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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Center for Inspired Teaching's Real World History (RWH) is a city-wide high school history course that gives students applied history experience and exposes them to public history work through the cultural heritage institutions of the D.C. region. Each fall RWH students learn about the Great Migration through reading *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson, and embark on a semester-long oral history project with a Washingtonian who came to D.C. as part of the Migration. Together students and their narrators record life history interviews about the experience of migrating from the Jim Crow South to the D.C. Region.

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Content Description

Oral history interviews recorded by students in the Real World History class at Center for Inspired Teaching.

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Arrangement

Interviews are grouped by academic year.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Custodial History

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Processing Information

The collection recieved minimal processing. Files were renamed to adhere to DCPL naming conventions.

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Related Materials

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Collection 198: Max Peterson Oral History Project

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Controlled Access Headings

- Families
- African Americans
- Neighborhoods
- Oral History
- Migration, Internal
- Black persons

Collection Inventory

Series 1: 2014-2015 School Year, 2014

Sub-Series 1: Interviews, 2014

Title/Description	Instances
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Donella Matthews interview, 2014-12-08

Creator: Matthews, Donella, 1937-2017

Creator: Matthews, Jay

Biographical / Historical

Mrs. Donella Matthews was born December 27, 1937, in Cuthbert, Georgia. She left her hometown in September of 1956 to attend Tennessee State University where she majored in business education. While at Tennessee State, Mrs. Mathews met her husband, John Edward Mathews, and the two married a year after they met. Mr. Matthews decided to relocate the family to the D.C. region after he got a job at the Annapolis Gazette, and they moved into their current home in Washington, D.C., in 1969. Mrs. Mathews became an educator, and she and her husband had one daughter. Mrs. Mathews passed away on January 7, 2017.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Donella Mathews, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her experiences moving from Cuthbert, Georgia, to Washington, D.C. She discusses her

education, her decision to move to D.C., and her life in Washington.

Fannie Webb Taylor interview, 2014-11-16

Creator: Taylor, Fannie Webb, 1925-2017

Creator: Brown, Azaria

Biographical / Historical

Mrs. Fannie Webb Taylor was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 29, 1925, and had four sisters. Though she had a close relationship with her father, he left New Orleans in search of employment and never returned. Her mother worked as a "special-occasion" cook for white people in New Orleans, and the family had a difficult time financially after her father left. As a teenager, Mrs. Taylor worked as a night switchboard operator at Flint-Goodridge Hospital of Dillard University and attended the YMCA School of Commerce. After passing the civil service clerk typists' examination, her mother finally allowed Mrs. Taylor to leave New Orleans and she moved to Washington, D.C., in 1943 just before her 18th birthday. She began working at the Pentagon immediately upon arrival and moved in with her cousin who was renting a room at 800 P Street NW. While working as a clerk typist Mrs. Taylor married her husband, Vernon Robert Taylor, a civil engineering student at Howard University, and she left her job when he sponsored her through D.C. Teacher's College where she majored in English and History. After she and her husband had their second child, Mrs. Taylor began her teaching career at Benjamin Banneker Junior High School. She also received a Master of Arts in Teaching and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Howard University. Mrs. Taylor was an active community member and a part of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, National Council of Negro Women, Asbury United Methodist Church, and the Rollingcrest Senior Center. Mrs. Taylor passed away on December 18, 2017.

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Reverend Irene Pierce interview part 1, 2014-11-16

Creator: Pierce, Irene, Reverend, 1926-

Creator: Crumlin, Tenec'

Biographical / Historical

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Reverend Irene Pierce interview part 2, 2014-12-11

Creator: Pierce, Irene, Reverend, 1926-

Creator: Daniels, Devin

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Sub-Series 2: Indexes, 2014

Title/Description	Instances
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<u>Creator</u> : Brown, Azaria	

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Sub-Series 3: Transcripts, 2014

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Fannie Webb Taylor transcript part 2, 2014-12-11

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Creator: Lee, Kelly

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Controlled Access Headings:

- Daniels, Devin

Sub-Series 4: Images, 2014

Title/Description	Instances
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Fannie Webb Taylor and Kelly Lee, 2014-12-11

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Scope and Contents

Interviewee Fannie Webb Taylor with her interviewer Kelly Lee at the The Phillips Collection. Lee was a high school student from Phelps A.C.E. high school enrolled in the Real World History Class.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Taylor, Fannie Webb, 1925-2017
- Lee, Kelly

Taylor Family, 2014-12-11

Scope and Contents

Taylor family at The Phillips Collection.

Reverend Irene Pierce and Devin Daniels, 2014-12-11

Scope and Contents

Interviewee Reverend Irene Pierce with her interviewer Devin Daniels at the The Phillips Collection. Daniels was a high school student from Dunbar high school enrolled in the Real World History Class.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Pierce, Irene, Reverend, 1926-
- Daniels, Devin

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Series 2: 2015-2016 School Year, 2015-2016

Sub-Series 1: Interviews, 2015-2016

Title/Description	Instances
<p>Bernard Hayes interview, 2015-12-18</p> <p><u>Creator:</u> Hayes, H. Bernard, 1953-</p> <p><u>Creator:</u> Hassan, Ahmad</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Born in 1953, Bernard Hayes grew up in Georgia with his parents, Hubert Eugene Hayes and Ida Mae (Davis) Hayes, and six siblings. Hayes and his family moved in with an aunt in 1959 when his father migrated north alone to New York City. A year later, in 1960, after his father had secured a job and housing, the whole family moved to New York. Hayes would attend public school in New York and graduate from City College of New York where he studied journalism. In 1981, Hayes married his wife, Carol Ann Hayes, and in 1986, they moved to Washington, D.C. Hayes has had a successful career in radio journalism and currently works at Voice of America.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>In this oral history interview, Mr. Bernard Hayes discusses his life and experiences moving from Atlanta, Georgia, to New York City, and ultimately to Washington, D.C. Mr. Hayes discusses his early life in the South, his family's move to New York in 1960, and their transition into city life in the North. Mr. Hayes also discusses how the North provided him and his siblings more opportunities and the influence of his parents and other mentors on his life. Finally, Mr. Hayes discusses his move to Washington, D.C., in the 1980s to work at Voice of America.</p> <p><u>Controlled Access Headings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration, Internal • Black persons • African Americans 	
<p>Caesar Dudley interview, 2015-12-18</p> <p><u>Creator:</u> Dudley, Caesar, -2018</p> <p><u>Creator:</u> Bayliss, Michael</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Caesar Dudley was born in Sandersville, Georgia, and was his parents' only child. His father was a farmer, and his mother was a domestic worker. When Mr. Dudley graduated from high school in 1941 (the Black high school in Sandersville did not go beyond the 11th grade), his parents send him to live with relatives in Washington, D.C., where he studied accounting and business at Cortez Peters Business College. Mr. Dudley then joined the military and served in the Army for three years (1943-1946). While in the Army, he served</p>	

overseas and visited places such as France, Germany, the Mediterranean, Japan, and Korea. Upon returning to the U.S., Mr. Dudley continued his education with the help of the G.I. Bill. He also married in 1949 and had two sons. He then worked for eighteen years at the Department of the Army and another seventeen years as a courtroom deputy clerk for the U.S. District Court. Mr. Dudley retired in the 1980s, and passed away in 2018.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Caesar Dudley, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from Sandersville, Georgia, to Washington, D.C. He discusses his upbringing in Sandersville, his reasons for moving north, and the cultural differences between where he grew up and D.C. He also reflects on Sandersville, the South, and the cultural shifts that took place in the District over decades.

Damita Jo Goldsmith interview, 2016-02-01

Creator: Goldsmith, Damita Jo, 1951-

Creator: Akhigbe, Rebecca

Biographical / Historical

Damita Jo Goldsmith was born July 29, 1951, in Dennison, Texas, the oldest of her parents' five children. Since her father was in the Air Force, she moved to Guam with her family at age seven. After living in Guam for two years, the family relocated again to the Philippines for another two-year period. Ms. Goldsmith and her family returned to the U.S. in 1962, and the family migrated to the D.C. region after a month's stay with her father's family in Louisiana. After living in the District for a year and attending J. C. Nalle Elementary School, Ms. Goldsmith and her family moved to Chapel Oaks, Maryland. After a few years in Chapel Oaks, they moved to Capitol Heights, Maryland, and she graduated from Fairmont Heights High School the year before integration in that area, 1969. Ms. Goldsmith went on to attend Morgan State University where she met her husband and graduated in 1973. The two married a few years after graduation and had two sons. Ms. Goldsmith began her career at UPS as a part-time clerk in 1979 and later joined the management team. She retired in 2007 and has worked as the senior activity coordinator at the Glenarden Community Rec Center since then.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview Damita Jo Goldsmith discusses her life and experiences settling in the Washington, D.C., region as a child. She discusses her upbringing in a military family, her family's move from Louisiana to Washington, her educational experiences in

the D.C. region, her career at UPS, and her post-retirement work at the Glenarden Community Rec Center.

