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Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
Title:	<i>Footsteps from North Brentwood</i> exhibition records
Date:	1996-04 - 1996-12
Identifier:	ACMA.03-019
Creator:	Smithsonian Institution. Anacostia Community Museum North Brentwood Historical Society (North Brentwood, Md.)
Extent:	2.42 Linear feet (3 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	An exhibition on the North Brentwood neighborhood of Washington, DC. The show was created by the Anacostia Community Museum in collaboration with the North Brentwood Historical Society. It was exhibited at the museum from April 1996 to December 1996. These records document the planning, organizing, execution, and promotion of the exhibition. Materials include correspondence, research files, exhibit scripts, administrative records, brochures, press coverage, education packets, loan agreements, and floor plans.

Administrative Information

Related Archival Materials

Audiovisual materials related to this exhibition located in Anacostia Community Museum Archives.

Other Finding Aids

Box list in accession file.

Preferred Citation

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Use of the materials requires an appointment. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment: ACMarchives@si.edu.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

African American neighborhoods
African Americans
Museum exhibits

Types of Materials:

Brochures
Contact sheets
Correspondence
Exhibit scripts
Exhibition records -- 1990-2004
Photographic prints

Names:

Anacostia Community Museum

Places:

Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

Series 2: Interviews, circa 1993

Box 3

Oral history interview with Addison Hobbs, circa 1993

2 Digital files

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 60 minutes.

Interviewer: Calloway, Albert

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 60 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

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Addison Hobbs spoke about his family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Hobbs listed the names of his close relations (parents, grandparents, great grandparents, siblings), and which of his relations lived in North Brentwood as well as where his family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. He detailed his family's daily activities, including chores, when he was growing up; the home he grew up in; the street he grew up on; the activities he participated in; and where his family vacationed along with the logistics of transporting everyone to the final destination. He talked about family gatherings, particularly the food eaten; when and for what reasons his family gathered; and family visiting sometimes for weeks or months at a time. He noted historically male members of his family died young and detailed how his father died.

Hobbs discussed how important decisions were made and who made them; how children were disciplined by the community and family; how conflicts in his family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within his family and within the community. He spoke about how his family supported each other in their activities, interests, and schooling. He talked about the plays and singing his brother, Williston, organized prior to and while attending the School of Music at Howard.

Hobbs described how his family members, particularly Florence Smith (formerly Florence Thomas), supported and cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; and how they cared for others who lived in the community. He described what success and

achievement meant to his family when he was growing up, listed some of his early jobs, and explained what he learned about achieving more in his jobs.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Hobbs described his memories of the activities and the importance of communication at North Brentwood School; what makes North Brentwood special; and the differences between North Brentwood when he was growing up and North Brentwood at the time of the interview. He talked about what he remembers about the two stores, three churches, mayors and council of North Brentwood, the fire department and the firemen's hall, the police department, a group of teenagers who were gathered by Mr. Carter to play sports and participate in intellectual discussions, the playground and the recreation department, the ballpark, the local doctors and dentists, the beer gardens and taverns, and his neighbors in North Brentwood when he was growing up. He also stated which family members owned property and who inherited the property.

Addison Hobbs was interviewed by Albert Calloway. Digital audio files include white noise and static, and a little background noise; interviewee can be heard clearly.

Names: Hobbs, Addison
Smith, Florence

Topic: African Americans
African American families
Manners and customs
Social values
African American neighborhoods
Communities
Interviews

Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Alice Marshall, circa 1993

1 Digital file

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 42 minutes.

Interviewer: Dorsett, Donald

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 42 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

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Alice Marshall spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Marshall stated the names of her close relations (parents and siblings) and her extended relations who lived in North Brentwood lived. She talked about her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She spoke of attending school in Maryland through the 6th grade and then attending Alfred Jones School in northeast Washington, DC; when and for what reasons her family gathered; and family reunions, funerals, and birthdays.

Marshall discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs) in the family; who children in her family; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; how her family helped others in the community; and her job with the government.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Marshall talked about what she remembers about the church her family attended; her father renting out horses for hire; who owned and inherited property in her family, and what makes North Brentwood special.

Alice Marshall was interviewed by Donald Dorsett. Digital audio file includes white noise and static; interviewee's voice a little soft at times but can be heard during most of the recording.

Names: Marshall, Alice
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Arthur J. Dock, circa 1993

2 Digital files

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 58 minutes.

