DOBBINS, PEGGY POWELL.
Peggy Powell Dobbins papers, 1977-1993

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Title: Peggy Powell Dobbins papers, 1977-1993
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1411
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Abstract: The papers of activist, artist, and academic, Peggy Dobbins, including audiocassettes from 1978-1984, documenting conversations of her life, as well as a small amount of photographs, slides, and film.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Peggy Powell Dobbins (1938-) is a sociologist, artist, women's rights activist, and author. She graduated from Wellesley College (Wellesley, Massachusetts) in 1960 and the University of Madrid (Madrid, Spain) in 1961. She later earned her Ph.D. from Tulane University (New Orleans, Louisiana) in 1974. Dobbins taught at New Orleans Free University (New Orleans, Louisiana) in 1966 and moved to New York City in 1967 where she co-founded New York Radical Women (NYRW), an early second-wave feminist radical feminist group that existed from 1967–1969. In 1970, she organized a childcare co-op and a sliding scale food co-op as well as Consciousness Raising groups where women answer a question using examples from their personal lives and draw conclusions about the political root of women's so-called "personal" problems. She was also involved in Women's International Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell (W.I.T.C.H.), a group formed from the NYRW. She returned to New Orleans in 1972 and completed her dissertation, *Unionism, Professionalism, and Feminism among Registered Nurses*. Dobbins began teaching Sociology at the University of Alabama in 1974. She was later fired for performing a skit based on her research on the "Right Wing Attack on the Women's Movement." She then joined the Communist party and worked as a volunteer until 1993. She wrote the book, *From Kin to Class, Speculations on the Origins and Development of Family Class Society, and Female Subordination* (1981).

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists primarily of audiocassette tapes recorded by Dobbins from 1978-1984. Dobbins recorded all her interactions from January 20, 1980 through December 31, 1984 including meetings, conversations, and even family disputes. There are also a small amount of photographs, negatives, and slides of Dobbins' family and friends.

Arrangement Note
The audio cassettes are arranged in chronological order, and the paper records are arranged in alphabetical order by format.
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AV9  - Audiocassettes, 1982

AV9  - Fleming, Maggie, Boyd, breakdown, 1982 October 12 [original: audio cassette]
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AV10 - Audiocassettes, 1982-1983

AV10 - First - Maggie, second side of avant garde tape, 1983 February 5 [original: audio cassette]
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AV18 - End of This is Maggie, 1984 May 7 [original: audio cassette]
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AV18 - Maggie's math teacher and Mother's Day, 1984 May 7-8; [Wally?], 1984 May 8
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AV20 - Audiocassettes, 1986-1993

AV21 - Audiocassettes, unidentified, undated

AV22 - Audiocassettes, unidentified, undated

AV23 - Audiocassettes, unidentified, undated

AV23 - 11:35 AM Aliceville, Johnny Coley and Peggy Dobbins, undated; 11:00 AM Monday morning, Johnny Coley and Peggy Dobbins, end 12:30 en route to Pickens County (sides reversed), undated [original: audio cassette]
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AV28 - Unidentified, undated [original: Super8] (22 tapes)