

## South of U Street Oral History ProjectOHP025

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## Summary Information

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**Date:** 2012

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**Language of the Material:** English

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## Content Description

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Digital audio recordings and PDF transcripts of 10 oral history interviews recorded by Shaw Library staff to document the Shaw neighborhood and the effect of the 1968 riots on its community.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Oral History
  - Assassination
  - Riots
  - Urban renewal
  - Segregation
  - Gentrification
  - Audio
  - Digital materials
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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Transcripts

Physical Description: 10 Files

Title/Description	Instances
Jacqueline Rogers Hart interview transcript, 2012-04	

Physical Description: 1 Files

### Biographical / Historical

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### Scope and Contents

Transcript of oral history interviews with Jacqueline Rogers Hart. She discusses her memories of the 1968 riots, which occurred while she was working as a secretary at a law firm. Hart also gives her perspective on how Shaw has changed over time, both in terms of its cost of living and the fact that is not is as close knit as it used to be.

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Kenneth Tolliver interview transcript, 2012-04

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## **Biographical / Historical**

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## **Scope and Contents**

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Karen Keegan-Isard interview transcript, 2012-05

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Yvonne Baskerville interview transcript, 2012-05

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Mill Butler interview transcript, 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

### **Biographical / Historical**

Mill Butler was born in Washington D.C. in 1954.

### **General**

The second of the two video oral history interviews with Mill Butler was lost some time after its creation.

The contents of that video can be found in the interview transcript document.

## **Scope and Contents**

Transcript of oral history interviews with Mill Butler. In his interviews Butler describes where he went for entertainment, including the Howard Theater and Republic Theater. Butler also details how car dealerships left the community after the 1968 riots due to their inability to be insured.

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Alexander Padro interview transcript, 2012-06

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Alexander Padro is a community organizer and the executive director of Shaw Main Streets.

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview transcript, 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

## **Biographical / Historical**

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

## **Scope and Contents**

Transcript of oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

Ibrahim Mumin interview transcript, 2012-06

Physical Description: 1 Files

## Biographical / Historical

Born in Columbus, Georgia, Mumin attended Howard University where he was a student activist. At the time of the interview, he was executive director of Shaw Project Area Committee, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit organization which focuses on the development Shaw area.

## Scope and Contents

Transcript of oral history interviews with Ibrahim Mumin. In his interviews, Mumin describes his activism during his time as a student at Howard, which attempted to push Howard to become more involved with the community. Mumin explains a sense of activism attached him to Shaw. He mentions Fides House, a community center that offered services to the Shaw community. He also touches upon the entertainment venues and restaurants he used to visit in the area. Mumin notes how his experience in activism and the confrontations it led to prepared him for the 1968 riots. Reflecting on why the riots occurred, Mumin felt that people struck out at businesses out of anger, which led to many businesses and middle-class whites fleeing the community altogether. Mumin also presents his perspective on Shaw's present and future, in terms of economics, culture, and community.

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## Series 2: Interviews

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Kenneth Tolliver interview (part 5 of 5), 2012-04

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Karen Keegan-Isard interview (part 1 of 5), 2012-05

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Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Karen Keegan-Isard, moved to Washington D.C. in the 1970s with her husband. The couple later moved to Shaw and established a community bank.

## Scope and Contents

The first of five oral history interviews with Karen Keegan-Isard. In her interviews she describes how she first relocated

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## Biographical / Historical

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview (part 1 of 8), 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

### **Biographical / Historical**

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

### **Scope and Contents**

The first of eight oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview (part 2 of 8), 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

### **Biographical / Historical**

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

## Scope and Contents

The second of eight oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview (part 3 of 8), 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

## Biographical / Historical

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

## Scope and Contents

The third of eight oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview (part 4 of 8), 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

## Biographical / Historical

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

## Scope and Contents

The fourth of eight oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview (part 5 of 8), 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

## **Biographical / Historical**

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

## **Scope and Contents**

The fifth eight oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview (part 6 of 8), 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

## **Biographical / Historical**

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

## **Scope and Contents**

The sixth of eight oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview (part 7 of 8), 2012-05

Physical Description: 1 Files

## **Biographical / Historical**

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

## **Scope and Contents**

The seventh of eight oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the

middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

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Betty May Brooks-Cole interview (part 8 of 8), 2012-06

Physical Description: 1 Files

### **Biographical / Historical**

Betty May Brooks-Cole was born in Washington D.C.