Eleanor Kelly interview, 2015-12-01

Creator: Kelly, Eleanor

Creator: Branch, Maya

Biographical / Historical

Eleanor Kelly was born in Blaney, South Carolina. Though her parents were sharecroppers when she was born, the family did well and they bought their own land and built a house by the time she was a teenager. Before finishing high school, Mrs. Kelly moved to Washington, D.C., with her Aunt Rebecca and enrolled in Cortez Peters Business College. Mrs. Kelly later moved in with her sister Alberta and her family, and they moved to New York when her brother-in-law was stationed in Staten Island. Mrs. Kelly returned to Washington to live with another sister after Alberta's husband was stationed overseas. After returning to Washington, she worked at WTOP for several years before working for the government. After marrying her husband, Moses Kelly, Mrs. Kelly moved all around the country due to Mr. Kelly's work for the Secret Service. She and her husband had one daughter, Doris. After Mr. Kelly's retirement, Mrs. Kelly and her husband moved back to Blythewood, South Carolina, to live in her family's home.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Eleanor Kelly, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her experiences moving from Blythewood, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She recalls her early life in both Blaney and Blythewood, South Carolina, and her move to Washington when she was in high school. Mrs. Kelly discusses her early years in D.C., moving to Staten Island with her sister and brother-in-law, as well as her return to Washington. She also talks about moving to California with her husband later in her life.

Henry Breedlove interview, 2016-01-01

Creator: Breedlove, Henry, 1939-

Creator: Jones, Mattie

Biographical / Historical

Born in Vienna, Georgia, in 1939, Henry Breedlove was born to a large family with 10 siblings. His parents worked as sharecroppers and Mr. Breedlove and his siblings worked with them. At 18 his parents sent him to live with his sister in Washington, D.C. He quickly got a construction job working and remained in the industry for his entire career. He lived with his sister until 1971 when

he married his wife and got his own place. In 1999 they moved to Temple Hills, Maryland. He and his wife had one son who passed away in 2013.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Henry Breedlove, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from Vienna, Georgia, to Washington, D.C. He talks about his upbringing in Vienna as well as how his parents sent him to live in Washington when he was 18 years old (in 1957) since they feared for his life after a confrontation he had with some white people. Mr. Breedlove also discusses his career in construction, his relationship with his wife, the passing of their son in 2013, and the role of religion in his life.

Julius Watson interview, 2016-04-06

Creator: Watson, Julius

Creator: Thomas, Isaiah

Biographical / Historical

Born and raised in South Carolina, Julius Watson was the oldest of his parents' children and grew up in a small, two-bedroom house with his sister, mother, grandmother, two aunts, and three cousins. Being in the Navy, his father was not around during his upbringing. Mr. Watson was a good athlete as a young man and played football in high school. After being arrested and jailed for three days for a crime he didn't commit, Mr. Watson moved to Washington, D.C., in 1968 to live with his grandmother for a short time. He then moved to Connecticut to live with his father who was working at Wesleyan University. While living with his father Mr. Watson received a scholarship to play football at Wesleyan. They then moved to St. Thomas before Mr. Watson returned to Washington, D.C. He went on to get married and have three children with his wife before the two got a divorced. Today he is a grandfather and likes to take his grandkids out fishing, among other excursions.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Julius Watson, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from South Carolina to Washington, D.C. He talks about cultural differences he sees between the South and D.C., his marriage, and his relationships with his children and grandchildren. He also discusses his upbringing in South Carolina, his love of sports, race relations in the South, time spent living in Connecticut and St. Thomas, and his love of music. He also reflects on the decision to leave South Carolina as well as the lessons he has learned after living in the city for over 45 years.

Kathy Elaine Senior interview, 2016-01-16

Creator: Senior, Kathy Elaine, 1941-

Creator: Yadeto, Jabesso

Biographical / Historical

Kathy Elaine Senior was born on April 17, 1941, in Columbus, Georgia. She grew up with her parents, Dennis and Maggie Senior, as well as her younger brother, Dennis Senior, Jr. Ms. Senior's mother was a registered nurse at the Columbus City Hospital for thirty years and met her husband there when she was a student nurse. Following in her mother's footsteps, Ms. Senior moved to Washington to attend Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing in 1959 and graduated in 1962. She then had a 48-year career as a registered nurse (27 years at St. Elizabeths Hospital and 21 years as a self-employed nurse). Since retiring from nursing, Ms. Senior has worked with her brother on a business venture called 5Linx Incorporated. Ms. Senior loves to travel internationally and is passionate about social justice causes.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Kathy Elaine Senior, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her experiences moving from Columbus, Georgia, to Washington, D.C. She reflects on her upbringing in Columbus, race relations in the city during her childhood, and reasons she moved to Washington. She also talks about her time at Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing, her career at St. Elizabeths Hospital, and her activism in Washington.

Korea Stowder interview, 2015-12

Creator: Strowder, Korea Clark, 1920-2018

Creator: Rich, Jamilya

Biographical / Historical

Korea Clark Strowder was born on March 14, 1920, in Denver, Colorado, the youngest of her four siblings. Her mother died when she was only three, and her father moved the family to a farm just outside of the city. Struggling to take care of four children, Ms. Strowder's father sent her to live with an aunt in Des Moines, Iowa, but she soon returned to Denver since her aunt had many children of her own. A few years later, her father passed away unexpectedly and Ms. Strowder and her siblings were sent to live with different relatives. She lived with an aunt in St. Joseph, Missouri, but she saved up her money to leave after graduating from high school due to the intense racism and discrimination in St. Joseph. Ms. Strowder moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where a sister lived to attend beauty school before coming to Washington, D.C., in 1943. After arriving in D.C., Ms. Strowder

worked in different government offices until she and her husband, Joseph Strowder, had children, at which point she began working in the home. Ms. Strowder later came to work in education and served as a pupil personnel aide at Bundy Elementary School from 1963 to 1971. At age 51, Ms. Strowder began studying mass communications at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and became a librarian. In 1979 she retired as head librarian of the Sursum Corda Community Library. Ms. Strowder passed away March 27, 2018.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Korea Strowder, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Denver, Colorado, to Washington, D.C. She talks about her family history in Kentucky, her upbringing in Denver, as well as her experiences living in St. Joseph, Missouri, after her father died and she and her siblings were sent to live with different relatives. Ms. Strowder recalls a spectacle lynching that took place in St. Joseph, and discusses experiences with racism and discrimination in the different places she lived. She also discusses her life, education, and career in Washington; including growing up the descendants of enslaved people, The Great Depression, and World World II.

Louise Baxter interview, 2016-01-07

Creator: Baxter, Louise

Creator: Aguilar, Kenya

Biographical / Historical

Louise Baxter was born in Jalapa, South Carolina, but she moved into nearby Newberry, South Carolina, when she was still young. Ms. Baxter was an only child and was raised by her grandparents after her mother moved to Washington in search of better economic opportunities. Her mother would send money back to the family, and starting in her early teens, Ms. Baxter would visit her mother in D.C. during the summers. After graduating from high school, Ms. Baxter's grandmother died and she moved to Washington to live with her mother. Once in Washington, she began a 35-year career in custodial work (20 years at the CIA building and 15 years at Georgetown University). Ms. Baxter had two children, a boy and a girl.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Louise Baxter, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Newberry, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She reflects on her upbringing in Newberry, moving to Washington at the age of 17, experiences with discrimination in Washington, and her career working in

the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) building as well as at Georgetown University.

Mabel Mitchell interview, 2016-01-08

Creator: Mitchell, Mabel

Creator: Eigsti, Allison

Biographical / Historical

Born in the early 1940s, Ms. Mabel Mitchell grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina. When Ms. Mitchell was only three years old her father died, leaving her mother to raise her with the help of grandparents and extended family. Though Ms. Mitchell was her parents' only child, she was raised with a cousin who was like a sister. After graduating from high school, Ms. Mitchell moved to Washington, DC, in search of work and lived with her aunt. After working a variety of jobs, Ms. Mitchell secured a job at the Bureau of Navy Personnel beginning a forty-one-year career in the government. Ms. Mitchell retired in 2010.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Ms. Mabel Mitchell, a long time DC resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Raleigh, North Carolina, to Washington, DC. Ms. Mitchell discusses her early life in Raleigh, her move to Washington, DC, in the early 1950s, her transition to living and working in DC, and her long career in the government. Ms. Mitchell also talks about segregation and racial discrimination in Washington, as well as gentrification in the city in the 21st century.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Migration, Internal
- Women
- Black persons
- African Americans
- Segregation
- Gentrification
- Discrimination

Shirley Debrow interview, 2016-01-02

Creator: Debrow, Shirley, 1946-

Creator: Debrow, Samuel

Biographical / Historical

Born in 1946, Shirley M. Debrow grew up in North Carolina with her parents and two brothers. After graduating from high school in 1964, she moved to Philadelphia, PA, with an aunt. Ms. Debrow later moved to Washington, DC, in 1966, where she has lived ever since. In Washington, Ms. Debrow attended Federal City

College (now UDC) and came under the mentorship of DC community activist, Kimi Gray. With the help of Gray, Ms. Debrow opened a daycare center and served as the center's director. She also worked on the campaigns of DC Mayor Marion Barry. Ms. Debrow began a long and successful career as a recreation specialist with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation in 1987, working most recently at the Volta Park Recreation Center in Georgetown. Ms. Debrow loves to travel, enjoys outdoor activities and lives an active and healthy lifestyle. She also had one son, Steven, who was born in 1968.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Ms. Shirley Debrow discusses her life and experiences moving from North Carolina to Washington, DC. Ms. Debrow discusses her early life in the South, her move to Philadelphia in 1964, and her move to Washington, DC, in 1966. Ms. Debrow also talks about her life in Washington, her career at the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, and her love of travel.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Migration, Internal
- African Americans
- Black persons
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Sub-Series 2: Indexes, 2015-2016

Title/Description	Instances
Bernard Hayes index, 2015-12-18	
<u>Creator:</u> Hayes, H. Bernard, 1953-	
<u>Creator:</u> Hassan, Ahmad	

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Mr. Bernard Hayes discusses his life and experiences moving from Atlanta, Georgia, to New York City, and ultimately to Washington, D.C. Mr. Hayes discusses his early life in the South, his family's move to New York in 1960, and their transition into city life in the North. Mr. Hayes also discusses how the North provided him and his siblings more opportunities and the influence of his parents and other mentors on his life. Finally, Mr. Hayes discusses his move to Washington, D.C., in the 1980s to work at Voice of America.