Interviewer: Fisher, Holly

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 58 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

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Arthur Dock spoke about his family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Dock listed the names of his close relations (parents, grandparents, siblings), and where his relations who lived in North Brentwood lived as well as where his family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. He detailed his family's daily activities, including chores, when he was growing up; the home he grew up in; and the street he grew up on. He talked about holiday traditions and family celebrations, particularly the food prepared and eaten; and when and for what reasons his family gathered and how often they gathered. He also mentioned the chicken houses and the chickens raised in the community.

Dock discussed how important decisions (where lived, what school, what jobs and occupations) were made and who made them; how children in the community were disciplined; how conflicts in his family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within his family and within the community. He described how his family supported his college education; how his family cared for one another; and what success and achievement meant to his family when he was growing up.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Dock described his memories of teachers and activities at North Brentwood School, activities organized by churches in North Brentwood, and what makes North Brentwood special. He listed the people and families who operated businesses in North Brentwood, and the type of business they operated as well as the names of his neighbors. Dock mentioned he lived in the house previously owned by Mr. and Mrs. Quander, and included a little biographical information about them.

He also talked about what he remembers about the mayors and council of North Brentwood, the fire department and the firemen's hall, the police department, playgrounds and the recreation department, the activities organized for the Teen Club, the local doctors and dentists, the Holmes Beer Garden, and taverns and restaurants in North Brentwood when he was growing up.

Arthur Dock was interviewed by Holly Fisher. Digital audio files include white noise and static; interviewee can be heard clearly for the most part.

Names: Dock, Arthur J.
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Interviewer: Harrison, Duane

Technical: Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on textual transcript.

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Bettye Queen spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Queen listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, and siblings) and her relations who lived in North Brentwood. She talked about her family's daily and weekend activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She spoke of playing games as a family, holiday traditions, when and for what reasons family and friends gathered, and baptisms, proms, weddings, and funerals.

Queen discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family and in the community were disciplined; how the children were treated differently based on gender, age, and ability; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; how her family supported and helped others; and attending a Black (segregated) school and the support of her Black teachers.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Queen discussed what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the playground and recreational activities, including the baseball team, the softball team, and the teen clubs; the doctors and dentist; the beer gardens and restaurants; and the floods after heavy rains. She also talked about her memories of being a student and her school, including Field Day and May Pole; attending Catholic church in Hyattsville and Baptist church in Bladensburg; going with her father to pay rent for the house they lived in; where her relations, who left North Brentwood, moved to; and what makes North Brentwood special, including straw rides and sleigh riding.

Bettye Queen was interviewed by Duane Harrison. Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Names: Queen, Bettye

Topic: African Americans

African American families

Manners and customs

Social values
African American neighborhoods
Communities
Interviews
Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Delores Green, circa 1993

1 Digital file

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 38 minutes.

Interviewer: Dorsett, Donald

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 38 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

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Delores Green spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Green listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, siblings), and which of her relations lived in North Brentwood as well as where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She spoke of her family's daily activities, including work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and being raised by her grandmother. She talked about holiday traditions and family celebrations; when and for what reasons family gathered; and weddings, baptisms, and christenings.

Green discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family and in the community were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; and how those in the community supported one another.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Green spoke of her memories of North Brentwood schools; the activities and programs at the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. She also talked about what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the fire department; the police department; the teen club; the local doctor; the beer gardens; and who inherited property in her family. She also listed the names of her neighbors when she was growing up in North Brentwood.

Delores Green was interviewed by Donald Dorsett. Digital audio file includes white noise and static; interviewee can be heard clearly.

Names: Green, Delores
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Elsie Johnson Fleming, circa 1993

2 Digital files

2 Sound cassettes

ACMA_AV000634_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000629_A. The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 31 minutes. The interview recording consists of only approximately half of the interview. The contents of the rest of the interview can be found in the textual transcript.

Interviewer: Fisher, Holly

Technical: ACMA_AV000634_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000629_A. The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 31 minutes. The interview recording consists of only approximately half of the interview. The contents of the rest of the interview can be found in the textual transcript.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

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Elsie Johnson Fleming spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland. Most of her descriptions and memories were stated with a lot of detail.

Fleming listed and described her close relations (parents, grandparents, great grandparents, siblings), where her relations who lived in North Brentwood lived, and where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She described in detail her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She talked about holiday traditions and family celebrations, specifically the Fourth of July and family reunion; when and for what reasons family gathered and how often they gathered; and weddings, baptisms, and funerals, extensively about her two siblings who died when they were less than six months old.

