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# **D.C. Statehood Movement Leaders Oral History Project**

## **An inventory of D.C. Statehood Movement Leaders Oral History Project at DC Public Library**

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People's Archive, MLK Library

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	District of Columbia. Public Library
<b>Title:</b>	D.C. Statehood Movement Leaders Oral History Project
<b>ID:</b>	OHP020
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1997-1999
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical / Historical

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The DC 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

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Between 1997 and 1999 the DC 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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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Transcripts Materials in this series include transcripts for all interviews. There are no transcripts for the "Statehood Forum." Series 2: Interviews Materials in this series include master copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are duplicate copies of all audio recordings except two tapes of 20-07 and all of 20-11.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

Additional processing completed by Mark Greek. 2017

### Custodial History

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 placed in 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

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.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Julius Hobson, 001 Home Rule Oral History, OHP018 Home Rule Committee Collection 055 League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia 033 Self-Determination for DC Collection 003

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Oral History
- Statehood (American politics)
- Politics and government

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Transcripts

#### Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include transcripts for all interviews. There are no transcripts for the "Statehood Forum."

Title/Description	Instances	
Lou Aronica, 1998 October 6	Box 1	Folder 1
Charles Mason, 1998 December 7	Box 1	Folder 2
Hilda Mason, 1998 June 1	Box 1	Folder 3
Charles and Hilda Mason, 1998 July 9	Box 1	Folder 4

Chauncey and Sandra Thomas, 1999 January 6	Box 1	Folder 5
Edward Guinan, 1998 December 15	Box 1	Folder 6
Sam Smith, 1998 November 18	Box 1	Folder 7
Deborah Hanrahan, 1998 December 29	Box 1	Folder 8
Chuck Stone, 1999 April 11	Box 1	Folder 9
Tina Hobson, 1999 April 23	Box 1	Folder 10

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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 duplicate copies of all audio recordings except two tapes of 20-07 and all of 20-11.

Title/Description	Instances	
Lou Aronica, 1998 October 6	Box 2	Tape 20-01
Lou Aronica, 1998 October 6	Box 2	Tape 20-01
Lou Aronica, 1998 October 6	Box 2	Tape 20-01
Charles Mason, 1998 December 7	Box 2	Tape 20-02
Charles Mason, 1998 December 7	Box 2	Tape 20-02
Hilda Mason, 1998 June 1	Box 2	Tape 20-03
Charles and Hilda Mason, 1998 July 9	Box 2	Tape 20-04
Chauncey and Sandra Thomas, 1999 January 6	Box 2	Tape 20-05
Chauncey and Sandra Thomas, 1999 January 6	Box 2	Tape 20-05
Edward Guinan, 1998 December 15	Box 2	Tape 20-06
Sam Smith, 1998 November 18	Box 2	Tape 20-07
Sam Smith, 1998 November 18	Box 2	Tape 20-07
Sam Smith, 1998 November 18	Box 2	Tape 20-07
Deborah Hanrahan, 1998 December 29	Box 2	Tape 20-08
Deborah Hanrahan, 1998 December 29	Box 2	Tape 20-08
Chuck Stone, 1999 April 11	Box 2	Tape 20-09
Tina Hobson, 1999 April 23	Box 2	Tape 20-10
Tina Hobson, 1999 April 23	Box 2	Tape 20-10
Statehood Forum, 1999 March 6	Box 2	Tape 20-11

Statehood Forum, 1999 March 6

Box 2

Tape 20-11

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