Biographical / Historical

Born in 1953, Bernard Hayes grew up in Georgia with his parents, Hubert Eugene Hayes and Ida Mae (Davis) Hayes, and six siblings. Hayes and his family moved in with an aunt in 1959 when his father migrated north

alone to New York City. A year later, in 1960, after his father had secured a job and housing, the whole family moved to New York. Hayes would attend public school in New York and graduate from City College of New York where he studied journalism. In 1981, Hayes married his wife, Carol Ann Hayes, and in 1986, they moved to Washington, D.C. Hayes has had a successful career in radio journalism and currently works at Voice of America.

Caesar Dudley index, 2015-12-18

Creator: Dudley, Caesar, -2018

Creator: Bayliss, Michael

Biographical / Historical

Caesar Dudley was born in Sandersville, Georgia, and was his parents' only child. His father was a farmer, and his mother was a domestic worker. When Mr. Dudley graduated from high school in 1941 (the Black high school in Sandersville did not go beyond the 11th grade), his parents send him to live with relatives in Washington, D.C., where he studied accounting and business at Cortez Peters Business College. Mr. Dudley then joined the military and served in the Army for three years (1943-1946). While in the Army, he served overseas and visited places such as France, Germany, the Mediterranean, Japan, and Korea. Upon returning to the U.S., Mr. Dudley continued his education with the help of the G.I. Bill. He also married in 1949 and had two sons. He then worked for eighteen years at the Department of the Army and another seventeen years as a courtroom deputy clerk for the U.S. District Court. Mr. Dudley retired in the 1980s, and passed away in 2018.

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In this oral history interview, Caesar Dudley, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from Sandersville, Georgia, to Washington, D.C. He discusses his upbringing in Sandersville, his reasons for moving north, and the cultural differences between where he grew up and D.C. He also reflects on Sandersville, the South, and the cultural shifts that took place in the District over decades.

Damita Jo Goldsmith index, 2016-02-01

Creator: Goldsmith, Damita Jo, 1951-

Creator: Akhigbe, Rebecca

Biographical / Historical

Damita Jo Goldsmith was born July 29, 1951, in Dennison, Texas, the oldest of her parents' five children. Since her father was in the Air Force, she moved to Guam with her family at age seven. After living in Guam for

two years, the family relocated again to the Philippines for another two-year period. Ms. Goldsmith and her family returned to the U.S. in 1962, and the family migrated to the D.C. region after a month's stay with her father's family in Louisiana. After living in the District for a year and attending J. C. Nalle Elementary School, Ms. Goldsmith and her family moved to Chapel Oaks, Maryland. After a few years in Chapel Oaks, they moved to Capitol Heights, Maryland, and she graduated from Fairmont Heights High School the year before integration in that area, 1969. Ms. Goldsmith went on to attend Morgan State University where she met her husband and graduated in 1973. The two married a few years after graduation and had two sons. Ms. Goldsmith began her career at UPS as a part-time clerk in 1979 and later joined the management team. She retired in 2007 and has worked as the senior activity coordinator at the Glenarden Community Rec Center since then.

Scope and Contents

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Eleanor Kelly index, 2015-12-01

Creator: Kelly, Eleanor

Creator: Branch, Maya

Biographical / Historical

Eleanor Kelly was born in Blaney, South Carolina. Though her parents were sharecroppers when she was born, the family did well and they bought their own land and built a house by the time she was a teenager. Before finishing high school, Mrs. Kelly moved to Washington, D.C., with her Aunt Rebecca and enrolled in Cortez Peters Business College. Mrs. Kelly later moved in with her sister Alberta and her family, and they moved to New York when her brother-in-law was stationed in Staten Island. Mrs. Kelly returned to Washington to live with another sister after Alberta's husband was stationed overseas. After returning to Washington, she worked at WTOP for several years before working for the government. After marrying her husband, Moses Kelly, Mrs. Kelly moved all around the country due to Mr. Kelly's work for the Secret Service. She and her husband had one daughter, Doris. After Mr. Kelly's retirement, Mrs. Kelly and her husband moved back to Blythewood, South Carolina, to live in her family's home.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Eleanor Kelly, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her experiences moving from Blythewood, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She recalls her early life in both Blaney and Blythewood, South Carolina, and her move to Washington when she was in high school. Mrs. Kelly discusses her early years in D.C., moving to Staten Island with her sister and brother-in-law, as well as her return to Washington. She also talks about moving to California with her husband later in her life.

Henry Breedlove index, 2016-01-01

Creator: Breedlove, Henry, 1939-

Creator: Jones, Mattie

Biographical / Historical

Born in Vienna, Georgia, in 1939, Henry Breedlove was born to a large family with 10 siblings. His parents worked as sharecroppers and Mr. Breedlove and his siblings worked with them. At 18 his parents sent him to live with in his sister in Washington, D.C. He quickly got a construction job working and remained in the industry for his entire career. He lived with his sister until 1971 when he married his wife and got his own place. In 1999 they moved to Temple Hills, Maryland. He and his wife had one son who passed away in 2013.

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In this oral history interview, Henry Breedlove, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from Vienna, Georgia, to Washington, D.C. He talks about his upbringing in Vienna as well as how his parents sent him to live in Washington when he was 18 years old (in 1957) since they feared for his life after a confrontation he had with some white people. Mr. Breedlove also discusses his career in construction, his relationship with his wife, the passing of their son in 2013, and the role of religion in his life.

Julius Watson index, 2016-04-06

Creator: Watson, Julius

Creator: Thomas, Isaiah

Biographical / Historical

Born and raised in South Carolina, Julius Watson was the oldest of his parents' children and grew up in a small, two-bedroom house with his sister, mother, grandmother, two aunts, and three cousins. Being in the Navy, his father was not around during his upbringing. Mr. Watson was a good athlete as a young man and played football in high school.

After being arrested and jailed for three days for a crime he didn't commit, Mr. Watson moved to Washington, D.C., in 1968 to live with his grandmother for a short time. He then moved to Connecticut to live with his father who was working at Wesleyan University. While living with his father Mr. Watson received a scholarship to play football at Wesleyan. They then moved to St. Thomas before Mr. Watson returned to Washington, D.C. He went on to get married and have three children with his wife before the two got a divorced. Today he is a grandfather and likes to take his grandkids out fishing, among other excursions.

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Kathy Elaine Senior index, 2016-01-16

Creator: Senior, Kathy Elaine, 1941-

Creator: Yadeto, Jabesso

Biographical / Historical

Kathy Elaine Senior was born on April 17, 1941, in Columbus, Georgia. She grew up with her parents, Dennis and Maggie Senior, as well as her younger brother, Dennis Senior, Jr. Ms. Senior's mother was a registered nurse at the Columbus City Hospital for thirty years and met her husband there when she was a student nurse. Following in her mother's footsteps, Ms. Senior moved to Washington to attend Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing in 1959 and graduated in 1962. She then had a 48-year career as a registered nurse (27 years at St. Elizabeths Hospital and 21 years as a self-employed nurse). Since retiring from nursing, Ms. Senior has worked with her brother on a business venture called 5Linx Incorporated. Ms. Senior loves to travel internationally and is passionate about social justice causes.

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Korea Strowder index, 2015-12

Creator: Strowder, Korea Clark, 1920-2018

Creator: Rich, Jamilya

Biographical / Historical

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Louise Baxter index, 2016-01-07

Creator: Baxter, Louise

Creator: Aguilar, Kenya

Biographical / Historical

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Mabel Mitchell index, 2016-01-08

Creator: Mitchell, Mabel

Creator: Eigsti, Allison

Scope and Contents

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Biographical / Historical

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secured a job at the Bureau of Navy Personnel beginning a forty-one-year career in the government. Ms. Mitchell retired in 2010.

Shirley Debrow index, 2016-01-02

Creator: Debrow, Shirley, 1946-

Creator: Debrow, Samuel

Scope and Contents

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Sub-Series 3: Transcripts, 2015-2016

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Bernard Hayes transcript, 2015-12-18	
<u>Creator:</u> Hayes, H. Bernard, 1953-	
<u>Creator:</u> Hassan, Ahmad	

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Caesar Dudley transcript, 2015-12-18

Creator: Dudley, Caesar, -2018

Creator: Bayliss, Michael

Biographical / Historical

Caesar Dudley was born in Sandersville, Georgia, and was his parents' only child. His father was a farmer, and his mother was a domestic worker. When Mr. Dudley graduated from high school in 1941 (the Black high school in Sandersville did not go beyond the 11th grade), his parents send him to live with relatives in Washington, D.C., where he studied accounting and business at Cortez Peters Business College. Mr. Dudley then joined the military and served in the Army for three years (1943-1946). While in the Army, he served overseas and visited places such as France, Germany, the Mediterranean, Japan, and Korea. Upon returning to the U.S., Mr. Dudley continued his education with the help of the G.I. Bill. He also married in 1949 and had two sons. He then worked for eighteen years at the Department of the Army and another seventeen years as a courtroom deputy clerk for the U.S. District Court. Mr. Dudley retired in the 1980s, and passed away in 2018.