Fleming discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, jobs and occupations, marriage) in the family; how children in her family and in the community were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; some of her siblings attending college; her attendance at Cortez Peters for typing school; who supported her with her schooling and learning; and how the community took care of one another.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Fleming described her memories of Brentwood Elementary School, including singing, the field meet, May Day, oratorical contest, and seventh grade graduation; and schools students attended after seventh grade. She talked about her memories of the churches in North Brentwood, including programs and activities; and what makes North Brentwood special. Fleming also talked about what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the incorporation of North Brentwood; the installation of the electric lights; the first mayor, Jeremiah Hawkins; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the night court; the doctors; the beer gardens; town plays and festivals; and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Fleming also stated her parents owned their house and what happened to the house after her parents died.

Elsie Johnson Fleming was interviewed by Holly Fisher. ACMA_AV000634_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000629_A, and consists of only approximately half of the interview. Digital audio files include white noise and static, louder at beginning and end of the recording; interviewee can be heard clearly for the most part.

Names: Fleming, Elsie Johnson
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Evelyn H. B. Fish, circa 1993
 Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.
 Interviewer: Dorsett, Donald
 Technical: Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.
 Language: English.
 Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives.
 Title created by ACMA staff using text written on textual transcript.
 Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Evelyn H. B. Fish spoke about her family history; growing up and living in Brentwood and North Brentwood; and the institutions and organizations located in Brentwood and North Brentwood. Note, the northern portion of Brentwood was incorporated as North Brentwood, Maryland in 1924. Fish lived in Brentwood / North Brentwood from around 1912 until 1928.

Fish listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, siblings), where her relations who lived in Brentwood and North Brentwood lived, and where her family lived prior to moving to Brentwood. She described her family's daily and weekend activities, including chores and work outside of the home; the home she grew up in; and the names of her neighbors. She talked about holiday traditions and family rituals; when and for what reasons family gathered and how often they gathered; and birthday celebrations.

Fish discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, jobs and occupations, marriage) in the family; how children in her family were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and in the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; who helped the children with schooling and education; and how the community took care of one another.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in Brentwood and North Brentwood, Fish talked about what she remembered about the schools, the churches and Happy Hour for children, the local businesses and who operated them, the mayors and council members, the fire department and the firemen's hall, recreation organized by the school, the doctor, and the beer gardens. Fish also stated who owned and inherited property in her family as well as what made Brentwood and North Brentwood special.

Evelyn H. B. Fish was interviewed by Donald Dorsett. Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview. Note: Fish's daughter answered some of the interviewer's questions and rephrased some of the interviewer's questions. In the typed text of the interview, Fish's daughter is referred to as "Intermediary." This scope and content note does not specify who - Fish or her daughter - talked about each topic; this information can be found in the transcript.

Names: Fish, Evelyn H. B.
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)
 Brentwood (Md.)

2 Digital files

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 50 minutes.

Interviewer: Dorsett, Donald

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 50 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

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Florence Childs spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Childs listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, and sibling), and where her relations who lived in North Brentwood lived as well as where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She talked about her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She spoke of open-air orchestra concerts and gatherings at Thomas' Park; when and for what reasons her family gathered; weddings, funerals, and baptisms; and feeding the chickens and pigs.

Childs discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family were disciplined; who resolved conflicts in her family; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; and how her family supported and helped others.

Childs discussed her memories of North Brentwood School, Alfred Jones, Armstrong High School, and Dunbar High School; the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. She talked about what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them, including her father's business; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the police department; playing sports in the field; the night court; the local doctor; the beer gardens, including performers; and who owned and inherited property in her family.

Florence Childs was interviewed by Donald Dorsett. Digital audio files include very loud white noise and static, and difficult to hear interviewee during parts of the recording.

Names: Childs, Florence

Topic: African Americans

African American families

Manners and customs
Social values
African American neighborhoods
Communities
Interviews
Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Florence Smith, circa 1993

Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Interviewer: Dorsett, Donald

Technical: Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives.

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Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Florence Smith spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Smith listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, great grandparents, and siblings), and where her relations who lived in North Brentwood lived as well as where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She talked about her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She spoke of holiday traditions, when and for what reasons her family gathered, and weddings.

Smith discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family and in the community were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; and how her family supported and helped others.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Smith discussed her memories of being a student at North Brentwood School, including programs and activities; the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. She talked about what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the night court; the local doctor and dentist; the beer gardens; and who owned and inherited property in her family.

Florence Smith was interviewed by Donald Dorsett. Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Names: Smith, Florence

Topic: African Americans
African American families
Manners and customs
Social values
African American neighborhoods
Communities
Interviews

Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Georgie L. Jennings, 1993 November 29

1 Digital file

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 47 minutes.

Interviewer: Fisher, Holly

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 47 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

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Georgie L. Jennings, also known as Georgia L. Jenkins and Georgia Jennings, spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland. Note, Jennings uses the terms Brentwood and North Brentwood interchangeably; the northern portion of Brentwood was incorporated as North Brentwood, Maryland in 1924, prior to Jennings' birth.

