enhance local community stations by helping to make it possible for non-National Public Radio (NPR) stations to receive grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

During the eighties, NFCB experienced several changes in administration. In 1984, NFCB President Tom Thomas and Vice-President Terry Clifford both resigned. Later that year, Carol Schatz, former general manager of Bethel Broadcasting in Alaska, became the second president of NFCB. The new president came to NFCB when the organization and many of its member stations were struggling with internal conflicts and financial crises. NFCB survived this

period, though staff was reduced from nine full-time employees to four. The Program Exchange was also eliminated.

In the fall of 1986, Schatz resigned. An outside consultant was hired to evaluate NFCB's situation. The consultant described NFCB's future as "in doubt". Lynn Chadwick was chosen as the next president of NFCB in 1987. The period between 1987 and 1990 was a time of reorganization and redefinition for the organization. Due to financial problems, NFCB operated with as few as two staff members at times. In 1987, the NFCB Steering Committee was eliminated and the NFCB Board of Directors was formed.

By 1991, NFCB's financial and operational recovery was well underway. Since then, NFCB has once again become a strong, stable voice for community broadcasters. The organization's membership reached 100 in March of 1994, and has continued to grow. NFCB developed The Healthy Station Project, which was designed to support and create successful local stations. In 1995, the national headquarters of NFCB was relocated from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco, California, where the organization combined operations with Western Public Radio.

The National Federation of Community Broadcasters continues to serve its member stations. The NFCB staff is dedicated to representing the views of the membership in such national arenas as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Federal Communication Commission, and Congress. NFCB provides information and referral services in all aspects of community broadcasting. Several publications are available through NFCB, including a monthly newsletter. NFCB also hosts an Annual Community Radio Conference, where station representatives can receive training in several areas of broadcasting and can take advantage of networking opportunities.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Archives of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters includes material from 1975 to 1994, with the bulk of the material dating between 1979 and 1989. Materials in this collection include articles, audio tape cassettes, audio tape reels, correspondence, fliers, legal documents, newsletters, newspapers, pamphlets, papers, press releases, program guides, publications, and reports. A large part of the collection consists of NFCB member station files and materials concerning NFCB's program exchange service.

The Archives of NFCB is divided into the following series:

- Series 1: Administrative Files
- Series 2: Member Stations
- Series 3: Program Service
- Series 4: Publications
- Series 5: Community Radio

PROVENANCE

The Archives of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters was donated to the National Public Broadcasting Archives, University of Maryland Libraries by Lynn Chadwick in December of 1993 and May of 1994.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1: Administrative Files, 1976-1994 (0.75 lin. ft.)

This series contains the administrative files of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters. This includes internal records, such as annual reports, correspondence, and employee information. Also included are NFCB press releases, NFCB testimony concerning public telecommunications legislation, and NFCB conference materials. Twelve cassette tapes of NFCB Award Ceremonies are also included in this series [located in box 12]. Files are arranged alphabetically, and tapes are arranged chronologically when a date is available.

Series 2: Member Stations, 1975-1989 (16.75 lin. ft.)

This series consists of the files that NFCB kept on each of its member stations. Although the material in each folder varies according to the information sent by the station to NFCB, folders may contain station program guides, newsletters, schedules, annual reports, and other materials. Also included in this series are two 4" audio reels [located in box 16]. Files are arranged in the following manner: letter sized folders and oversized folders are separated, then arranged alphabetically according to station call letters.

Series 3: Program Service, 1975-1984 (7.0 lin. ft.)

This series documents NFCB's program exchange service. Program catalogues, program newsletters, sales records for a book on program resources, and program listings are all included. Series 3 also contains numerous audio cassettes and audio reels [located in boxes 12 through 16]. Files and audio tapes are arranged alphabetically.

Series 4: Publications, 1975-1987 (0.75 lin. ft.)

As part of its service to community broadcasters, NFCB made available many publications. This series contains several such publications, including NFCB's Community Radio Planning Project Report, NFCB Legal Handbook, and the NFCB newsletter. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically.

Series 5: Community Radio, 1976-1984, n.d. (.75 lin. ft.)

This series contains articles, papers, and reports concerning community radio in general

that NFCB collected. Included are papers on the origin and growth of community radio. Several of the reports address the formation of the NFCB and its role in community broadcasting. Folders are arranged alphabetically by title of paper.

