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Collection Overview

Repository: Anacostia Community Museum Archives
Title: Anacostia Oral History Project
Identifier: ACMA.09-006
Date: 1970-1975 (bulk 1975-1975)
Extent: 140 Sound recordings (72 sound cassettes ; 68 sound disk CD-Rs)
58 electronic_discs_dvd (58 data disk DVD-Rs)
2 Linear feet
Language: English.

Administrative Information

Related Archival Materials
The Anacostia Community Museum Archives also houses other oral histories of the area, including the ACM 25th Anniversary Oral History Project.

Preferred Citation
Anacostia Oral History Project, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions
Use of the materials requires an appointment. Please contact the archivist at acmarchives@si.edu.

Biographical Note
The Center for Anacostia Studies was the predecessor of the Anacostia Neighborhood Museum research department.

Scope and Contents
The Anacostia Oral History Project Collection contains oral history interviews with 55 individuals who either grew up in or spent a considerable amount of time in the neighborhood. Interviewees discuss their memories of Anacostia dating back to the 1890s and points of focus include education, occupations, transportation, geographic boundaries, and recreational and community activities. The interviews were conducted and recorded on audiocassettes in 1975 through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the
Anacostia Community Museum. Most of the interviews have been digitized and are accessible in the archive on CDs.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- African American

Cultures:
- African American

Types of Materials:
- Interviews
- Oral history
- Sound recordings

Names:
- Anacostia Community Museum
- Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
- Anacostia Oral History Project

Geographic Names:
- Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
## Container Listing

| Box 1, Tape 56 | Oral history interview with Thomas W. Turner  
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:49:42) digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:49:42)))  
An interview of Thomas W. Turner conducted 1975 Aug. 19, by Donna Coates, for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Turner discusses his life as a student at Howard University and in Anacostia during the 1880s and 90s.  
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Names: Coates, Donna |
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| Box 1, Tape 63, 1 & 2 | Oral history interview with James Johnson  
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R (01:10:06). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ.))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:10:06) digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV))  
1 Sound recording ((2 sound cassette (01:10:06)))  
An interview of James Johnson conducted 1975 Oct. 9, by Donna Coats, for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; James Johnson and his wife Marguerite discuss their childhoods in Anacostia during the 1930s and 40s.  
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Names: Coates, Donna  
Johnson, Marguerite |
| Box 1, Tape 60 | Oral history interview with Charles A. Williams  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:47:57 min.). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))  
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:47:57 min.)))  
Williams discusses his life in Anacostia as a guard for various governmental agencies during the 1940s and 50s.  
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Names: Coates, Donna  
Dickens, Wanda |
| Box 1, Tape 58 | Oral history interview with Stanley Smith  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:56:06). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))  
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:56:06)))  
An interview of Stanley Smith conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Smith discusses his life in Anacostia during the 1950s and 60s.  
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Names: Coates, Donna  
Dickens, Wanda  
Johnson, Marguerite  
Pope, James  
Williams, Charles A.  
Young, Elizabeth |
Museum.; Stanley Smith discusses his time growing up in Anacostia. Topics include transportation issues around Nichols Avenue, Douglass Hall, church, school, and crime among white and black youths.

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Box 1, Tape 36
Oral history interview with Tracy Campbell
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:22:54). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:22:54)))

An interview of Tracy Campbell conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Tracy Campbell discusses his time in Anacostia, beginning in 1921. The interview covers the geographical boundaries of Anacostia at that time as well as interactions between white and black residents and the effectiveness of the police force.

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Box 1, Tape 38
Oral history interview with Beatrice Price
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:52:48). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:52:48)))

An interview of Beatrice Price conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Beatrice Price discusses her life in Anacostia after moving to the neighborhood in 1944. Topics include her family members and their occupations, recreational activities such as parlor singing, and violence in the neighborhood.

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Box 2, Tape 37
Oral history interview with Harold Ricker
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:27:25). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))
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An interview of Harold Ricker conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Harold Ricker recalls life in Anacostia as he was growing up, from public schools like Ketchum and Birney schools to community organizations like churches and Anacostia Lodge. Ricker also talks about the racial makeup of the neighborhood and the occupations held by its residents, which were mostly government or working class jobs.

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Names: Birney Elementary School

Box 2, Tape 39
Oral history interview with Martha Ellis
An interview of Martha Ellis conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Martha Ellis discusses her early days growing up in Anacostia. Topics include recreational activities such as church, pageants, and choirs, the ethnic makeup of Anacostia, crime rates, and the difficulty of finding good paying jobs.