Jennings listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, siblings), and where her relations who lived in North Brentwood lived as well as where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She detailed her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She talked about holiday traditions and family celebrations; when and for what reasons family gathered and how often they gathered; and how she and her sister were treated differently.

Jennings discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; and who supported her in the community, particularly Ms. Johnson and the Hobbs family.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Jennings described her memories of being a student, particularly activities, at North Brentwood School; the activities and programs at the churches; and what makes North Brentwood special, including sleigh riding down the hills and Halloween traditions. She also talked about what she remembers about the businesses and who owned them; the mayors and council members; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; recreation for children and youth; the local doctor; the beer gardens and taverns; and the flooding after heavy rain. Jennings also stated her parents owned their house and the status of the house at the time of the interview.

Georgie L. Jennings was interviewed by Holly Fisher. Digital audio file includes very loud white noise and static; interviewee can be heard for the most part.

Names: Jennings, Georgie L.
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Goldie Tilghman, circa 1993

2 Digital files

2 Sound cassettes

ACMA_AV000638_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000623_A. The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 35 minutes.

Interviewer: Moore, Marlon

Technical: ACMA_AV000638_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000623_A. The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 35 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

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Goldie Tilghman spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland. She moved to North Brentwood when she was eighteen years old.

Tilghman listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, and siblings), and where her relations who lived in North Brentwood lived as well as where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She talked about her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when

she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she lived on after moving to North Brentwood, including the names of her neighbors. She spoke of holiday traditions, when and for what reasons her family gathered, weddings and baptisms, and where she attended school.

Tilghman discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family and in the community were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Tilghman talked about what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the night court; the local doctors and dentists; the beer gardens, including performers; who owned property in her family; and what makes North Brentwood special.

Goldie Tilghman was interviewed by Marlon Moore. ACMA_AV000638_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000623_A. Digital audio files include white noise, static, and soft talking in the background; interviewee can be heard clearly for the most part.

Names: Tilghman, Goldie
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with James Curtis Thomas, circa 1993

4 Digital files

4 Sound cassettes

ACMA_AV000632_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000631_A. ACMA_AV000640_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000630_A. The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 70 minutes.

Interviewer: Dorsett, Donald

Technical: ACMA_AV000632_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000631_A.
 ACMA_AV000640_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000630_A.
 The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 70 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

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Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

James Curtis Thomas spoke about his family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Thomas listed the names of his close relations (parents, grandparents, siblings), and which of his relations lived in North Brentwood as well as where his family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. He detailed his family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when he was growing up; the home he grew up in; and the street he grew up on, including the names of his neighbors. He talked about how his family spent time on the weekends and holidays; when and for what reasons his family gathered and how often they gathered; and baptisms and weddings.

Thomas discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, jobs and occupations) in his family; how children were disciplined in his family; who resolved conflicts in his family; and the values and expectations taught within his family and within the community. He talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members, and what success and achievement meant when he was growing up.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Thomas described his memories of North Brentwood School and Sunday School; activities and programs at the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. He talked about what he remembered about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the incorporation of the town; the fire department and firemen's hall; the police department; summer programs and activities; the night court; the local doctor and dentists; and the beer gardens and taverns. Thomas also stated which family members owned property and who inherited the property.

James Curtis Thomas was interviewed by Donald Dorsett. ACMA_AV000631_A, first part of the interview, includes very loud white noise and static; some background noise; and some sound distortion. ACMA_AV000630_A includes loud white noise and static as well as background noise. Interviewee's voice is soft and difficult to hear throughout ACMA_AV000631_A and at end of interview on ACMA_AV000630_A. ACMA_AV000632_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000631_A. ACMA_AV000640_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000630_A. ACMA_AV000640_A has very poor sound quality; very difficult to hear interviewee.

Names: Thomas, James Curtis
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Interviewer: Fisher, Holly

Technical: Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Kenneth Davis spoke about his family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Davis listed the names of his close relations (parents, siblings), and where his family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. He detailed his family's daily and weekend activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when he was growing up; the home he grew up in; and the street he grew up on, including the names of his neighbors. He talked about his family gathering for holidays and baptisms.

Davis discussed how important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) were made and who made them; how children were disciplined in his family; how conflicts in his family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within his family and within the community. He talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; how his family supported and helped others; and what success and achievement meant when he was growing up.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Davis described his memories of North Brentwood School, including Field Day and his teachers; the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. He talked about what he remembered about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayor and council of North Brentwood; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the local doctor; and the beer gardens. Davis also stated which family members owned property and who inherited the property.