BOX INVENTORY

SERIES 1: ADMINISTRATIVE FILES

Box	Folder	
1	1	Activity Plan/Budget/Annual Report, 1978,1984
	2	Conferences, 1976-1985
	3	Correspondence, 1983
	4	Minority Affairs
	5	NFCB: Employee Info.-Misc., 1980
	6	NFCB Fliers and Pamphlets
	7	NFCB Minority Ownership Workshops, September 1980
	8	Press Releases, 1983-1989
9-11		Public Telecommunications Legislation-NFCB Testimony and Related Materials, 1977-1981 (3f)
	12	Recommendations for NFCB, July 1980
	13	Satellite: SYNAPSE Project, 1977
	14	UNESCO Conference of 1977
	15	1994 Community Radio Program Award Finalists

SERIES 2: MEMBER STATIONS

	16	KALW [San Francisco, CA], 1987-1988
	17	KBBI [Homer, AK], 1984-1986
	18	KBRW [Barrow, AK], 1985
	19	KCSB [Santa Barbara, CA], 1985-1987
	20	KEYA [Belcourt, ND], 1980-1982
	21	KFCF [Fresno, CA], 1977-1981
	22	KGNU [Boulder, CO], 1977-1987
	23	KHNS [Haines, AK], 1984-1985
	24	KHSU [Arcata, CA], 1987
	25	KHUM [Denver, CO], 1976-1978
	26	KKFI [Kansas City, MO], 1978-1988
	27	KKUP [Cupertino, CA], 1981-1984
	28	KMUD [Garberville, CA], 1987-1988
	29	KMXT [Kodiak, AK], 1980-1988
	30	KPRN [Grand Junction, CO], 1988
	31	KSER [Seattle, WA], 1988
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| 1 | 32 | KSKO [McGrath, AK], 1987-1989 |
| | 33 | KSJV [Fresno, CA], 1981-1985 |
| | 34 | KTAD [St. Louis, MO], 1986 |
| | 35 | KUNC [Greeley, CO], 1985-1987 |
| | 36 | KXCI [Tuscon, AZ], 1982-1985 |
| | 37 | KXCR [El Paso, TX], 1985-1987 |
| | 38 | KYUK [Bethel, AK], 1985-1987 |
| | 39 | KZYY [Philo, CA], 1988 |
| | 40 | WBJC [Baltimore, MD], 1988 |
| | 41 | WCSB [Cleveland, OH], 1984-1986 |
| | 42 | WDNA [Miami, FL], 1981-1983 |
| | 43 | WECI [Richmond, IN], 1985-1989 |
| | 44 | WEVO [Concord, NH], 1979-1980 |
| | 45 | WFAC [Columbus, OH], 1976 |
| | 46 | WFUV [Bronx, NY], 1987-1988 |
| | 47 | WGTB [Washington, D.C.], 1975-1976 |
| | 48 | WJFF [Jeffersonville, NY], 1988-1989 |
| | 49 | WJSU [Jackson, MS], 1986 |
| | 50 | WLCC [Lansing, MI], 1985-1988 |
| | 51 | WLVN [Derby, CN], 1975-1977 |
| | 52 | WNKU [Highland Heights, KY], 1985-1988 |
| | 53 | WMNF [Tampa, FL], 1980-1988 |
| | 54 | WMMT [Whitesburg, KY], 1987-1988 |
| | 55 | WOBC [Oberlin, OH], 1986 |
| | 56 | WRKF [Baton Rouge, LA], 1981-1983 |
| | 57 | WRPI [Troy, NY], 1985-1988 |