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Damita Jo Goldsmith transcript, 2016-02-01

Creator: Goldsmith, Damita Jo, 1951-

Creator: Akhigbe, Rebecca

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Eleanor Kelly transcript, 2015-12-01

Creator: Kelly, Eleanor

Creator: Branch, Maya

Biographical / Historical

Eleanor Kelly was born in Blaney, South Carolina. Though her parents were sharecroppers when she was born, the family did well and they bought their own land and built a house by the time she was a teenager. Before finishing high school, Mrs. Kelly moved to Washington, D.C., with her Aunt Rebecca and enrolled in Cortez Peters Business College. Mrs. Kelly later moved in

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Henry Breedlove transcript, 2016-01-01

Creator: Breedlove, Henry, 1939-

Creator: Jones, Mattie

Biographical / Historical

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Julius Watson transcript, 2016-04-06

Creator: Watson, Julius

Creator: Thomas, Isaiah

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Kathy Elaine Senior transcript, 2016-01-16

Creator: Senior, Kathy Elaine, 1941-

Creator: Yadeto, Jabesso

Biographical / Historical

Kathy Elaine Senior was born on April 17, 1941, in Columbus, Georgia. She grew up with her parents, Dennis and Maggie Senior, as well as her younger brother, Dennis Senior, Jr. Ms. Senior's mother was a registered nurse at the Columbus City Hospital for thirty years and met her husband there when she was a student nurse. Following in her mother's footsteps, Ms. Senior moved to Washington to attend Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing in 1959 and graduated in 1962. She then had a 48-year career as a registered nurse (27 years at St. Elizabeths Hospital and

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Korea Strowder transcript, 2015-12

Creator: Strowder, Korea Clark, 1920-2018

Creator: Rich, Jamilya

Biographical / Historical

Korea Clark Strowder was born on March 14, 1920, in Denver, Colorado, the youngest of her four siblings. Her mother died when she was only three, and her father moved the family to a farm just outside of the city. Struggling to take care of four children, Ms. Strowder's father sent her to live with an aunt in Des Moines, Iowa, but she soon returned to Denver since her aunt had many children of her own. A few years later, her father passed away unexpectedly and Ms. Strowder and her siblings were sent to live with different relatives. She lived with an aunt in St. Joseph, Missouri, but she saved up her money to leave after graduating from high school due to the intense racism and discrimination in St. Joseph. Ms. Strowder moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where a sister lived to attend beauty school before coming to Washington, D.C., in 1943. After arriving in D.C., Ms. Strowder worked in different government offices until she and her husband, Joseph Strowder, had children, at which point she began working in the home. Ms. Strowder later came to work in education and served as a pupil personnel aide at Bundy Elementary School from 1963 to 1971. At age 51, Ms. Strowder began studying mass communications at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and became a librarian. In 1979 she retired as head librarian of the Sursum Corda Community Library. Ms. Strowder passed away March 27, 2018.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Korea Strowder, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Denver, Colorado, to Washington, D.C. She talks about her family history in Kentucky, her upbringing in

Denver, as well as her experiences living in St. Joseph, Missouri, after her father died and she and her siblings were sent to live with different relatives. Ms. Strowder recalls a spectacle lynching that took place in St. Joseph, and discusses experiences with racism and discrimination in the different places she lived. She also discusses her life, education, and career in Washington; including growing up the descendants of enslaved people, The Great Depression, and World World II.

Louise Baxter transcript, 2016-01-07

Creator: Baxter, Louise

Creator: Aguilar, Kenya

Biographical / Historical

Louise Baxter was born in Jalapa, South Carolina, but she moved into nearby Newberry, South Carolina, when she was still young. Ms. Baxter was an only child and was raised by her grandparents after her mother moved to Washington in search of better economic opportunities. Her mother would send money back to the family, and starting in her early teens, Ms. Baxter would visit her mother in D.C. during the summers. After graduating from high school, Ms. Baxter's grandmother died and she moved to Washington to live with her mother. Once in Washington, she began a 35-year career in custodial work (20 years at the CIA building and 15 years at Georgetown University). Ms. Baxter had two children, a boy and a girl.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Louise Baxter, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Newberry, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She reflects on her upbringing in Newberry, moving to Washington at the age of 17, experiences with discrimination in Washington, and her career working in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) building as well as at Georgetown University.

Mabel Mitchell transcript, 2016-01-08

Creator: Mitchell, Mabel

Creator: Eigsti, Allison

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Ms. Mabel Mitchell, a long time DC resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Raleigh, North Carolina, to Washington, DC. Ms. Mitchell discusses her early life in Raleigh, her move to Washington, DC, in the early 1950s, her transition to living and working in DC, and her long career in the government. Ms. Mitchell also talks about

segregation and racial discrimination in Washington, as well as gentrification in the city in the 21st century.

Biographical / Historical

Born in the early 1940s, Ms. Mabel Mitchell grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina. When Ms. Mitchell was only three years old her father died, leaving her mother to raise her with the help of grandparents and extended family. Though Ms. Mitchell was her parents' only child, she was raised with a cousin who was like a sister. After graduating from high school, Ms. Mitchell moved to Washington, DC, in search of work and lived with her aunt. After working a variety of jobs, Ms. Mitchell secured a job at the Bureau of Navy Personnel beginning a forty-one-year career in the government. Ms. Mitchell retired in 2010.

Shirley Debrow transcript, 2016-01-02

Creator: Debrow, Shirley, 1946-

Creator: Debrow, Samuel

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Ms. Shirley Debrow discusses her life and experiences moving from North Carolina to Washington, DC. Ms. Debrow discusses her early life in the South, her move to Philadelphia in 1964, and her move to Washington, DC, in 1966. Ms. Debrow also talks about her life in Washington, her career at the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, and her love of travel. Born in 1946, Shirley M. Debrow grew up in North Carolina w

Biographical / Historical

Born in 1946, Shirley M. Debrow grew up in North Carolina with her parents and two brothers. After graduating from high school in 1964, she moved to Philadelphia, PA, with an aunt. Ms. Debrow later moved to Washington, DC, in 1966, where she has lived ever since. In Washington, Ms. Debrow attended Federal City College (now UDC) and came under the mentorship of DC community activist, Kimi Gray. With the help of Gray, Ms. Debrow opened a daycare center and served as the center's director. She also worked on the campaigns of DC Mayor Marion Barry. Ms. Debrow began a long and successful career as a recreation specialist with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation in 1987, working most recently at the Volta Park Recreation Center in Georgetown. Ms. Debrow loves to travel, enjoys outdoor activities and lives an active and healthy lifestyle. She also had one son, Steven, who was born in 1968.

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Series 3: 2016-2017 School Year, 2017

Sub-Series 1: Interviews, 2016

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Alberta Bryant interview, 2016-12-01

Creator: Bryant, Alberta, 1929-

Creator: Marks, Harris

Biographical / Historical

Ms. Alberta Bryant was born in New York City in 1929 but spent her summers visiting her mother's family in Charleston, South Carolina throughout her upbringing. When Ms. Bryant was 13 years old, her mother passed away and she moved in with an aunt and uncle. After graduating from high school, Ms. Bryant worked as a registrar for the New York City Board of Education for a short time. She then attended the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing and became a registered nurse. Shortly after marrying her husband, a Washingtonian, Ms. Bryant moved to Washington, D.C., in 1953. In Washington, she worked at the District of Columbia General Hospital, ultimately retiring in the mid-eighties at age 55. Ms. Bryant is a member of Mount Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland, and is a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

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Controlled Access Headings:

- Segregation
- Racism
- Nurses
- Civil rights movement

Willie Williams interview, 2016-11-27

Creator: Williams, Willie

Creator: Jefferson, Trenni

Biographical / Historical

Willie Williams was born in the 1940s in Tarboro, North Carolina. Despite living in the country, he attended school in Tarboro and was working in upstate New York during the summers by the time he was in high school. After graduating from high school in 1962, Mr. Williams attended college at Fayetteville University for a time before moving to D.C. at the suggestion of a friend. When Mr. Williams first came to the District, he lived with his uncle in Fairfax Village in far Southeast. After working for a couple years, Mr. Williams joined the Army. After leaving the Army in 1969, Mr. Williams and his wife moved back to Washington and lived near 28th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue SE. He worked at the United States Postal Service for a several years before taking advantage of the G.I. Bill and enrolling at Federal City College (now UDC). After four or five years of part-time enrollment he graduated in 1977 with a degree in business education. Mr. Williams then attempted to become a CPA but ultimately didn't complete his certification, and he went on to work a variety teaching positions (teaching accounting for the National Park and Planning Commission in Maryland, teaching typing at Cortez Peters Business College, and substitute teaching in D.C. Public Schools) before becoming a realtor. Mr. Williams remained in Washington after his retirement in 1992, but some time after 2016, he moved to Kennesaw, Georgia.