Kenneth Davis was interviewed by Holly Fisher. Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Names: Davis, Kenneth

Topic: African Americans

African American families

Manners and customs

Social values

African American neighborhoods

Communities

Interviews

Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

2 Digital files

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 46 minutes.

Interviewer: Calloway, Albert

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 46 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Lillian K. Beverly spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland. Note, Lillian Beverly was the foster daughter of Sandy and Addie Baker.

Beverly listed the names of the Bakers' immediate family members (parents, grandparents, siblings), and other Baker family members who lived in North Brentwood. She talked about the daily activities, including chores, of her family; holiday traditions and family celebrations; and when and for what reasons family gathered and how often they gathered. She described her memories of weddings, baptisms, christenings, and funerals; the home she grew up in; the street she grew up on; homemade food for Friday luncheons at the school; and hayrides and going to the beach.

Beverly discussed how important decisions (what school, what jobs and occupations) were made in her family and who made them; how children were disciplined by the community and family; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She explained who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; how her family helped others in their community; and what success and achievement meant when she was growing up.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Beverly described her memories of being a student at North Brentwood School, the activities and programs at the churches in North Brentwood, what makes North Brentwood special, and how North Brentwood has changed over the decades, including family life and desegregation of schools. She listed the people and families who operated businesses in North Brentwood, and the type of business they operated as well as the names of her neighbors. Beverly explained her grandfather, James L. Jasper, moved to North Brentwood to build the First Baptist Church, and bought a lot of land and sold off parts of the lot, including to Sandy Baker.

Beverly also talked about what she remembers about the mayors of North Brentwood, including Jeremiah Hawkins and Sandy Baker; the founding of the fire department; the police department and the

	detectives; helping to run the Teen Club; the local doctors and dentists; and the beer gardens and taverns.
	Lillian K. Beverly was interviewed by Albert Calloway. Digital audio files include white noise and static; interviewee can be heard clearly.
Names:	Beverly, Lillian K.
Topic:	African Americans African American families Manners and customs Social values African American neighborhoods Communities Interviews
Place:	North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Lillie Vaden, 1993 November 29

1 Digital file

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 32 minutes.

Interviewer: Fisher, Holly

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 32 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Lillie Vaden spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Vaden listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, siblings), and where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She stated her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She talked about holiday and family celebrations, specifically the Fourth of July and birthdays; her grandmother visiting often; and visiting family in Virginia.

Vaden discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; and who supported her in the community.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Vaden described her memories of North Brentwood

schools, particularly the private school; the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. She talked about what she remembered about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the local doctor; the beer garden; a flooding of her family's house after a dam broke; and her mother helping her family and the community during the epidemic of typhoid fever. Vaden also stated her parents owned their house and the status of the house at the time of the interview.

Lillie Vaden was interviewed by Holly Fisher. Digital audio file includes loud white noise and static; interviewee can be heard clearly for the most part.

Names: Vaden, Lillie
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Marion Patricia Hawkins Fitzhugh, 1993 November 10

1 Digital file

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 32 minutes

Interviewer: Harrison, Duane

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 32 minutes

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Marion Patricia Hawkins Fitzhugh spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Fitzhugh listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, great grandparents, and siblings) as well as more extensive family tree of many other relatives, including birth and death dates for some; where her relations who lived in North Brentwood lived; and where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She detailed her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She talked about holiday traditions and family

celebrations; when and for what reasons family gathered and how often they gathered; and funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

Fitzhugh discussed who made the important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family and in the community were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; her parents helping with the cost of higher education; and how those in the community supported one another. Fitzhugh also details the education and work histories of her siblings and herself as well as lists the names of all the children and spouses.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Fitzhugh described her memories of being a student at North Brentwood School; the activities and programs at the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. She talked about what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the local doctor; recreation for children and youth; teenage social clubs, including the Keen Teens; and the beer gardens and taverns. Fitzhugh stated who owned property in her family and what happened to the property; and that her grandfather built his house and the house next to his.

Marion Patricia Hawkins Fitzhugh was interviewed by Duane Harrison on November 10, 1993. Digital file includes loud white noise and static, and some background noise; a little difficult to hear interviewee at times throughout recording.

Names: Fitzhugh, Marion Patricia Hawkins
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Myrtle Maynard, 1993 November 4

2 Digital files

2 Sound cassettes

ACMA_AV000633_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000627_A. The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 45 minutes.

Interviewer: Harrison, Duane

Technical: ACMA_AV000633_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000627_A.
 The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 45 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Myrtle Maynard spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland. Church was central to her family.