| | 58 | WUMB [Boston, MA], 1985-1988 |
| | 59 | WUSB [Stony Brook, NY], 1985-1989 |
| | 60 | WVSU [Birmingham, AL], 1986 |
| | 61 | WWOZ [New Orleans, LA], 1980-1983 |
| | 62 | WWUH [West Hartford, CN], 1986-1988 |
| 2 | 1 | KABF [Little Rock, AR], 1984-1986 |
| | 2 | KANZ [Dodge City, KS], 1978-1984 |
| | 3 | KAOS [Olympia, WA], 1976-1988 |
| | 4 | KAXE [Grand Rapids, MN], 1978-1985 |
| | 5 | KAZU [Pacific Grove, CA], 1979-1984 |
| | 6 | KBBF [Santa Rosa, CA], 1975-1980 |
| | 7 | KBFT [Browning, MT], 1984-1985 |
| 2 | 8 | KBOO [Portland, OR], 1976-1987 |
| 3 | 1 | KCAW [Sitka, AK], 1983-1987 |
| | 2 | KCBX [San Luis Obispo, CA], 1975 |
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| 3 | 3 | KCHU [Dallas, TX], 1975-1977 |
| | 4 | KDHX [St. Louis, MO], 1978-1989 |
| | 5 | KDNA [St. Louis, MO], 1971-1976 |
| | 6 | KDNK [Carbondale, CO], 1984-1989 |
| | 7 | KESP [Eureka Springs, AR], 1980 |
| | 8 | KFAI [Minneapolis, MN] 1978-1987 |
| | 9 | KFSK [Petersburg, AK], 1981-1984 |
| | 10 | KMPO [Modesto, CA], 1983-1985 |
| | 11 | KMUN [Astoria, OR], 1982-1988 |
| | 12 | KNON [Dallas, TX], 1983-1986 |
| 4 | 1 | KOPN [Columbia, MO], 1973-1985 |
| | 2 | KOTO [Telluride, CO], 1976-1985 |
| | 3 | KPCW [Park City, UT], 1980-1984 |
| | 4 | KPFA [Berkeley, CA], 1975-1988 (1) |
| | 5 | KPFA [Berkeley, CA], 1975-1988 (2) |
| 5 | 1 | KPFK [Los Angeles, CA], 1978-1988 |
| | 2 | KPFT [Houston, TX], 1973-1983 |
| | 3 | KRAB [Seattle, WA], 1973-1984 |
| | 4 | KRBD [Ketchikan, AK], 1979-1987 |
| | 5 | KRCL [Salt Lake City, UT], 1981-1988 |
| | 6 | KSHI [Sun Valley, ID], 1983 |
| | 7 | KTAO [Los Gatos, CA], 1971-1973 |
| 6 | 1 | KTOO [Juneau, AK], 1974-1988 |
| | 2 | KUBO [Salinas, CA], 1980-1984 |
| | 3 | KUFW [Keene, CA], 1983 |
| | 4 | KUMD [Duluth, MN], 1985-1987 |
| | 5 | KUSP [Santa Cruz, CA], 1978-1984 |
| | 6 | KUVO [Denver, CO], 1984-1985 |
| | 7 | KVMR [Nevada City, CA], 1981-1988 |
| | 8 | KVNF [Paonia, CO], 1979-1984 |
| | 9 | KZUM [Lincoln, NE], 1977-1989 |
| 7 | 1 | WAIF [Cincinnati, OH], 1975-1982 |
| | 2 | WBAI [New York, NY], 1978-1988 |
| | 3 | WCUW [Worcester, MA], 1976-1988 (1) |
| 7 | 4 | WCUW [Worcester, MA], 1976-1988 (2) |
| | 5 | WDCB [Glen Ellyn, IL], 1986-1987 |
| | 6 | WEFT [Champaign, IL], 1980-1985 |