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Box 1, Tape 43A & 43B
Oral history interview with Edith Green
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:17:32). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))
1 Sound recording ((2 sound cassettes))
An interview of Edith Green conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Edith Green discusses her experience growing up in Anacostia, recounting stories about women's activities, the behaviors of families and children, and the police force in the area.

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Box 1, Tape 69
Oral history interview with Charles Green
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:01:16). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (01:01:16)))
An interview of Charles Green conducted 1975 October 20, by Wanda Dickens, for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Charles Green discusses his life in Anacostia from 1920-1942. Topics include ethnic groups in the area, occupations, and his opinions on neighborhood politics around the depression era.

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Names: Dickens, Wanda

Box 1, Tape 64
Oral history interview with Maurice Hill
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:18:48). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:18:48)))
An interview of Maurice Hill conducted in 1975, by Wanda Dickens, for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Maurice Hill discusses his time growing up in Anacostia. He shares stories about his family and community organizations such as the YMCA.
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Names: Dickens, Wanda
       YMCA

Box 2, Tape 41 Oral history interview with William Butler
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:31:54). digital, 16-bit 44.1 Khz))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:31:54)))

An interview of William Butler conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; William Butler discusses his life in Anacostia from 1904-1966. Topics include the geographic boundaries and ethnic makeup of the neighborhood, the relationship between black and white members of the community, occupations, and church.

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Box 2, Tape 3 Oral history interview with George Trivers
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:01:24). digital, 16-bit 44.1 Khz))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (01:01:24)))

An interview of George Trivers conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; George Trivers discusses growing up in Anacostia from the age of 5. Topics include occupations, sports, and transportation and education issues.

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Box 2, Tape 2 Oral history interview with Alton Jones
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:32:04). digital, 16-bit 44.1 Khz))

Alton Jones talks about the Anacostia neighborhood during his 20 years of residence. Topics include the ethnic makeup of the area, relaxation activities such as fishing, landmarks like the Frederick Douglass Home, and civic organizations such as the Anacostia Navy Yard Committee, and his time at Howard University.

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Names: Frederick Douglass Home
       Howard University

Box 2, Tape 1A & 1B Oral history interview with Ethel Green
An interview of Ethel Green conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Ethel Green recalls her time growing up in Anacostia, discussing her family, typical occupations, family sizes, and recreational activities in the neighborhood, and her studies at both Howard University and American University.

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Names:

American University
Howard University

Box 2, Tape 40A
Oral history interview with Esther Johnson
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (01:00:32)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:00:32). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
An interview of Esther Johnson conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Esther Johnson discusses the residents and social activities of Anacostia while she was growing up in the neighborhood.

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Box 2, Tape 13
Oral history interview with Norman Dale
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:46:47)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:46:47). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. ))
An interview of Norman Dale conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Norman Dale discusses growing up in Anacostia. He describes how the area was set up for freed people who moved in after the Civil War and recalls the types of homes, jobs, pay rates, and education residents had.

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Box 2, Tape 17
Oral history interview with Rev. Eugene Wright
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1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:55:02). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. ))
An interview of Rev. Eugene Wright conducted 1970 December 12 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Reverend Eugene Wright discusses his memories of the Anacostia neighborhood around 1940, when the Barry Farms
projects were built on Nichols Avenue. Topics include occupations, education, recreational activities, and community organizations that were active at that time.

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Box 2, Tape 12
Oral history interview with Raymond Bombray
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An interview of Raymond Bombray conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Raymond Bombray discusses his life in Anacostia. Topics include education, the lack of racial diversity, and recreational activities in the area while he was growing up.

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Box 2, Tape 10
Oral history interview with Mary Kidd
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1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:54:14). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
An interview of Mary Kidd conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Mary Kidd discusses life in Anacostia after she moved to the neighborhood in 1962. She talks about education, occupations, a poverty program she worked on with the Southeast Housing Order, and gives her opinions on community leaders such as Jim Coates, Stan Anderson, and Theresa Jones.

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Names: 
Anderson, Stanley, b. 1884
Coates, James E.
Jones, Theresa

Box 2, Tape 14C
Oral history interview with Scott Norris
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:17:01). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:38:28). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.))
An interview of Scott Norris and his wife conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Norris Scott recalls growing up in Anacostia, where he was born in 1888. He discusses the different occupations of white and black residents, the types of homes people had, community organizations, and issues with sanitation in the area.