### **Scope and Contents**

The eighth of eight oral history interviews with Betty May Brooks-Cole. In her interviews, she describes the entertainment venues for African Americans on U Street, including the Howard Theater and the Republic Theater and notes some of the musical acts that she saw perform, which included Chuck Brown and the Four Tops. She also speaks about the segregation of department stores. Brooks-Cole describes as well her fright at being on 7th street in the middle of the 1968 riots and how she felt in the aftermath of the riots.

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Ibrahim Mumin interview (part 1 of 7), 2012-06

Physical Description: 1 Files

### **Biographical / Historical**

Born in Columbus, Georgia, Mumin attended Howard University where he was a student activist. At the time of the interview, he was executive director of Shaw Project Area Committee, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit organization which focuses on the development Shaw area.

### **Scope and Contents**

The first of seven oral history interviews with Ibrahim Mumin. In his interviews, Mumin describes his activism during his time as a student at Howard, which attempted to push Howard to become more involved with the community. Mumin explains a sense of activism attached him to Shaw. He mentions Fides House, a community center that offered services to the Shaw community. He also touches upon the entertainment venues and restaurants he used to visit in the area. Mumin notes how his experience in activism and the confrontations it led to prepared him for the 1968 riots. Reflecting on why the riots occurred, Mumin felt that people struck out at businesses out of anger, which led to many businesses and middle-class whites fleeing the community altogether. Mumin also presents his perspective on Shaw's present and future, in terms of economics, culture, and community.

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Ibrahim Mumin interview (part 2 of 7), 2012-06

Physical Description: 1 Files



## **Biographical / Historical**

Born in Columbus, Georgia, Mumin attended Howard University where he was a student activist. At the time of the interview, he was executive director of Shaw Project Area Committee, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit organization which focuses on the development Shaw area.

## **Scope and Contents**

The second of seven oral history interviews with Ibrahim Mumin. In his interviews, Mumin describes his activism during his time as a student at Howard, which attempted to push Howard to become more involved with the community. Mumin explains a sense of activism attached him to Shaw. He mentions Fides House, a community center that offered services to the Shaw community. He also touches upon the entertainment venues and restaurants he used to visit in the area. Mumin notes how his experience in activism and the confrontations it led to prepared him for the 1968 riots. Reflecting on why the riots occurred, Mumin felt that people struck out at businesses out of anger, which led to many businesses and middle-class whites fleeing the community altogether. Mumin also presents his perspective on Shaw's present and future, in terms of economics, culture, and community.

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Ibrahim Mumin interview (part 3 of 7), 2012-06

Physical Description: 1 Files

## **Biographical / Historical**

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Ibrahim Mumin interview (part 4 of 7), 2012-06

Physical Description: 1 Files

### **Biographical / Historical**

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Ibrahim Mumin interview (part 5 of 7), 2012-06

Physical Description: 1 Files

### **Biographical / Historical**

Born in Columbus, Georgia, Mumin attended Howard University where he was a student activist. At the time of the interview, he was executive director of Shaw Project Area Committee, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit organization which focuses on the development Shaw area.

### **Scope and Contents**

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Ibrahim Mumin interview (part 6 of 7), 2012-06

Physical Description: 1 Files

### **Biographical / Historical**

Born in Columbus, Georgia, Mumin attended Howard University where he was a student activist. At the time of the interview, he was executive director of Shaw Project Area Committee, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit organization which focuses on the development Shaw area.

### **Scope and Contents**

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### **Scope and Contents**

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