Box Folder

- 8 1 WEVL [Memphis, TN], 1976-1983
- 2 WOBO [Batavia, OH], 198?-1989
- 3 WOJB [Hayward, WI], 1982-1989
- 4 WOMR [Provincetown, MA], 1981-1989
- 5 WORT [Madison, WI], 1975-1989
- 6 WPFW [Washington, D.C.], 1977-1987
- 7 WRUW [Cleveland, OH], 1984-1987

- 9 1 WRFG [Atlanta, GA], 1974-1989
- 2 WVMR [Marlinton, WV], 1979
- 3 WXPB [Philadelphia, PA], 1979-1981
- 4 WXPR [Rhineland, WI], 1980-1987
- 5 WYEP [Pittsburgh, PA], 1974-1982
- 6 WYSO [Yellow Springs, OH], 1974-1989

SERIES 3: PROGRAM SERVICE

- 10 1 Catalogue-Masters
- 2 Catalogue-Pre-NFCB
- 3-6 Catalogue, 1976-1979 (4f)
- 7 Catalogue-Index
- 8 Fast Forward, 1978-1980
- 9-10 Producers Classified Listing-Comprehensive (2f)
- 11 Sound Choice Program Fliers-Comprehensive
- 12-13 Sourcetap Sales Records (2f)
- 14 1975-1977 NFCB Program Listings
- 15-18 1978-1981 NFCB Program Listings (4f)
- 19-20 1982-1983 Program Distribution Listings (2f)
- 21 1984 Program Listings-Comprehensive

SERIES 4: PUBLICATIONS

- 11 1-2 Community Radio Planning Project: The Community Station, July 1980 (2f)
- 3 Contact No. 1-Engineers, Spring 1977
- 4 NFCB Legal Handbook 1977
- 5-6 NFCB Legal Handbook 1979 (2f)
- 7-19 NFCB Newsletter: Volume 1-13, 1975-1987 (13f)
- 20 NFCB News, April 1989
- 21 Reprint Possibilities-Originals

SERIES 5: COMMUNITY RADIO

Box	Folder	
11	22	Another Public's Radio?-Bruce Bergethon, May 1980
	23	Broadcasting! That Community Radio Board Game, 1979
	24	Community Communications-John Carpenter, February 1981
	25	Community Radio Articles, 1976-1981
	26	A. Michael Esserman: "The Association for Research and Knowledge", "Making Print and Sound Idea", "A Proposal for Comprehensive Taping Group"
	27-29	Growth and Change in Community Radio 1950-1980-Bruce L. Bergethon, 1982 (3f)
	30	Listener-Supported Radio: A Case Study-Robert Lee Maril
	31	Obscenity, 1985-1986
	32	Panel #1-Community Radio: Is It An Alternative?
	33	A Portrait of the Origins of Community Access Radio-V. Tobi Kanter
	34	Social Constraints and the Production of Alternative Media-Herman Gray, August 1984
	35	Untitled History of Public Radio

[Audio Tape Cassettes]

SERIES 1: ADMINISTRATIVE FILES [CONT'D]

12	1	NFCB Awards 7/9/83
	2	Opening Remarks 8/15/84
	3	1984 Rewards
	4	1986 NFCB Community Radio
	5	Members Meeting 7/24/86 - Awards
	6	NFCB Awards '93
	7	New York Kids Acceptance
	8	Watkins/Jenny/Lorenzo Lunch
	9	Awards Banquet Sides 1-2
	10	Awards Banquet Side 3
	11	Entry Tape NFCB Awards
	12	NFCB Awards

SERIES 3: PROGRAM SERVICE [CONT'D]

13	An Acceptable Level of Violence
14	Accordion Promo
15	AIDS Awareness Day
16	Alvin Ailey - Reflections and Revelations
17	American Indian Lesbians: A Portrait in the Twin Cities
18	America's Back 40

Box	Item	
12	19	Animals and Other Stories
	20-21	Anishinaabe: A Celebration of the First Americans (2f)
	22	Ballot 9
	23	The Bernstein Legacy
	24	Beyond Boundaries
	25	Beyond War/Living in a Sustainable World
	26	The Black Hills: A Lakota Vision Part 4
	27	Bob Kaufman, Poet
	28	Buddy Holly
	29	Call It a Proper Home
	30	Call to Conscience
	31	Celebrating Ellington
	32	Centerfield/World Series
	33	City Desk/Film at Eleven
	34	Coming from America
	35-36	Contragate: The Secret Team Part 1 & 2
	37	Conversations in the Arts: Anthony Sloan Talks with Lynn Arriale, Piano Player
	38	Countdown in the Gulf: War or Peace? A National Teach-In
	39	Country Plus
13	1	Cowboys
	2	David Duke
	3	Days of Awe: Music for the Jewish High Holidays
	4	The Death Penalty and the Execution of Robert Alton Harris
	5	Does Mother Earth Have AIDS?
	6	The Dog Spent Boxing Day in Cincinnati
	7	Don't Waste the West
	8	Dreams/The Flight of Lindbergh
	9	Driving Us Crazy: Women in Transit
	10	East Timor News: Goodman and Nairn
	11	Elder Abuse: America's Silent Tragedy
	12	Energy Warp
	13	50 Ways to Leave the White House
	14	Five Fathom Rip
	15	Gaydreams
	16	Glass Ceiling to the Stars
	17	The Golden Leaf
	18	Governor Hunt's Conviction
	19	High Plains News Service
	20	Homeless, Not Helpless
	21	Housing Now: Journey Home
	22	Ice Floe Baseball League Marathon Pitch
	23	I'm Gonna Let it Shine

