



ArchivesSpace

Milepost to Self-Government Oral History ProjectOHP013

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on October 12, 2018.
Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Stage

Table of Contents

Summary Information 3

Biographical / Historical 3

Scope and Contents 3

Administrative Information 4

Collection Inventory 4

 Series 1 4

 Series 2 5

Summary Information

Repository:	Stage
Title:	Milepost to Self-Government Oral History Project
ID:	OHP013
Date:	1993
Physical Description:	0.75 Linear feet
Language of the Material:	English

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Biographical / Historical

The D.C. Public Library was founded in 1896 by an act of Congress "to furnish books and other printed matter and information service convenient to the homes and offices of all residents of the District.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Contents

On February 27, 1993, the Washingtoniana Division held a public panel entitled "Milestone on the Road to Self-Government" at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. The panel was part of the 20th Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies. Panelists included John Bonner Duncan, Walter E. Washington, John Hechinger, and Charles Horsky, prominent D.C. politicians who played key roles in D.C.'s transition from the three-commissioner-led government to home rule in 1973. The panel was recorded and a separate interview was conducted in 1993 with Hechinger in which he reflects on his life, business, race relations, and his role as D.C.'s first Chairman of the City Council. The latter was part of a planned post-WWII Washington documentation project led by the Washingtoniana Division and the D.C. Archives and Records Center. The two sets of recordings were later combined into a single oral history project focused on documenting and interpreting the political development of a major metropolitan community since the end of World War II. The project includes audio recordings and transcripts of a panel discussion of the transition to home rule and a follow-up interview with one of the panelists. Topics

include the formation of the D.C. city government, D.C.'s relationship with the federal government, the roles of interviewees in business and government, and race relations.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Stage

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The DC Public Library conducted these interviews and panel discussion as a part of the Annual Conference of Washington D.C. Historical Studies Conference in 1993. Tapes and transcripts were officially transferred to the Washingtoniana Division shortly after thier completion. There is no transfer documentation between Library departments.

Processing Information

After transfer to the Washingtoniana Division, tapes were duplicated by the Library with use copies being placed a cabinet, while the originals were placed into off-site cold storage. Transcripts for the panel discussion and interview have been bound and cataloged into the Washingtoniana book collection. In 2014, the tapes and transcripts were digitized and in 2017 the collection was reprocessed. Copies of the transcripts were placed into folders and boxed. Audio cassette tapes were arranged and boxed for long term storage. All administrative documents, including releases, were placed into the control file.

Conditions Governing Use

The Library holds copyright for items in this collection with a signed release. There are no restrictions on the use of these collection materials. Reproduction of an oral history without a signed release is not permitted.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Collection Inventory

Series 1

Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include transcripts the panel discussion and interview. There is no transcript for 12-03.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Series 2

Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include master and patron copies of the panel discussion and interview on audio cassette.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)