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Summary Information

Repository:	Stage
Title:	D.C. Statehood Movement Leaders Oral History Project
ID:	OHP020
Date [inclusive]:	1997-1999
Physical Description:	2 Linear feet
Language of the Material:	English

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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.

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Scope and Contents

Between 1997 and 1999 the D.C. Public Library and Councilmember Hilda Mason's office jointly sponsored a program to conduct oral histories of D.C. Statehood movement leaders. The project was funded by a grant from the D.C. Humanities Council and documents the experiences of 10 important Statehood movement leaders. The interviews cover such topics as memories of activist Julius Hobson, the early founding of the Statehood Party, local politics and referendums, constitutional convention, and the defeat of the statehood legislation. After the completion of the project the Library held a Statehood Forum at the Library and an audio recording of that event is also included with this collection.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The DC Public Library conducted these interviews and panel discussion between 1997 and 1999. Tapes and transcripts were officially transferred to the Washingtoniana Division shortly after their completion. There is no transfer documentation between Library departments.

Processing Information

After the initial donation to the Library, the transcripts were placed in folders and stored them in a filing cabinet with other oral histories. Tapes were duplicated by the Library with use copies being placed a cabinet, while the originals were placed into off-site cold storage. In 2014, the tapes and transcripts were digitized and in 2017 the collection was reprocessed. Transcripts were placed into folders and boxed. Audio recordings were organized and boxed for long term storage. All administrative documents, including releases, were placed into the control file.

Conditions Governing Use

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