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M 540

Unit ID

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Unit Date

2011-2012

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English .

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.42 Linear Feet

Repository

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

All interviewees have donated copyright to The Valentine without restriction. All requests to publish any of the *Historic Fulton Oral History* Project materials should be directed to [The Valentine](#).

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Gift of The Valentine in 2013.

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Historical Information

The purpose of the Historic Fulton Oral History Project is to educate, to raise awareness, and to document life in the Historic Fulton community, located in the East End of Richmond, Virginia. In an effort to document the 20th century history of the neighborhood and its residents, the project collected the oral histories of numerous members of the Historic Fulton community, particularly those with strong ties to neighborhood prior to the city of Richmond's 1970s urban renewal project.

The project was developed in 2011 in partnership among the Virginia Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), The Valentine, the Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton, and the Greater Fulton Future Legacy Work Team. Physical copies of audio recordings and written transcriptions were distributed to a variety of local institutions to ensure that the oral histories may be accessed widely. VCU is one of those institutions.

Scope and Content

The Historic Fulton Oral History Project contains 17 interviews with 32 named interviewee participants. The interviewees are teachers, activists, clergy, and community leaders who grew up in the predominantly African American Historic Fulton community from the 1930s through the 1950s.

The interviewees were also witness to the City of Richmond's 1970s urban renewal plan that permanently changed the landscape of Historic Fulton. These interviews allow the members of the community to speak for and about themselves, and therefore they represent a unique perspective on this period in the neighborhood's history. With the Greater Historic Fulton area undergoing continued change and development in the 21st century, understanding Historic Fulton's past is an invaluable resource for the neighborhood's future.

The collection includes transcripts of the interviews and mp3 files of the interviews available on CDs or a flash drive. The interviews were conducted by Dr. Caroline Morris. Freda Johnson, the project coordinator, was often present during the interviews as well.

Alternative Form Available

VCU Libraries hosts the streaming digital collection of the Historic Fulton Oral History Project, which can be accessed [here](#).

Location of Originals

The Valentine retains all original oral history project materials and administrative files.

Arrangement

The original order of this collection has been kept.

Description of Subordinate Components

Administrative Information

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2489

Unit Date 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Includes Freda Johnson's autobiographical statement.

Evelyn Bowman

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2490

Unit Date 29 November 2011

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 80 min. 55 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Linda Braxton, Pamala Rogers, and Sheila Smith

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2491

Unit Date 12 March 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 50 min. 47 sec.; Others persons present, Linda Sutton

Theresita Braxton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2492

Unit Date 13 March 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 42 min. 20 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson, Anna (Braxton's caregiver)

Estelle Braxton-Davis

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2493

Unit Date 19 January 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 56 min. 57 sec.; Others persons present, Octavia Banks

Bernadette Tart Clark

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2494

Unit Date 14 February 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 42 min. 2 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Forrest Dowden

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2495

Unit Date 28 February 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 66 min.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Ida Ellett

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2496

Unit Date 13 December 2011

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 49 min. 58 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson, Mary (Pat)

Perez

Alice N. Ellis, Dudley R. Lanthrip

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2497

Unit Date 27 March 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 82 min. 37 sec.; Others persons present, Rebecca Fralin, Mrs. Ellis's husband

Carolyn Fuller

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2498

Unit Date 18 January 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 24 min. 20 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Joseph Highsmith and Annesto Highsmith Younger

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2499

Unit Date 7 February 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 61 min. 46 sec.

Larcenia Johnson and Lula Mae Brady

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2500

Unit Date 6 March 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 39 min. 20 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Milton Johnson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2501

Unit Date 14 February 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 45 min. 32 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Raymond Jones

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2502

Unit Date 8 March 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 35 min. 34 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Blanche Henderson Lewis and Samuel Henderson, Sr.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2503

Unit Date 25 January 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 102 min. 33 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Mary Patricia Perez

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2504

Unit Date 8 December 2011

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 64 min. 04 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Linda Sutton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2505

Unit Date 10 December 2011

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 56 min. 36 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson

Fulton Field Interview with Federal Branch, Ephraim Briggs, Wanda Brown, Charles Crawley, Waverly Huges, Patricia Melvin, Eric Robinson, Willie Robinson, and Douglas White

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2506

Unit Date 29 March 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Interview length, 97 min. 54 sec.; Others persons present, Freda Johnson and Spencer E. Jones, III

Interviews on CDs and flash drive

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2507

Unit Date 2012

Mixed Materials 1 (box)