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Box 2, Tape 46B
Oral history interview with Maggie Taylor
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:36:05). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:36:05)))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))

An interview of Maggie Taylor conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Maggie Taylor remembers her life growing up in Anacostia, discussing dances and other recreational activities. She also shares stories of individuals working to save money to move to California and New York, and recalls her own experiences traveling outside of Anacostia by train.

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Box 2, Tape 42A
Oral history interview with Arnett Lindsay
1 Sound recording (1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:57:07)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:57:07). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))

An interview of Arnett Lindsay conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Arnett Lindsay discusses his time in Anacostia beginning in the late 1910s. Topics include the changing boundaries of Southeast DC and Anacostia, his opinions on terms used to describe specific races and ethnicities, recreational activities in the area, and his studies at Howard University, New York University, and American University.

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Names: American University
       Howard University
       New York University

Box 2, Tape 26A & 26B
Oral history interview with Pierre McKinley Taylor
1 Sound recording (1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:05:44). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:28:41). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (01:05:44)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:28:41)))

An interview of Pierre McKinley Taylor conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Pierre McKinley Taylor remembers his time growing up in Anacostia, describing the housing and shacks that were built under Army Chief of Staff Douglas MacArthur and his memories of raising farm animals on Cedar Hill and selling milk around the neighborhood.

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Names: MacArthur, Douglas, 1880-1964

Box 2, Tape 31A, 31B
Oral history interview with Ella Bransom
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1 Sound recording (1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette))

An interview of Ella Bransom and her husband, S. Leslie Bransom, conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Ella Bransom discusses her time as a resident of Anacostia and her children's experience growing up in the area. Topics include her work with community organizations such as the Urban League, NAACP, and the National PTA, education at the Birney School, and the various occupations she's held throughout her life.

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Names: Birney Elementary School
Bransom, S. Leslie
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Box 2, Tape 25A & 25B
Oral history interview with Carolyn Taylor Crocker
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1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (01:02:56)))

An interview of Carolyn Taylor Crocker conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Carolyn Taylor Crocker recalls growing up in Anacostia beginning around 1904-5 until her marriage in 1924. Topics include her ancestry and schooling at the Birney School, her work at Western Union, and the difficulty her father had getting work as a laborer with no union. Crocker also talks about the Urban League and her friends' work with the League regarding segregation and discrimination.

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Names: Birney Elementary School

Box 2, Tape 23
Oral history interview with Audrey Holte
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV. )))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:58:16). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:58:16)))

An interview of Audrey Holte conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Audrey Holte discusses growing up in Anacostia. Topics include the boundaries of the neighborhood, occupations and education, recreational activities such as swimming in Eagle Harbor and other places on the Chesapeake Bay, and church activities at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
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Names: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Box 2, Tape 28
Oral history interview with William Dyson
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:53:09) digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:53:09)))

An interview of William Dyson and his wife conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; William Dyson and his wife recall their lives in Anacostia, where Mr. Dyson lived beginning in 1915 and where they lived as a couple beginning in 1931. They discuss the ethnic and racial makeup of the area, churches and family life, and police relations within the community.

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Names: Dyson, Mrs. William

Box 2, Tape 27
Oral history interview with Carrie Young
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1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:42:2). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))

An interview of Carrie Young and his wife conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Carrie Young discusses her time in Anacostia since building her house there in 1940. Topics include housing projects such as the Frederick Douglass dwellings and the Stanton dwellings, family structure, recreational activities, and neighborhood landmarks like the Frederick Douglass Home.

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Names: Frederick Douglass Home

Box 2, Tape 14A & 14B
Oral history interview with Norris Scott
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:03:21). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette))

An interview of Norris Scott and his wife conducted 1971 October 22 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Norris Scott and his wife discuss the Old Birney School and other Anacostia landmarks that are now gone, such as Douglass Hall, where dances were held, and the little shops on Nichols Avenue.

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Names: Birney Elementary School  
Scott, Mrs. Norris

Box 2, Tape 19  
Oral history interview with Mary Cooke  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:51:44)))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:51:44). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))  
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))  
An interview of Mary Cooke and his wife conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Mary Cooke discusses growing up and going to school in Anacostia. Topics include the Birney School and popular recreational activities such as needlework and the choral society.

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Names: Birney Elementary School

Box 2, Tape 35, 1 & 2  
Oral history interview with James Banks  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:45:17)))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:44:02)))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:45:17). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:44:02). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))  
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))  
An interview of James Banks conducted 1975 September 22 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum. Topics include the ethnic makeup and racial tension of the area, common occupations, policemen who worked the area, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.; James Banks discusses growing up in Anacostia from 1920-1953.

