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Summary Information

Repository:	People's Archive, MLK Library
Creator:	Smith, Dolores
Title:	"Southwest Remembered: A Story of Urban Renewal" Oral History Project
ID:	OHP011
Date [inclusive]:	1983-1985
Physical Description:	2.5 Linear feet
Physical Description:	3 Boxes
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical / Historical

Dolores Smith is a photographer and filmmaker located in Washington, D.C. When she conducted the oral history interviews for this project she was a news photographer at WJLA-TV.

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Scope and Contents

Between 1983 and 1985, Dolores Smith conducted 33 oral history interviews as a part of her film project "Southwest Remembered: A Story of Urban Renewal." Interviewees were residents, business owners, and others with longstanding connections to the Southwest neighborhood. Topics include the Southwest neighborhood before urban renewal, the effects of urban renewal on the neighborhood and community, childhood and life experiences, and work and social life.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Custodial History

Dolores Smith conducted these interviews between 1983 and 1985, which were a part of her film project Southwest Remembered. The film project was funded by a grant from the D.C. Humanities Council. Following production of the film the tapes and transcripts were donated to the Library in the early 1990s. There is no deed of gift for this collection, but all interviewee releases are granted to the Library.

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. Audio recordings placed a cabinet for patron use. In 2014, the tapes and transcripts were digitized and in 2017 the collection was reprocessed. Transcripts were placed into folders and boxed. All known audio tapes were organized and boxed for long term storage. All administrative documents, including releases, were placed into the control file.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Oral History
- Southwest (Washington, D.C.)
- Neighborhoods

- Urban renewal

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Transcripts

Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include transcripts for all interviews except 11-21.

Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include master copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are two copies for all audio recordings except 11-02, 11-16, 11-17, 11-19, 11-20, 11-24 and 11-26.

Title/Description	Instances	
James Banks, 1984 November 29	Box 1	Folder 1
Lucretia Blackstone, 1983 November 21	Box 1	Folder 2
Barbara Brannon, 1984 July 1	Box 1	Folder 3
Clara Brewer, 1985 April 13	Box 1	Folder 4
Walter Butler, 1983 June 12	Box 1	Folder 5
Mignon Coates, 1983 June 18	Box 1	Folder 6
Morris Engle, 1985 April 14	Box 1	Folder 7
Michael Graham, 1983 February 17	Box 1	Folder 8
Norman Haddad, 1983 February 24	Box 1	Folder 9
Margaret Headley, 1985 April 16	Box 1	Folder 10
Mary Jefferson, 1983 February 20	Box 1	Folder 11
Clyde Jones, 1983 July 21	Box 1	Folder 12
John Lucas, 1983 March 19	Box 1	Folder 13
Jessie Lancaster, 1983 March 1	Box 1	Folder 14
Clifton Meade, 1983 June 11	Box 1	Folder 15
Harry Olmstead, 1984 March 1	Box 1	Folder 16
Anna Miller, 1985 February 20	Box 1	Folder 17
Laura Petaway and Pearl Thomas, 1983 March 24	Box 1	Folder 18
Henry Reuss, 1984 December 21	Box 1	Folder 19
George Riseling, 1984 November 29	Box 1	Folder 20
Janette and Edna Rosenberg, 1984 March 9		

	Box 2	Folder 1
Mary Schneider and Young Duk, 1983 March	Box 2	Folder 2
Betty Shapiro, 1983 June 13	Box 2	Folder 3
Stan Sherman, 1984 November 29	Box 2	Folder 4
Daniel Thurz, 1984 December 20	Box 2	Folder 5
Steve Wiggins, 1983 June 11	Box 2	Folder 6

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Series 2: Interviews

Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include master copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are two copies for all audio recordings except 11-02, 11-16, 11-17, 11-19, 11-20, 11-24 and 11-26.

Title/Description	Instances	
James Banks, 1984 November 29	Box 3	Folder 11-01
Barbara Brannon, 1984 July 1	Box 3	Folder 11-03
Clara Brewer, 1985 April 13	Box 3	Folder 11-04
Clara Brewer, 1985 April 13	Box 3	Folder 11-04
Walter Butler, 1983 June 12	Box 3	Folder 11-05
Walter Butler, 1983 June 12	Box 3	Folder 11-05
Mignon Coates, 1983 June 18	Box 3	Folder 11-06
Morris Engle, 1985 April 14	Box 3	Folder 11-07
Michael Graham, 1983 February 17	Box 3	Folder 11-08
Norman Haddad, 1983 February 24	Box 3	Folder 11-09
Margaret Headley, 1985 April 16	Box 3	Folder 11-10
Mary Jefferson, 1983 February 20	Box 3	Folder 11-11
Mary Jefferson, 1983 February 20	Box 3	Folder 11-11
Clyde Jones and Mr and Mrs. Mallory, 1983 July 21	Box 3	Folder 11-12
Clyde Jones and Mr and Mrs. Mallory, 1983 July 21	Box 3	Folder 11-12
John Lucas, 1983 March 19	Box 3	Folder 11-13
Jessie Lancaster, 1983 March 1	Box 3	Folder 11-14
Jessie Lancaster, 1983 March 1	Box 3	Folder 11-14
Clifton Meade, 1983 June 11	Box 3	Folder 11-15

Clifton Meade, 1983 June 11	Box 3	Folder 11-15
Laura Petaway and Pearl Thomas, 1983 March 24	Box 3	Folder 11-18
Laura Petaway and Pearl Thomas, 1983 March 24	Box 3	Folder 11-18
Samuel Rosenberg	Box 3	Folder 11-21
Janette and Edna Rosenberg, 1984 March 9	Box 3	Folder 11-22
Mary Schneider and Young Duk, 1983 March	Box 3	Folder 11-23
Stan Sherman, 1984 November 29	Box 3	Folder 11-25
Steve Wiggins, 1983 June 11	Box 3	Folder 11-27
Steve Wiggins, 1983 June 11	Box 3	Folder 11-27

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