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Sub-Series 2: Indexes, 2016

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<u>Creator:</u> Bryant, Alberta, 1929-	
<u>Creator:</u> Marks, Harris	

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Series 4: 2017-2018 School Year, 2017

Sub-series 1: Interviews, 2017

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Herbert Freeman interview, 2018-01-04

Creator: Freeman, Herbert, 1941-

Creator: Okbagabir, Hadnet

Biographical / Historical

Herbert Freeman was born on May 3, 1941, in Vanceboro, North Carolina. When Mr. Freeman was two years old his father became ill, and his mother moved him and his siblings to Engelhard, NC. In Engelhard Mr. Freeman's mother worked as a domestic worker and raised her six children by herself. Mr. Freeman attended school through twelfth grade in Engelhard and worked in tobacco during his youth. He later worked at a segregated white-only beach in Nags Head, NC. Though Mr. Freeman first came to Washington in 1962, he soon returned to North Carolina to attend a barber school. After he completed school, Mr. Freeman returned to DC, earned his barbering license, and began working as a barber in Washington. After working at several different barber shops, Mr. Freeman opened his own barber shop in Brightwood Park in 1976, Freeman's House of Styles. Mr. Freeman has been married for over fifty years, has two sons, and continues to work at his barber shop to this day.

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Controlled Access Headings:

- Black persons
- Migration, Internal

- African Americans
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Jettie Brown interview, 2017-12-24

Creator: Brown, Jettie M., 1930-

Biographical / Historical

Mrs. Jettie Brown was born on September 23, 1930, in Blair, Virginia, and grew up with her mother, father, and seven siblings. The family lived and worked on a farm as sharecroppers in Blair, but they migrated to Chester, Pennsylvania, after an incident in which Mrs. Brown's father was cheated at settlement by his employer. In Chester, Mrs. Brown met and married her husband, Rev. Ulysses Brown, and the two moved to Long Island, New York. Mrs. Brown got a job working for AT and T and was able to continue her education in Long Island, receiving a bachelor's degree in Christian Education. After her husband's retirement Mrs. Brown and her husband moved to Washington, D.C., and she has worked as substitute teacher since arriving in the District. Mrs. Brown also serves on the Mothers' Board of Greater Refuge Temple of Washington, D.C., and is currently taking classes at Liberty University.

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Controlled Access Headings:

- Black persons
 - Migration, Internal
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Jimmie Suggs interview, 2017-12-11

Creator: Suggs, Jimmie, 1952-

Creator: Woods-Arthur, Maya

Biographical / Historical

Jimmie Suggs was born in 1952 in Stantonsburg, North Carolina, and has three brothers and three sisters. Mr. Suggs grew up working in tobacco fields, picking cotton and corn, and securing odd jobs around town. He also was a serious athlete (softball and basketball) and has continued playing sports throughout his life. He attended

Speights High School in Saratoga, North Carolina, before integrating Lee Woodard High School in Black Creek, North Carolina, in his junior year. Mr. Suggs' basketball coach from Speights drove him to and from Lee Woodard every day since he had gotten a job as assistant principal there. The same year he enrolled at Lee Woodard, 1969, Mr. Suggs began coming to D.C. for summer work. One of Mr. Suggs' older brothers had moved to D.C. in 1966, and his mother had been encouraging him to do the same since there was little economic opportunity in their area. Upon graduating from high school, he moved to Washington for good. Mr. Suggs has worked a variety of jobs throughout the D.C. region including work as a Metrobus driver, truck driver, locksmith, construction worker, and mechanic/garage attendant.

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Reverend Dr. Isaac Fox interview, 2017-12-19

Creator: Fox, Isaac A.

Creator: Messina-Fitzgerald, Clare

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, the Reverend Dr. Isaac Fox, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from Nashville, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. He recalls his upbringing and education in Nashville, his move to D.C. in 1953, and his experiences serving in the U.S. Military. Rev. Fox also discusses his varied educational experiences and his lifelong dedication to education.

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Sarah Ann Hardy interview, 2017-12-26

Creator: Hardy, Sarah Ann, 1947-

Creator: Wilson, Ramani

Biographical / Historical

Sarah Ann Hardy was born in Randleman, North Carolina, in 1947. She grew up with her mother, father, and four siblings: one sister and three brothers. Her father was sharecropper and brick mason, who built homes, and her mother was a domestic worker. Though Ms. Hardy attended segregated schools in Randleman, schools were integrated after she graduated from high school in 1965 and her younger siblings attended the newly integrated white school. After graduating, Ms. Hardy enrolled in Southeastern Business College but soon returned home and enrolled at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, which she attended from 1965-1966. In 1966, at age 19, Ms. Hardy was visited her cousin in Washington, D.C., and enjoyed her visit so much that she decided not to return home. She quickly found work in the federal government and worked within the same agency for 42 years. In 2008, at age 61, Ms. Hardy retired from her job and moved back to North Carolina to tend to her mother who had taken ill. Ms. Hardy currently lives in Greensboro but continues to visit Washington, D.C., frequently.

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In this oral history interview, Sarah Ann Hardy, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her experiences moving from Randleman, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She discusses her upbringing in Randleman, moving to D.C. in 1966 at age 19, her life in the city and her career working for the federal government, and her return to North Carolina after her retirement in 2008. She also discusses the riots of 1968, the Trump presidency and the contemporary political climate, and the effects of rising property values on people's ability to buy a home.

Sub-series 3: Transcripts, 2017

Title/Description	Instances
Herbert Freeman transcript, 2018-01-04	
<u>Creator</u> : Freeman, Herbert, 1941-	
<u>Creator</u> : Okbagabir, Hadnet	

Biographical / Historical

Herbert Freeman was born on May 3, 1941, in Vanceboro, North Carolina. When Mr. Freeman was two years old his father became ill, and his mother moved him and his siblings to Engelhard, NC. In Engelhard Mr. Freeman's mother worked as a domestic worker and raised her six children by herself. Mr. Freeman attended school through twelfth grade in Engelhard and worked in tobacco during his youth. He later worked at a segregated white-only

beach in Nags Head, NC. Though Mr. Freeman first came to Washington in 1962, he soon returned to North Carolina to attend a barber school. After he completed school, Mr. Freeman returned to DC, earned his barbering license, and began working as a barber in Washington. After working at several different barber shops, Mr. Freeman opened his own barber shop in Brightwood Park in 1976, Freeman's House of Styles. Mr. Freeman has been married for over fifty years, has two sons, and continues to work at his barber shop to this day.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Mr. Herbert Freeman, owner of Freeman's House of Styles in Brightwood Park, discusses his life and experiences moving from Engelhard, North Carolina, to Washington, DC. Mr. Freeman discusses his early life in Engelhard, his move to Washington, DC, in 1962, his transition to life in the city, and his long and successful career as a barber in Washington. He also discusses violence against Black people in both the past and present, segregation in North Carolina, and the 1968 Riots in Washington, DC after the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Jettie Brown transcript, 2017-12-24

Creator: Brown, Jettie M., 1930-

Biographical / Historical

Mrs. Jettie Brown was born on September 23, 1930, in Blair, Virginia, and grew up with her mother, father, and seven siblings. The family lived and worked on a farm as sharecroppers in Blair, but they migrated to Chester, Pennsylvania, after an incident in which Mrs. Brown's father was cheated at settlement by his employer. In Chester, Mrs. Brown met and married her husband, Rev. Ulysses Brown, and the two moved to Long Island, New York. Mrs. Brown got a job working for AT and T and was able to continue her education in Long Island, receiving a bachelor's degree in Christian Education. After her husband's retirement Mrs. Brown and her husband moved to Washington, D.C., and she has worked as substitute teacher since arriving in the District. Mrs. Brown also serves on the Mothers' Board of Greater Refuge Temple of Washington, D.C., and is currently taking classes at Liberty University.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Jettie Brown discusses her life and experiences moving from Blair, Virginia, to Chester, Pennsylvania, to Long Island, New York, and ultimately to Washington, D.C. Mrs. Brown talks about her upbringing and family life on the farm in Blair, segregation and race relations in Blair, and her

family's migration to Chester, Pennsylvania, when she was twenty years old. Mrs. Brown also discusses moving to Long Island with her husband and their move to the Washington, D.C., area.

Jimmie Suggs transcrip, 2017-12-11

Creator: Suggs, Jimmie, 1952-

Creator: Woods-Arthur, Maya

Biographical / Historical

Jimmie Suggs was born in 1952 in Stantonsburg, North Carolina, and has three brothers and three sisters. Mr. Suggs grew up working in tobacco fields, picking cotton and corn, and securing odd jobs around town. He also was a serious athlete (softball and basketball) and has continued playing sports throughout his life. He attended Speights High School in Saratoga, North Carolina, before integrating Lee Woodard High School in Black Creek, North Carolina, in his junior year. Mr. Suggs' basketball coach from Speights drove him to and from Lee Woodard every day since he had gotten a job as assistant principal there. The same year he enrolled at Lee Woodard, 1969, Mr. Suggs began coming to D.C. for summer work. One of Mr. Suggs' older brothers had moved to D.C. in 1966, and his mother had been encouraging him to do the same since there was little economic opportunity in their area. Upon graduating from high school, he moved to Washington for good. Mr. Suggs has worked a variety of jobs throughout the D.C. region including work as a Metrobus driver, truck driver, locksmith, construction worker, and mechanic/garage attendant.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Jimmie Suggs, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from Stantonsburg, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. He discusses coming up as a "southern boy," being the first Black student to integrate the local public high school, the expectations of his household, and never losing his Southern identity after moving to D.C. He also discusses changes he's witnessed in the city.