Maynard listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, siblings), and her relations who lived in North Brentwood. She detailed her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; the home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on. She talked about holiday traditions and family celebrations; when and for what reasons family gathered and how often they gathered; her memories of funerals, weddings, christenings, and baptisms; and traveling to Bladensburg for church.

Maynard discussed who made the important decisions (marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in the church community and in her family were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She explained who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; how community members shared vegetables, livestock, and other items with each other; and what success and achievement meant when she was growing up.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maynard described her memories of being a student at North Brentwood schools and later high school in Washington, DC; the activities and programs at the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. She talked about what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the fire department; the police department; recreation for children and youth; the beer gardens; and the flooding after heavy rain.

Myrtle Maynard was interviewed by Duane Harrison on November 4, 1993; date transcribed from sound cassette. Digital audio file includes very loud white noise or background noise, which sounds like a vacuum; interviewee difficult to hear. Digital recording abruptly ends. ACMA_AV000633_A is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000627_A.

Names: Maynard, Myrtle

Topic: African Americans
African American families
Manners and customs
Social values
African American neighborhoods
Communities
Interviews

Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Orlando Sterling Hobbs, circa 1993

Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Interviewer: Fisher, Holly

Technical: Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives.

Title created by ACMA staff using text within textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Orlando Sterling Hobbs spoke about his family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland. Orlando Hobbs' interview is very detailed.

Hobbs listed the names of his close relations (parents, grandparents, great grandparents, siblings), and which of his relations lived in North Brentwood, including the streets they lived on, as well as where his family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. He detailed family history, including his ancestors who were enslaved on Ridley plantation and his indigenous heritage; his family's daily and weekend activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when he was growing up; the home he grew up in; and the street he grew up on, including the names of his neighbors. He talked about trips by train; holiday traditions; when and for what reasons his family gathered; and picnics, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and birthdays.

Hobbs discussed how important decisions (schooling, jobs and occupations) were made and who made them; how children were disciplined in his family; how the children were treated differently based on gender, age, and ability; how conflicts in his family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within his family and within the community. He talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; how his family supported and helped others; what success and achievement meant when he was growing up; and applying to college.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Hobbs described his memories of North Brentwood School, including Field Day and May Day; Shaw Junior High School and Dunbar High School, including his experience as a gifted student; the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. He talked about what he remembered about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayor and council of North Brentwood, including members of his family who were council members; the fire department and firemen's hall; the police department; recreation and the teen club; the night court; the local doctors and dentists; and the beer gardens and taverns. Hobbs also talked about North Brentwood and Brentwood, including geographic features, segregation, the demarcation line, and town incorporation;

	and stated which family members owned property and who inherited the property.
	Orlando Sterling Hobbs was interviewed by Holly Fisher. Textual transcript only. No audio recording of this interview.
Names:	Hobbs, Orlando Sterling
Topic:	African Americans African American families Manners and customs Social values African American neighborhoods Communities Interviews
Place:	North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with Thelma Hodge, circa 1993

2 Digital files

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 50 minutes.

Interviewer: Fisher, Holly

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 50 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Thelma Hodge spoke about her family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland. Note, Hodge uses the terms Brentwood and North Brentwood interchangeably; the northern portion of Brentwood was incorporated as North Brentwood, Maryland in 1924.

Hodge listed the names of her close relations (parents, grandparents, great grandparents, and siblings), and where her relations who lived in North Brentwood lived as well as where her family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. She detailed her family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when she was growing up; her grandparents' home she grew up in; and the street she grew up on, including the names of her neighbors. She talked about holiday traditions and family celebrations; when and for what reasons family gathered and how often they gathered; and funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

Hodge discussed who made the important decisions (marriage, jobs and occupations) in the family; how children in her family were disciplined; how conflicts in her family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within her family and within the community. She talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family

members; what success and achievement meant when she was growing up; and how those in the community supported one another.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Hodge described her memories of being a student at North Brentwood School; the activities and programs at the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. She talked about what she remembers about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayors and council of North Brentwood; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the local doctor; the beer gardens; and who owned and inherited property in her family.

Thelma Hodge was interviewed by Holly Fisher. Digital audio files include white noise and static, loud during parts of the interview; interviewee can be heard.

Names: Hodge, Thelma
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with William Palmer, circa 1993

2 Digital files

2 Sound cassettes

ACMA_AV000632_B is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000631_B. The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 41 minutes.

Interviewer: Moore, Marlon

Technical: ACMA_AV000632_B is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000631_B. The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 41 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

William Palmer spoke about his family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Palmer listed the names of his close relations (parents, grandparents, great grandparents, siblings), and which of his relations lived in North Brentwood as well as where his family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. He detailed his family's daily activities, including work outside of the home, when he was growing up; the home he grew up in; and the street he grew up on, including the names of his neighbors.