Box	Item	
13	24	An Intimate Portrait of Race in Boston
	25	Jungles of Memory
	26	Kid's Beat
	27	Kid's Corner
	28	KYUK PSA's
	29	Lake Superior Zero Discharge: What's at Stake?
	30	Lakutshon Ilanga
	31	Language of a Lonely Man
	32	The Last Game Show Episodes 1-2
	33	The Last Game Show Episodes 3-4
	34	Line in the Sand
	35	Live Coverage of the AIDS Summit
	36	Live Coverage of President Clinton's Forest Conference
	37	Living in a Satirical World
	38	Louisiana Toxic
14	1	Marathon Ragtime Show
	2	Margaret Jean: A Radio Portrait
	3	Mario Bauza
	4	Masters of Traditional Music
	5	Mending the Hoop
	6	Menopause
	7	Mozart's Last Symphony
	8	Mr. Mayer's is Missing
	9	National Native News Service
	10-11	Necy's Dilemma Tape 1 & 2
	12	New Orleans Live!
	13	New Orleans '93!
	14	New Voices
	15	New York Kids
	16	The Nkenge Zole Program
	17	North Carolina Public Radio: Fundraiser Promos
	18	Oiled Harvest
	19	Ole Time Religion
	20	Old Traditions - New Sounds
	21	Pacifica's Town Hall Tape
	22	A Pearl Harbor Remembrance
	23	Places Like This: Women in Prison
	24	Poisoned Waters: Alaska Natives and the Oil Spill
	25	The Privacy Project
	26	PSA Campaigns
	27	Push Button Magic
	28	Radio Free Delmarva

Box	Item	
14	29	Remembering Stonewall
	30	Rizzo Death News Special
	31	Rounder Records Live
	32	\$72 Solution
	33	Short Eyes
	34	The Sierra Madre Earthquake
	35	Solid State University
	36	A Song for Wounded Knee
	37	The Souter Hearings
15	1	Sugar on the Floor
	2	Telluride
	3	Terra Infirmia
	4	Thanksgiving: A Way of Life
	5	That Was the War That Was
	6	This Way Out - Distributed 8/12/91
	7	This Way Out - Distributed 10/7/91
	8	This Way Out - Gays and Lesbians React to Wilson's Veto of AB101
	9	Thoughts of Dying
	10	Tierra Mestiza
	11	To Give or Not to Give
	12	2,090.7: A Pay Odyssey
	13	Vanishing Homelands
	14	Viewpoints on Voting
	15	Voices of Christmas
	16	War in the Balkans: Which Way Out?
	17	Weathersby Family Values
	18	WGBH 40th Anniversary Campaign
	19	What's Left?
	20	Where Did the Money Go?
	21	Which Way Home?
	22	Which Way's Witch?
	23	Women and Aids
	24	Women in Jazz - Entire Program
	25	Women in Jazz - Excerpts
	26	Women's Summit for Peace: The Global Approach
	27	Woolsey's Baseball World
	28	Work is Our Joy

[Audio tape reels]

SERIES 2: MEMBER STATIONS [CONT'D]

Box	Item	
16	1	Station Sign-On KMUN April 17, 1983, 4" reel
	2	KXCI Sign-On, 4" reel

SERIES 3: PROGRAM SERVICE [CONT'D]

3	Audioprose, 6" reel
4	Community Radio: A Sound Alternative, 6" reel
5	FDP: Refugees in the Horn of Africa, 6" reel
6	The Literary Biosphere, 6" reel
7	New Yorkers at Work, Pm. 7, 6" reel
8	Women and Men, Part III Single Life: Where Do We Go From Here?, 6" reel
9	Women of the New Right I, 6" reel
10	Youth News: Race Issues/Video Games, 6" reel
11	All Hell Broke Loose in Orangeburg I, 12" reel
12	Caribbeana: History in Sound #4, 12" reel
13	Rural Lives #8: Small Business..., 12" reel