Reverend Dr. Isaac Fox transcript, 2017-12-19

Creator: Fox, Isaac A.

Creator: Messina-Fitzgerald, Clare

Biographical / Historical

Rev. Dr. Isaac Fox was born in the 1930s in Nashville, NC, and was one of Susie and Ned Will Fox's eleven children. He attended school in Nashville until the ninth grade at which point he decided to drop out and pursue a musical career singing in a quartet. After deciding he

wasn't making enough money singing, Rev. Fox came to Washington in 1953 and stayed with an older cousin in the District. After a year living in D.C., he was drafted into the service and served overseas. Rev. Fox completed a GED while in France, and upon returning to the U.S., returned to North Carolina to complete his high school requirements. Rev. Fox then received a BS in Chemistry from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, in 1962. While attending Shaw, he met his wife and the two married in 1960. They went on to have two daughters. Rev. Fox worked as a chemist at NIH, and continued to receive further education throughout his life (M.S. in Science Teaching from American University, M.S. in Information Science from UD.C., M.Div. from Howard University School of Divinity, and ultimately received a Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from the Esoteric Theological Seminary in 2011). Rev. Fox has been involved with Vermont Avenue Baptist Church since 1997 and served in a variety of roles including interim pastor from 2016 - 2018.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, the Reverend Dr. Isaac Fox, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from Nashville, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. He recalls his upbringing and education in Nashville, his move to D.C. in 1953, and his experiences serving in the U.S. Military. Rev. Fox also discusses his varied educational experiences and his lifelong dedication to education

Sarah Ann Hardy transcript, 2017-12-26

Creator: Hardy, Sarah Ann, 1947-

Creator: Wilson, Ramani

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Sarah Ann Hardy, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her experiences moving from Randleman, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She discusses her upbringing in Randleman, moving to D.C. in 1966 at age 19, her life in the city and her career working for the federal government, and her return to North Carolina after her retirement in 2008. She also discusses the riots of 1968, the Trump presidency and the contemporary political climate, and the effects of rising property values on people's ability to buy a home.

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Sub-Series 1: Interviews, 2018

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Creator: Crutchfield, Edith Amanda, 1936-

Creator: Ramos-Bracho, Isabella

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Eva McLeod interview, 2018-12-07

Creator: McLeod, Eva, 1918-

Creator: Washington, Kay

Creator: Alvarez, Steven

Biographical / Historical

Eva M. McLeod was born in 1918 in Albany, Georgia. She celebrated her 100th birthday in July of 2018. Graduating high school as valedictorian when she was 15, she went on to what was then Georgia Normal and Agricultural University, now Albany State University, a public HBCU (Historically black colleges and universities). Mrs. McLeod taught for about two years before moving on to a four-year college in Savannah, Georgia, where she met her husband. She and her husband taught for three years in Georgia before he decided to look for work in D.C. At this point she and her husband had three children, and he felt they needed a greater income. After settling in D.C., she found that life was different yet similar in the Black communities, as many people she knew had settled from southern cities. In thinking about moving from Albany to D.C., working and raising her children, caring for her grandchildren and elderly husband before he passed, Mrs. McLeod remarks that, "I've had my hands full all my life."

Scope and Contents

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Jacqueline Hines interview, 2018-12-28

Creator: Hines, Jacqueline, 1954-

Creator: Ayodeji, Oluwafunmilayo

Biographical / Historical

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Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Jacqueline Hines, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Wilson, North Carolina to Washington, D.C. She discusses her upbringing in Wilson, the reasons her family chose to move to D.C., her time at Ballou High School and Bowie State University, and her career as an educator and social worker. She also talks about issues she has faced since coming to Washington and some of the reasons she has never considered returning to North Carolina.

James Jackson interview, 2018-12-21

Creator: Jackson, James Lyde, 1936-

Biographical / Historical

James Jackson was born June 10, 1936, in Oates, South Carolina, but he grew up in nearby Hartsville SC. Mr. Jackson's parents were sharecroppers, and he recalls how landowners exploited farmers and often cheated them at settlement. After finishing high school, Mr. Jackson went into business with his brother building homes, but he eventually decided to move to D.C. since he wasn't making enough to support his growing family. He initially came to D.C. in 1962 without his family, since he wanted to find housing suitable for his wife and children before they came north. He lived with his sister at first, but he was able to secure housing through a job as a building manager and had his family joined him soon after. He worked as a union carpenter for a couple years before landing a job with the Department of Corrections as the facilities manager for a prison. Mr. Jackson retired in 1990.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, James Lyde Jackson, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his life and experiences moving from Hartsville, South Carolina to Washington,

D.C. Mr. Jackson reflects on his upbringing in Hartsville as the son of sharecroppers, his experiences with segregation, and moving to D.C. in search of better opportunities for his family. He also talks about his children and his career working for the Department of Corrections.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Diaz-Cruz, Saul

Joseph Harris interview, 2018-12

Creator: Harris, Joseph E., 1929-

Creator: Nikolas, Ferreyra

Biographical / Historical

Dr. Joseph Harris was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He was raised by his great aunt and grew up attending segregated schools. Most young men in his town picked tobacco to make a living, but Dr. Harris looked to education as his way out, a way, his family emphasized, to "being somebody." He attended Hampton University for a year but because he could not afford to live on campus, he did not enjoy his experience there and went to work in Williamstown, Massachusetts, where his mother lived. After working as a cook at Williams College for a few years, Dr. Harris moved to Schenectady, New York, to work for General Electric. After saving up enough money, he moved to Washington, D.C., to complete his college education at Howard University where he received his undergraduate degree in 1952. While at Howard, Dr. Harris joined Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and went into the service upon graduation. He served as an officer in the Korean War between 1952-1954 before returning to Howard to receive a Master's in African Studies in 1956. He then went on to earn a PhD from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he met his wife. He completed his doctoral dissertation in Guinea, and later became a professor of history at Howard University.

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Ruth Anne Lee Cohen interview, 2018-12

Creator: Cohen, Ruth Anne Lee

Creator: Isaac, Elijah

Biographical / Historical

Ruth Anne Lee Cohen was born in Savannah, Georgia, in the 1930s. She grew up with her parents, grandmother, and three younger siblings and by age five she was working in her grandmother's confectionary as a cashier. Ms. Cohen's parents and siblings moved to Detroit, Michigan, when she was in the seventh grade leaving her to live with her grandmother. Ms. Cohen attended a segregated Catholic school until seventh grade, at which point she enrolled at Alfred A. Beach High School where she met her husband. After finishing high school, Ms. Cohen attended Savannah State College (now Savannah State University) where she studied elementary education and graduated in 1958. After teaching in Savannah for three years, she moved north to join her husband in Washington. After serving overseas in the military, Ms. Cohen's husband refused to live in the South, and by the time they were married, he had already been living in Washington for a couple years. Ms. Cohen held off on joining him in D.C. until she had taught in Savannah public schools for three years, securing tenure. Once in Washington she continued teaching until her retirement in 1999. She took on other positions after retirement, such as the Business and Professional Women's League, helping students get scholarships to college.

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Sub-Series 2: Indexes, 2018

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Creator: Diaz-Cruz, Saul

Biographical / Historical

James Jackson was born June 10, 1936, in Oates, South Carolina, but he grew up in nearby Hartsville SC. Mr. Jackson's parents were sharecroppers, and he recalls how landowners exploited farmers and often cheated them at settlement. After finishing high school, Mr. Jackson went into business with his brother building homes, but he eventually decided to move to D.C. since he wasn't making enough to support his growing family. He initially came to D.C. in 1962 without his family, since he wanted to find housing suitable for his wife and children before they came north. He lived with his sister at first, but he was able to secure housing through a job as a building manager and had his family joined him soon after. He worked as a union carpenter for a couple years before landing a job with the Department of Corrections as the facilities manager for a prison. Mr. Jackson retired in 1990.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, James Lyde Jackson, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his life and experiences moving from Hartsville, South Carolina to Washington, D.C. Mr. Jackson reflects on his upbringing in Hartsville as the son of sharecroppers, his experiences with segregation, and moving to D.C. in search of better opportunities for his family. He also talks about his children and his career working for the Department of Corrections.

Joseph Harris transcript, 2018-12

Creator: Harris, Joseph E., 1929-

Creator: Nikolas, Ferreyra

Biographical / Historical

Dr. Joseph Harris was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He was raised by his great aunt and grew up attending segregated schools. Most young men in his town picked tobacco to make a living, but Dr. Harris looked to education as his way out, a way, his family emphasized, to "being somebody." He attended Hampton University for a year but because he could not afford to live on campus, he did not enjoy his experience there and went to work in Williamstown, Massachusetts, where his mother lived. After working as a cook at Williams College for a few

years, Dr. Harris moved to Schenectady, New York, to work for General Electric. After saving up enough money, he moved to Washington, D.C., to complete his college education at Howard University where he received his undergraduate degree in 1952. While at Howard, Dr. Harris joined Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and went into the service upon graduation. He served as an officer in the Korean War between 1952-1954 before returning to Howard to receive a Master's in African Studies in 1956. He then went on to earn a PhD from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he met his wife. He completed his doctoral dissertation in Guinea, and later became a professor of history at Howard University.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Dr. Joseph Harris, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his experiences moving from Rocky Mount, North Carolina, to Massachusetts, to Washington, D.C. He discusses his upbringing in Rocky Mount, attending Hampton University for a year, moving to Massachusetts, finishing college at Howard University, joining Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and serving in the Korean War, and his academic career as a professor of African Studies.