He talked about family gatherings; when and for what reasons his family gathered; and weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

Palmer discussed how important decisions were made and who made them; how children were disciplined in his family; how conflicts in his family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within his family and within the community. He talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; his mother helping anyone in need; what success and achievement meant when he was growing up; and who supported him with his schooling and learning.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Palmer described his memories of the North Brentwood schools, including May Day; the churches in North Brentwood; and what makes North Brentwood special. He talked about what he remembered about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayor and council of North Brentwood; the firemen's hall; the police department; the teen club called the Teen Canteen; the local doctor; and the beer gardens and taverns. Palmer also stated which family members owned property and who inherited the property.

William Palmer was interviewed by Marlon Moore. Digital file includes very loud white noise and static; interviewee's voice is low and difficult to hear, including unintelligible, at times throughout interview. ACMA_AV000632_B is a duplicate of ACMA_AV000631_B.

Names: Palmer, William
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

Box 3

Oral history interview with William Stockett, circa 1993

2 Digital files

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 28 minutes.

Interviewer: Fisher, Holly

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 28 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Content on ACMA_AV000639_B is not part of the textual transcript; content of ACMA_AV000639_B is only available via the sound recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, textual transcript, and the publication,

Footsteps from North Brentwood: From Reconstruction to the Post-World War II Years.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

William Stockett spoke about his family history, growing up in North Brentwood, and the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Maryland.

Stockett listed the names of his close relations (parents and siblings), and where his family lived prior to moving to North Brentwood. He talked about his family's daily activities, including chores and work outside of the home, when he was growing up; the home he grew up in; and the street he grew up on, including the names of his neighbors. He also spoke about when and for what reasons family gathered, including family reunions, and how often they gathered.

Stockett discussed how important decisions (schooling, marriage, jobs and occupations) were made and who made them; how children were disciplined in his family; how conflicts in his family were resolved; and the values and expectations taught within his family and within the community. He talked about who cared for aging, sick, or dependent family members; what success and achievement meant when he was growing up; and teachers who supported his schooling and learning.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in North Brentwood, Stockett stated his memories of North Brentwood School, and the activities and programs at the churches in North Brentwood. He talked about what he remembered about the businesses in North Brentwood and who owned them; the mayor and council of North Brentwood; the fire department and the firemen's hall; the police department; the local doctor; the beer gardens; who owned and inherited property in his family; and what made North Brentwood special.

William Stockett was interviewed by Holly Fisher. Content on ACMA_AV000639_B is not part of the textual transcript; content of ACMA_AV000639_B is only available via the sound recording. Digital audio files include white noise and static; interviewee can be heard clearly.

Names: Stockett, William
 Topic: African Americans
 African American families
 Manners and customs
 Social values
 African American neighborhoods
 Communities
 Interviews
 Place: North Brentwood (Md.)

2 Digital files

1 Sound cassette

The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 56 minutes.

Interviewer: Calloway, Albert

Technical: The total playing time of interview recording is approximately 56 minutes.

Language: English.

Notes: A text transcript of this interview is available in Anacostia Community Museum Archives. The text transcript is not verbatim of the audio recording.

Title created by ACMA staff using text written on sound cassette, contents of audio recording, and textual transcript.

Footsteps from North Brentwood exhibition records, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

William Hammond Thomas spoke about his family history; growing up and living in Brentwood and North Brentwood; and the institutions and organizations located in Brentwood and North Brentwood. Note, the northern portion of Brentwood was incorporated as North Brentwood, Maryland in 1924.

Thomas listed the names of his close relations (parents, grandparents, siblings), and which of his relations lived in Brentwood as well as where his family lived prior to moving to Brentwood. He detailed his family's daily activities when he was growing up; the home he grew up in; the street he grew up on, including the names of his neighbors; the rural community of Brentwood where he grew up; and what made Brentwood and North Brentwood special. He mentioned holiday traditions, particularly the Fourth of July and fireworks; family gatherings, specifically christenings; and visiting family in southern Maryland.

Thomas discussed how important decisions (where lived, what school, what jobs and occupations) were made and who made them; who disciplined children in his family and how; how conflicts in his family were resolved; and the values, particularly strong work ethic and self-dependence, instilled within his family. He described the importance of school in his family; opportunities for paid work when he was young; and what success and achievement meant to his family when he was growing up.

Thomas described in detail his memories of the classroom, teachers, classes, lack of decent school supplies, and sanitation conditions at Brentwood School as well as noting the county, not Brentwood, had control over the school. Brentwood School was a one-room school for much of the time Thomas attended the school. He also detailed his educational experience at Brentwood School versus his educational experience at District schools, which he attended after seventh grade.

