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Summary Information

Repository:	People's Archive, MLK Library
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Biographical / Historical

Max Peterson is an educator at The Center for Inspired Teaching and has been co-teacher of Real World History since 2017. Mr. Peterson completed these interviews in connection to his thesis work for Columbia University's Oral History Master of Arts program.

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Content Description

The Max Peterson Oral History Project is a companion project to the Center for Inspired Teaching 'Real World History' Oral History Project. This project includes interviews with Cosby Hunt, a native Washingtonian and creator of the Real World History Class, and Ms. Edith Crutchfield, a long-time

D.C. resident who moved to Washington from Culpeper, Virginia, in 1953. Ms. Crutchfield first became involved with Real World History when she collaborated on an oral history project with a student in the fall of 2018. Ms. Edith's interview from Real World History can be found in the Center for Inspired Teaching 'Real World History' Oral History Project. The interviews in this collection, of both Mr. Hunt and Ms. Crutchfield, take a life history approach in which the interviewees discuss some of their life experiences beginning with their early life. Over the course of several interviews, Mr. Hunt discusses his upbringing in Washington, his career as a high school history teacher, and the development of the Real World History Class; Ms. Edith discusses her upbringing in Culpeper, her move to Washington in 1953, and her life and career in the District.

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Arrangement

Interviews are group into two series: Series 1: Cosby Hunt Series 2: Edith Crutchfield

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Custodial History

Max Peterson donated the collection to DC Public Library in 2020.

Processing Information

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

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Related Materials

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Collection 194: Center for Inspired Teaching 'Real World History' Oral History Project

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Controlled Access Headings

- Migration, Internal
- Families
- African Americans
- Oral History

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Cosby Hunt, 1931 -2020, undated

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2019-2020, Cosby returned to full-time classroom teaching and began working at Thurgood Marshall Academy in Anacostia.

Sub-Series 1: Interviews, 2020-10

Title/Description	Instances
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Session 1, 2020-10-13

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

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Session 2, 2020-10-20

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Session 3, 2020-10-27

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Sub-Series 2: Indexes, 2020-10

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<u>Creator</u> : Peterson, Max	

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Session 2 index, 2020-10-20

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Session 3 index, 2020-10-27

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Sub-Series 3: Transcripts, 2020-10

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Session 2 transcript, 2020-10-20

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Session 3 transcript, 2020-10-27

Creator: Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Creator: Peterson, Max

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Sub-Section 4: Images, 1931-1947, Undated

Title/Description

Instances

Evelyn D. Allen's North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association Official Membership Card, 1931-04-03

Scope and Contents

A digital image of Evelyn D. Allen's North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association Official Membership Card. Evelyn Allen or 'Eve' was the Cosby Hunt's paternal grandmother. This item is discussed at [00:40:31] of Cosby Hunt Session 1.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Allen, Evelyn D.

Lafayette Elementary School Fifth Grade Class, Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a print photograph of Cosby Hunt's fifth grade class photo from Lafayette Elementary School in Washington, D.C. Cosby Hunt is on the far left in the

second row. This item is discussed at [00:44:23] Cosby Hunt Session 1.

Cosby Hunt, Sandy Zipp, and Eric Wilson, Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of framed print photograph of Cosby Hunt (right) and two close friends, Eric Wilson (left) and Sandy Zipp (center). This item is discussed at [01:03:10] Cosby Hunt Session 1.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

Portrait of Richard Allen, Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of what may be a tintype photograph of Richard Allen, great-grandfather to Cosby Hunt on his father's side. This item is discussed at [00:09:44.25] Cosby Hunt Session 2.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Allen, Richard

Isaac Cosby Hunt with his mother and paternal grandparents, 1971, ca.

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a print photograph of Cosby Hunt as an infant with his mother and paternal grandparents. This item is discussed at [00:40:00.00] Cosby Hunt Session 2.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Hunt, Isaac Cosby, III, 1971-

National Bankers Association, 1931-04-03

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a print photograph of the National Bankers Association posed in front of the Founders Library at Howard University. The photograph includes Cosby Hunt's paternal grandfather Isaac Cosby Hunt, Sr. This item is discussed in Cosby Hunt Session 2.

"The Shack", Undated

Scope and Contents

A digital image of a print photograph of the house where Cosby Hunt lived while attending graduate school at the University of Georgia. Cosby recalls how he and his

friends referred to the house as "the shack." This item is discussed at [01:36:00.10] Cosby Hunt Session 3.

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Series 2: Edith Crutchfield, 2020-10-2020-12

Biographical / Historical

Ms. Edith Amanda Crutchfield, born August 28, 1936, is a retired librarian and native of Culpeper, Virginia. Ms. Edith is the daughter of John Duff Grasty and Sarah George Ross Grasty and is one of 10 sisters. She migrated to Washington, D.C. at the age of 17 after finishing high school in Culpeper and has remained in D.C. for the rest of her life. All 10 of Ms. Edith's sisters migrated north after high school and none of them returned to live in Virginia. Ms. Edith initially lived with sisters and other family upon arriving in Washington and attended Howard University for a semester before transferring to Miner Teachers College just as Miner's and Wilson Teachers College were being integrated and combined into DC Teachers College. Ms. Edith had a 30-year career as a librarian in government libraries (FDA and DOJ) and spent the last fifteen years of her career in private libraries of law firms. Ms. Edith married and had one daughter, Debra, who passed away in 2015.

Sub-Series 1: Interviews, 2020-10-2020-12

Title/Description

Instances

Session 1, 2020-10-24

Creator: Crutchfield, Edith Amanda, 1936-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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Session 2, 2020-10-31

Creator: Crutchfield, Edith Amanda, 1936-

Creator: Peterson, Max

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racism and discrimination she witnessed while working for the government.

Session 3, 2020-12-06

Creator: Crutchfield, Edith Amanda, 1936-

Creator: Peterson, Max

Biographical / Historical

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This is the third session of a life history interview with Ms. Edith Crutchfield. This interview was recorded at three different locations in the Park View and Petworth neighborhoods of Washington, D.C. The first two locations, 3316 Warder Street NW and 4125 New Hampshire Ave NW, are residences where Ms. Crutchfield lived in the years after she first arrived in Washington in August 1953. The final location is Ms. Crutchfield's current home on Rock Creek Church Road NW. In this interview Ms. Edith discusses her experiences in Washington from the 1950s when she first arrived, to 1978 when she moved to Silver Spring, Maryland. She also recounts how and why she returned to Washington in 2011 and reflects on her life in the D.C. Region. She also discusses her family life in Washington and the lives of her daughter, Debra, and her husband, Richard, who passed away in 2015 and 2018 respectively.

Sub-Series 2: Indexes, 2020-10-2020-12

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Session 2 index, 2020-10-31

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Session 3 index, 2020-12-06

Creator: Crutchfield, Edith Amanda, 1936-

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In discussing her upbringing, Ms. Edith talks extensively about her family life with her parents and nine sisters. She talks about her parents work and explains that she and all her sisters began domestic work at age 11. Ms. Edith also discusses her educational experiences at segregated schools in Culpeper and recounts some of her early experiences in Washington, such as attending Miner Teachers College when the school merged with Wilson Teachers College to become the integrated DC Teachers College.

Session 2 transcript, 2020-10-31

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Creator: Peterson, Max

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