Ruth Anne Lee Cohen transcript, 2018-12

Creator: Cohen, Ruth Anne Lee

Creator: Isaac, Elijah

Biographical / Historical

Ruth Anne Lee Cohen was born in Savannah, Georgia, in the 1930s. She grew up with her parents, grandmother, and three younger siblings and by age five she was working in her grandmother's confectionary as a cashier. Ms. Cohen's parents and siblings moved to Detroit, Michigan, when she was in the seventh grade leaving her to live with her grandmother. Ms. Cohen attended a segregated Catholic school until seventh grade, at which point she enrolled at Alfred A. Beach High School where she met her husband. After finishing high school, Ms. Cohen attended Savannah State College (now Savannah State University) where she studied elementary education and graduated in 1958. After teaching in Savannah for three years, she moved north to join her husband in Washington. After serving overseas in the military, Ms. Cohen's husband refused to live in the South, and by the time they were married, he had already been living in Washington for a couple years. Ms. Cohen held off on joining him in D.C. until she had taught in Savannah public schools for three years, securing tenure. Once in Washington she continued teaching until her retirement in 1999. She took on other positions after retirement, such as

the Business and Professional Women's League, helping students get scholarships to college.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Ruth Anne Lee Cohen, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Savannah, Georgia, to Washington, D.C. She discusses growing up in Savannah and educational experiences there, getting married, and teaching in D.C. until 1999. She talks about her favorite experiences teaching and from her life post-retirement.

Sub-Series 4: Images

Title/Description

Instances

Annie Lee Jackson and Wallace Jackson, 1917 ca.

Scope and Contents

An image of Annie Lee Jackson and Wallace Jackson, parents of James Jackson. Wallace Jackson is wearing a World War I military uniform.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Jackson, Annie Lee
- Jackson, Wallace

Butler School

Scope and Contents

Exterior view of Butler School, a public school that served the Black community from 1921 to 1982.

Butler School historical marker

Scope and Contents

A historical marker that reads 'Butler School, located on this site since 1921, was the second public school to serve Hartsville black community and operated for over sixty years. Known as the Darlington Co. Training School until 1939, it was renamed for Rev. Henry H. Butler, its principal 1909-1946. The first building on this site burned in 1961, extant buildings date from 1936 to the mid-1960s. Butler School was a junior high and high school when it closed in 1982.'

James Jackson high school graduation

Scope and Contents

Formal graduation image of James Jackson.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Jackson, James Lyde, 1936-

James Jackson

Scope and Contents

James Jackson during an oral history interview.

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- Jackson, James Lyde, 1936-

Elijah Isaac and Ruth Anne Lee Cohen

Scope and Contents

Elijah Isaac and Ruth Anne Lee Cohen pose for a photograph after completing an oral history interview.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Cohen, Ruth Anne Lee
- Isaac, Elijah

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Series 6: 2019-2020 School Year, 2019-2020

Sub-series 1: Interviews, 2019-2020

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<u>Creator:</u> Speight, Jordan	
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Controlled Access Headings:

- Black persons
- Migration, Internal
- African Americans

Bernice Pitts interview, 2020-01-07

Creator: Pitts, Bernice, 1939-

Creator: McLean, Trejure

Biographical / Historical

Bernice Pitts was born on April 13th, 1939, in Laurinburg, North Carolina, and was one of Mary Magdalena McCoy and Dan Mclean's ten children. After her mother died in childbirth, Ms. Pitts and her younger siblings were sent to live with relatives. In 1956, at the age of 17, Ms. Pitts moved to D.C. to stay with one of her older sisters. After initially working different jobs as a cook and housekeeper, Ms. Pitts secured a job doing custodial work for the federal government. After moving to Washington she also married her husband, Nathaniel Pitts, and had seven children. Eventually, Ms. Pitts was forced to stop working for the government after a workplace injury. Since that time she has worked in the home, spent time with her husband until his passing, and helped raise her grandchildren. Ms. Pitts has a passion for cooking and baking and now spends her days cooking cakes and spending time with family.

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- African Americans
- Black persons
- Women
- Migration, Internal

Claudia Lewis interview, 2019-11-25

Creator: Lewis, Claudia, 1937-

Creator: Artemus, Michael

Biographical / Historical

Claudia Lewis (née Claudia Johnson) was born September 30, 1937 in Ridge Spring, South Carolina. Ms. Lewis grew up on a farm in Ridge Spring with her parents, Charlie May Johnson and Ulysses Johnson, and six siblings. Though she was too young to do any serious farming, all of her siblings had to help operate the farm. In 1946, Ms. Lewis's father made the decision that the family would move up north to Washington, D.C. Upon arriving in D.C., the family lived on Howard Road SE, but they soon moved to Northeast Washington. Ms. Lewis attended the Birney School on Nichols Avenue SE (now Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE) for a few months upon arriving in Washington, but after moving to Northeast during her sixth-grade year, she attended Burrville Elementary and later Merritt Elementary School. She went on to attend Kelly Miller Junior High before graduating from McKinley High School in 1956. Ms. Lewis then went to New York for a time before returning to Washington to begin a job at the Department of the Navy. She married her husband Elton Lewis in December 1969. After beginning as a mail clerk with the Department of the Navy, Ms. Lewis later became a secretary and remained there for her whole career. In 1992 Ms. Lewis moved to Prince George's County Maryland. Ms. Lewis's husband passed away in 2014, and Ms. Lewis currently lives with her daughter in Maryland.

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- African Americans
- Black persons
- Migration, Internal
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Deacon Clarence Haywood interview, 2020-01-05

Creator: Haywood, Clarence, Deacon, 1974-

Creator: Glazerman, Sameer

Scope and Contents

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Biographical / Historical

Deacon Clarence Haywood was born in 1947 in Camilla, Georgia, and he grew up with his mother, grandparents, and three younger siblings (two brothers and a sister). For a time they stayed with their father in Atlanta, GA, but they soon returned to Camilla to live with his mother's parents because of issues between his parents. His grandfather, Roy Caesar, was a well-known farmer in Mitchell County, Georgia, and his grandmother was a registered nurse in Camilla. His mother worked in a factory, but she was often battling illness and worked less hours than many of her colleagues. After graduating high school in 1965, Deacon Haywood served in the US Navy for four years. Upon leaving the service, he settled in D.C. and began working at the National Institute of Health (NIH) as a hospital corpsman. He had never visited to D.C. before, and he was the first of his family to migrate north. NIH then paid for him to attend Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, and become a registered nurse. Upon graduating in 1975, he began a forty-year career in nursing. Deacon Haywood has been a deacon at New Bethel Church of God in Christ in Takoma Park, D.C., for over three decades.

Jacqueline Hines interview, 2019-11-13

Creator: Hines, Jacqueline, 1954-

Creator: Bellamy, Kiarra

Biographical / Historical

Jacqueline Hines was born in Wilson, North Carolina on April 27, 1954. Though she was sixth of her mother's seven children, she grew up with only her mother and younger sister in the home since her older siblings were from her mother's first marriage and had already moved out. At the age of 15 in the summer of 1969, Ms. Hines came to Washington, D.C.; her mother and sister came north to join her that fall. Ms. Hines was the first in her family to have a high school diploma (Ballou High School) and to get a college degree (Bowie State University). She gave birth to her son after finishing at Bowie State in 1977, and, after staying home with him for a time, she began her career as an educator. Her first teaching job was in a correctional facility but she later began working in DC Public Schools (DCPS). Ms. Hines retired from DCPS in August of 2019.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Jacqueline Hines, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Wilson, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She reflects on her upbringing in the South, her

life in Washington, and her career as an early childhood educator and social worker.

Lena Bradley interview, 2019-11-19

Creator: Bradley, Lena Mae Bunch Townsend, 1929-

Creator: Campbell, Amora

Biographical / Historical

Lena Mae Bunch Townsend Bradley was born in Wilson County, North Carolina, July 20, 1929 to Adelina Bunch and James Henry Bynum. She lived there until the age of five, at which time she moved to Kenly, North Carolina, in Johnson County, attending the city public grade school from the first to the sixth grade. She attended high school in Selma, North Carolina and graduated in 1950. She stayed with an aunt in D.C. during the summers starting in 1946, getting a job taking care of a wealthy older White woman in the community, and after graduating she stayed in the city, becoming a beautician, joining Second Baptist Church in 1953 and marrying in 1956. She participated in beauty competitions and won awards, traveling extensively with her husband, all the while remaining a member of Second Baptist for over sixty-seven years.