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Names: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Box 2, Tape 9  
Oral history interview with Arthur Morresett  
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:58:59). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))  
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:58:59)))  
An interview of Arthur Morresett conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Arthur Morresett discusses his memories of Anacostia, including the perceived boundaries of the neighborhood, recreational activities, and issues related to integration and segregation.

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Box 2, Tape 8  
Oral history interview with Charles Qualls
An interview of Charles Qualls conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Charles Qualls discusses his memories of Anacostia on subjects such as geographical boundaries, the ethnic and racial makeup of the community, and lower-income housing like Barry Farms. He recalls his efforts to restore the Frederick Douglass Home while he was chairman of the Coordinating Committee of Anacostia Vicinity.

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Names: Frederick Douglass Home

Box 2, Tape 7, 3 & 4

Oral history interview with John Dale

An interview of John Dale and his wife conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; John Dale discusses his time in Anacostia from 1892-1970. Topics include the geographic boundaries and limitations of Anacostia and Barry Farms, landmarks like the Bethlehem Church and the Robert G. Mason funeral home, churches, and the Garfield and Birney Schools.

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Names: Birney Elementary School
Dale, Mrs. John
Garfield Elementary School

Box 2, Tape 6A & 6B

Oral history interview with Almore Dale

An interview of Almore Dale conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Almore Dale discusses growing up in Anacostia and attending the Birney School and Howard University. He talks about the typical family structure and church going, naming Our Lady of Perpetual Help as the most popular church in the neighborhood when he was growing up, and describes the Anacostia Bank (now the Anacostia National Bank).

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An interview of James E. Coates conducted 1975 June 25, by Donna Coates, for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; James E. Coates is interviewed primarily about his civic activities, educational background, and career, with some information on childhood as he was born and raised in Foggy Bottom. He discusses attending church school and the Baptist Training Union as well as his participation in community organizations such as the Garfield Douglass Civic Association, the Fort Stanton Civic Association, and the Bernie Elementary school PTA.

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Names: Coates, Donna

An interview of Lue Blalock conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Lue Blalock her life in Anacostia, mostly after the death of her husband in 1940. Topics include her occupation as an operator and the difficulty of finding work as a colored person during the depression era, schools and transportation in the neighborhood, the NAACP, and community leaders such as Margaret Johnson.

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Names: Johnson, Margaret E.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

An interview of Edward Edwards conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Edward Edwards is interviewed about his time in Anacostia. Focus is on his experience as a teacher beginning in 1937 and his appointment as principal of the Garfield and Turner schools in 1946.
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Names: Garfield Elementary School

Box 2, Tape 16A
Oral history interview with Ophelia Egypt
1 Sound recording (2 sound cassettes)
1 Sound recording (1 sound disk CD-R (00:31:31). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KHz)
1 Sound recording (1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)

An interview of Ophelia Egypt conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Ophelia Egypt discusses growing up in Anacostia. Topics include her schooling, choirs and Negro spirituals as a favorite pasttime of the community, and the parenting style that was prevalent in the area and how that has changed over the years.

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Names: Patterson, Elise

Box 2, Tape 22A & 22B
Oral history interview with George Patterson
1 Sound recording (2 sound cassettes)
1 Sound recording (1 sound disk CD-R (01:05:41). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KHz)
1 Sound recording (1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)

An interview of George Patterson and his stepmother Elise Patterson conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; George Patterson discusses his memories of Anacostia. Topics include the ethnic and racial makeup of the area, recreational activities, common occupations, and the typical family structure found in the neighborhood.

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Names: Patterson, Elise

Box 2, Tape 21
Oral history interview with Amanda Forest
1 Sound recording (1 sound cassette (00:35:05))
1 Sound recording (1 sound disk CD-R (00:35:05). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KHz)
1 Sound recording (1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)

An interview of Amanda Forest conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Amanda Forest discusses growing up in Anacostia beginning around 1887. Topics include occupations, banking, Emmanuel Baptist Church, education, and her time at Howard University.

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Names: Emmanuel Baptist Church
Howard University

Box 2, Tape 51
Oral history interview with Henry Sayles
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (01:00:00)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:49:42). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))

An interview of Henry Sayles conducted in 1975, by Donna Coates, for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.