Regarding the institutions and organizations located in Brentwood and North Brentwood, Thomas talked about what he remembers about the activities organized by churches, the local businesses and who operated them, the mayors and council members, the incorporation of the town, the fire engine that needed to be pulled, the police department, the local doctor, Marie Smith's beer garden, and

the pool room ran by Mr. Quander. Thomas also stated his parents owned their house and how the house was passed down through the family.

William Hammond Thomas was interviewed by Albert Calloway. Digital audio files include white noise and static; interviewee can be heard clearly.

Names:	Thomas, William Hammond
Topic:	African Americans African American families Manners and customs Social values African American neighborhoods Communities Interviews
Place:	North Brentwood (Md.) Brentwood (Md.)

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Footsteps from North Brentwood audiovisual records, circa 1993

0.2 Linear feet (1 box)

21 Sound recordings (21 audio cassette sound recordings)

1 Sound recording (1 open reel 1/4" sound recording)

Creator: Anacostia Community Museum
 Language: English.
 Scope and Contents: Audiovisual materials created for an exhibition on the North Brentwood neighborhood of Washington, DC. The show was created by the Anacostia Community Museum in collaboration with the North Brentwood Historical Society. It was exhibited at the museum from April 1996 to December 1996. This collection contains the audiovisual output of the Anacostia the exhibit, including audio interviews conducted for use within the exhibit along with outtakes and sound bites.
 Restrictions: Use of the materials requires an appointment. Some items are not accessible due to obsolete format and playback machinery restrictions. Please contact the archivist at acmarchives@si.edu.
 Related Archival Materials: Anacostia Community Museum. Footsteps from North Brentwood.
 Preferred Citation: *Footsteps from North Brentwood* audiovisual records, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution
 Names: Anacostia Community Museum
 Genre/Form: Interviews
 Sound recordings
 Topic: African Americans
 African American neighborhoods
 Museum exhibits
 Place: Washington (D.C.)

ACMA AV000925: Footsteps from North Brentwood Sound Bites, circa 1993

1 Sound recording (open reel; 1/4 inch)

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Creator: North Brentwood Historical Society (North Brentwood, Md.)
 Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture
 Howard University

Technical: 010601

Language: English.

Notes: Title created by ACMA staff from transcription on physical asset and title of related exhibition.

Former and present residents of North Brentwood speak about growing up and raising their families in North Brentwood. They discuss education, schools, churches, family histories, incorporation of the town, desegregation, and community as a family. They reminisce about a time when the area was rural, everyone knew everyone, and neighbors disciplined each other's children.

Interview clips. Part of Footsteps from North Brentwood Audiovisual Records. Undated.

Footsteps from North Brentwood Sound Bites, Exhibition Records AV03-019, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

The exhibition, Footsteps from North Brentwood, included an oral, pictorial and artifact collection of life in North Brentwood from the 1900s to 1930. It was developed by the North Brentwood Historical Society and the Smithsonian Institution's Anacostia Museum; and on display at the Anacostia Museum from April 1996 through December 1996, North Brentwood Community Center from February 1997 through May 1997, and Lowe House of Delegates in Annapolis, Maryland from June 1997 through December 1997. The exhibition used pictures, documents, and artifacts to document the history of the first black incorporated town in Prince George's County. The oral histories describe North Brentwood's social history as told by 23 families who were either residents or descendants of residents who lived there during the 1920 U.S. Manuscript Census; they were collected by students in Dr. Elizabeth-Clark Lewis' public history class at Howard University between November 10, 1993 and November 29, 1993.

Developed by the North Brentwood Historical Society, and Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture. Interviews conducted by Dr. Elizabeth-Clark Lewis' public history class at Howard University between November 10, 1993 and November 29, 1993.

Names:

- Thomas, William Hammond
- Hodge, Thelma
- Randall, Henry
- Randall, Peter
- Hobbs, Addison
- Dock, Arthur J.
- Beverly, Lillian K.
- Green, Delores
- Palmer, William
- Fleming, Elsie Johnson
- Thomas, James Curtis
- Jennings, Georgie L.
- Vaden, Lillie
- Fitzhugh, Marion Patricia Hawkins
- North Brentwood Elementary School (North Brentwood, Md.)
- First Baptist Church (North Brentwood, Md.)
- Brentwood A.M.E. Zion Church (North Brentwood, Md.)
- Anacostia Community Museum
- Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic:

- African Americans
- Communities
- Neighborhoods
- African American neighborhoods
- African American churches
- African American families
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