Scope and Contents

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Controlled Access Headings:

- Black persons
- Migration, Internal
- African Americans
- Women

Thelma D. Jones interview, 2019-11-27

Creator: Jones, Thelma D., 1952-

Creator: Rogin, Lola

Biographical / Historical

Thelma D. Jones' work has been fundamental to civic and youth activism and raising awareness of breast health. She is an award-winning community activist, breast cancer survivor, advocate, and founder of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund. Diagnosed in 2007 with a rare (unknown primary) and aggressive form of breast cancer (HER2+), her treatment regimen included chemotherapy, surgery (lumpectomy) and radiation. Jones is a seasoned volunteer with the American Cancer Society (ACS) and

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Sub-series 2: Indexes, 2019-2020

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Sub-series 3: Transcripts, 2019-2020

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<u>Creator</u> : Speight, Jordan	

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Creator: McLean, Trejure

Biographical / Historical

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Claudia Lewis transcript, 2019-11-25

Creator: Lewis, Claudia, 1937-

Creator: Artemus, Michael

Bibliography

Claudia Lewis (née Claudia Johnson) was born September 30, 1937 in Ridge Spring, South Carolina. Ms. Lewis grew up on a farm in Ridge Spring with her parents, Charlie May Johnson and Ulysses Johnson, and six siblings. Though she was too young to do any serious farming, all of her siblings had to help operate the farm. In 1946, Ms. Lewis's father made the decision that the family would move up north to Washington, D.C. Upon arriving in D.C., the family lived on Howard Road SE, but they soon moved to Northeast Washington. Ms. Lewis attended the Birney School on Nichols Avenue SE (now Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE) for a few months upon arriving in Washington, but after moving to Northeast during her sixth-grade year, she attended Burrville Elementary and later Merritt Elementary School. She went on to attend Kelly Miller Junior High before graduating from McKinley High School in 1956. Ms. Lewis then went to New York for a time before returning to Washington to begin a job at the Department of the Navy. She married her husband Elton Lewis in December 1969. After beginning as a mail clerk with the Department of the Navy, Ms. Lewis later became a secretary and remained there for her whole career. In 1992 Ms. Lewis moved to Prince George's County Maryland. Ms. Lewis's husband passed away in 2014, and Ms. Lewis currently lives with her daughter in Maryland.

Deacon Clarence Haywood transcript, 2020-01-05

Creator: Haywood, Clarence, Deacon, 1974-

Creator: Glazerman, Sameer

Biographical / Historical

Deacon Clarence Haywood was born in 1947 in Camilla, Georgia, and he grew up with his mother, grandparents, and three younger siblings (two brothers and a sister). For a time they stayed with their father in Atlanta, GA, but they soon returned to Camilla to live with his mother's parents because of issues between his parents. His grandfather, Roy Caesar, was a well-known farmer in Mitchell County, Georgia, and his grandmother was a registered nurse in Camilla. His mother worked in a factory, but she was often battling illness and worked less hours than many of her colleagues. After graduating high school in 1965, Deacon Haywood served in the US Navy for four years. Upon leaving the service, he

settled in D.C. and began working at the National Institute of Health (NIH) as a hospital corpsman. He had never visited to D.C. before, and he was the first of his family to migrate north. NIH then paid for him to attend Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, and become a registered nurse. Upon graduating in 1975, he began a forty-year career in nursing. Deacon Haywood has been a deacon at New Bethel Church of God in Christ in Takoma Park, D.C., for over three decades.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Clarence Haywood, a long time D.C. resident, discusses his life and experiences moving from Camilla, Georgia, to Washington, D.C. Deacon Haywood talks about his upbringing and family life in Camilla, Georgia, race relations in Camilla, and how he came to the D.C. region after serving in the Navy. He also discusses his life in Washington, his 40-year career as a nurse, cultural differences between the D.C. region and the South, and how D.C. has changed since he first moved to the region.

Jacqueline Hines transcript, 2019-11-13

Creator: Hines, Jacqueline, 1954-

Creator: Bellamy, Kiarra

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Jacqueline Hines, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Wilson, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She reflects on her upbringing in the South, her life in Washington, and her career as an early childhood educator and social worker.

Biographical / Historical

Jacqueline Hines was born in Wilson, North Carolina on April 27, 1954. Though she was sixth of her mother's seven children, she grew up with only her mother and younger sister in the home since her older siblings were from her mother's first marriage and had already moved out. At the age of 15 in the summer of 1969, Ms. Hines came to Washington, D.C.; her mother and sister came north to join her that fall. Ms. Hines was the first in her family to have a high school diploma (Ballou High School) and to get a college degree (Bowie State University). She gave birth to her son after finishing at Bowie State in 1977, and, after staying home with him for a time, she began her career as an educator. Her first teaching job was in a correctional facility but she later began working in DC Public Schools (DCPS). Ms. Hines retired from DCPS in August of 2019.

Lena Bradley transcript, 2019-11-19

Creator: Bradley, Lena Mae Bunch Townsend, 1929-

Creator: Campbell, Amora

Biographical / Historical

Lena Mae Bunch Townsend Bradley was born in Wilson County, North Carolina, July 20, 1929 to Adelina Bunch and James Henry Bynum. She lived there until the age of five, at which time she moved to Kenly, North Carolina, in Johnson County, attending the city public grade school from the first to the sixth grade. She attended high school in Selma, North Carolina and graduated in 1950. She stayed with an aunt in D.C. during the summers starting in 1946, getting a job taking care of a wealthy older White woman in the community, and after graduating she stayed in the city, becoming a beautician, joining Second Baptist Church in 1953 and marrying in 1956. She participated in beauty competitions and won awards, traveling extensively with her husband, all the while remaining a member of Second Baptist for over sixty-seven years.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Lena Bradley, a long time D.C. resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Kenly, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. She reflects on her upbringing and education in the South as well as her life in Washington and career as a beautician.

Thelma D. Jones transcript, 2019-11-27

Creator: Jones, Thelma D., 1952-

Creator: Rogin, Lola

Biographical / Historical

Thelma D. Jones' work has been fundamental to civic and youth activism and raising awareness of breast health. She is an award-winning community activist, breast cancer survivor, advocate, and founder of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund. Diagnosed in 2007 with a rare (unknown primary) and aggressive form of breast cancer (HER2+), her treatment regimen included chemotherapy, surgery (lumpectomy) and radiation. Jones is a seasoned volunteer with the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN). In the former capacity she has spoken both locally and nationally, delivering the message of early detection, prevention, treatment and hope to thousands of women, men and young girls. As the former DC State Lead Ambassador for ACSCAN, Jones has lobbied both national and local public officials for funding of tobacco control and cancer research. In April 2010, she established the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund

Support Group, the signature program of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund in Southwest DC. Focusing primarily on the historically less served communities, the support group has contributed significantly to providing a safe and secure place for emotional support for breast cancer survivors and caretakers to discuss and share their journeys, hear a range of highly skilled speakers, acquire information and resources, and give voices to those who are struggling in silence with their diagnosis. Prior to becoming a cancer advocate, Jones retired from the World Bank Group after more than 33 years. As one of the principal founders of the World Bank's institutional outreach program, Jones served as a community outreach coordinator, carrying out the Bank's global poverty mission on a local level in the areas of education, volunteer management, homelessness, training and summer employment for youth, and community development. Recognized for her long-time civic activism and advocacy, Jones has been featured extensively in the media where she speaks candidly about her cancer journey and her desire to turn her challenge into an opportunity to help others. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Mayor's Award for Community Service in the Category of Lifetime Achievement and the prestigious White House Champion of Change Award. In June 2016, Jones was selected by ACSCAN to represent the organization at the White House's Moonshot Summit, and in September, she was recognized with the 2016 State Lead Ambassador of the Year Award by ACSCAN. Jones holds an AAS Degree from Durham College, Durham, NC and is a graduate of Georgetown University Nonprofit Management Executive Certificate program, George Washington University DC Neighborhood College and Leadership Greater Washington 00'. She is also a graduate of the National Breast Cancer Coalition Project LEAD and Wesley Theological Seminary Heal the Sick Program. In addition, Jones is a founding member of both Black Benefactors, a giving circle, and Black Philanthropic Alliance, a membership organization. Since 1982, she has served on the board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) where she holds several leadership positions, including president, vice president, chair of the Nominating Committee (at least ten times), contributing writer for The Southwester, chair of both the Youth Activities Task Force and the History Task Force Black History Subcommittee. Grounded in her faith, Jones is a long-time member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on the Southwest Waterfront. She serves as a lay reader, member of the Altar Guild, and member of the executive team to organize annual events on Justice Thurgood Marshall, a former member of the church. Jones has one son, Jamal, grandson, Seneca, and Ozzie, her Shih Tzu. She enjoys reading, traveling, attending Jazz events, working with youth, and being a coordinating nexus of positive events. Thelma D. Jones also completed an oral

history interview with the DC Oral History Collaborative
Buzzard Point Oral History Project.

Scope and Contents

In this oral history interview, Thelma D. Jones, a long time DC resident, discusses her life and experiences moving from Snow Hill, North Carolina, to Washington, D.C. Ms. Jones talks about her family life and upbringing in Snow Hill; her move to Washington after graduating from Durham College; and her life and work in DC. Ms. Jones also discusses some of the changes she's witnessed in Washington and the impact she's made on the city.

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Image of Deacon Clarence Haywood taken during his oral history interview session.

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- Haywood, Clarence, Deacon, 1974-

Jacqueline Hines and Kiara Bellamy, 2019-11-13

Scope and Contents

Interviewee Jacqueline Hines and her interviewer Kiarra Bellamy, a high school student from Woodrow Wilson High School enrolled in the Real World History Class.

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- Bellamy, Kiarra

Trejure McLean and Bernice Pitts, 2020-01-07

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