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Names: Coates, Donna

Box 2, Tape 34

Oral history interview with Helen Allen
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:40:19). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:40:19)))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))

An interview of Helen Allen conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Helen Allen discusses her time in Anacostia. Topics include schools, occupations, transportation, and neighborhood landmarks such as the Frederick Douglass Home and Thompson's Furniture Company.

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Names: Frederick Douglass Home
Thompson's Furniture Company

Box 2, Tape 33

Oral history interview with John Warner
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:32:03). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:32:03)))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))

An interview of John Warner conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; John Warner discusses growing up in Anacostia. Topics include his education at the Birney School, recreational activities, banking, and local landmarks such as the Frederick Douglass Home.

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Names: Frederick Douglass Home

Box 2, Tape 32

Oral history interview with Russell Paxton
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:59:43). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:59:43)))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))

An interview of Russell Paxton conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Russell Paxton talks about growing up in NW and his life after moving to Anacostia in 1948. He discusses family structure, socialization, recreational centers like the YMCA, churches, and civic associations.
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Names: YMCA of the USA

Box 2, Tape 30

Oral history interview with Carl Smuck
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:26:07). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:26:07)))

An interview of Carl Smuck conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Carl Smuck discusses occupations, landmarks, community organizations, and community leaders in Anacostia in the 1930s. Topics include the Frederick Douglass Dwellings, the Navy Yard, the Anacostia Citizen Association, and the YMCA.

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Names: YMCA of the USA

Box 2, Tape 29

Oral history interview with Anita Blake
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:46:18)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:46:18). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV))

An interview of Anita Blake and Irene Donnelly conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Anita Blake and Irene Donnelly discuss growing up in Anacostia. Topics include their ancestry, education at the Birney school, common occupations, and how the family survived on the low wages earned by their parents.

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Names: Birney Elementary School
Donnelly, Irene

Box 2, Tape 53

Oral history interview with Robert E. Dyson
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:26:07)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:26:07). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV))

An interview of Robert E. Dyson conducted 1975 April 25 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Robert E. Dyson discusses his time in Anacostia after being born in Barry Farms in 1888, with a focus on his work as the owner and operator of Dyson's Barbershop on Howard Road.

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Box 1, Tape 54

Oral history interview with Mrs. Ella B. Pearis
An interview of Mrs. Ella B. Pearis conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Ella B. Pearis discusses her family history and growing up in Anacostia. Topics include Barry Farms, churches, community centers and activities, and her work as a school teacher.

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Box 1, Tape n/a
Oral history interview with Charles Burr
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:40:15). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:40:15)))

An interview of Charles Burr conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Recording of a women reading Charles Burr's "Index of History of Anacostia." The writing discusses various subdivisions of the area and how/when/by whom things were built. It cites descriptions and surveys of the area dating back to the early 1800s.

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Box 2, Tape 15
Oral history interview with Mrs. McLendon
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:37:33). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:37:33)))

An interview of Mrs. McLendon conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Mrs. McLendon discusses growing up in and around Anacostia. Topics include the geographic separation of white and black residents, clubs, organizations, and the lack of community centers in the area.

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Box 2, Tape 48
Oral history interview with Raymond Fillers and his wife
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (01:03:02)))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (01:03:02). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))

An interview of Raymond Fillers and his wife, Mrs. Fillers, conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fillers discuss life in Anacostia beginning in 1888. Topics include Mr. Fillers' work at the Navy Yard and recreational activities such as dances at Douglass Hall.

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Names: Fillers, Mrs.

Box 1, Tape 49 + 5
Oral history interview with Edward Brazerol and Mr. Taylor
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:46:10). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:46:04). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette))

An interview of Edward Brazerol and Mr. Taylor, conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; Edward Brazerol discusses his family history and his 81 years living in Anacostia, beginning in 1893.

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Names: Taylor, Mr.

Box 2, Tape 5, 1 of 2
Oral history interview with Edward Brazerol
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:46:56). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:46:56). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:58:28). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))

An interview of Edward Brazerol, conducted 1971 November 5 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.; As a lifelong resident of Anacostia, Edward Brazerol discusses the geographic boundaries, recreational centers, and typical family structure of the neighborhood.

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Box 2, Tape n/a
Recording from the Anacostia 1891 Star Paper "Roadside Sketches" and Washingtonian Clippings
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette (00:53:17)))
1 Sound recording ((1 sound disk CD-R (00:53:17). digital, 16-bit 44.1 KhZ))
1 Sound recording ((1 data disk DVD-R digital, 24-bit 96kHz WAV.))

Side 1: Anacostia 1891 Star Paper "Roadside Sketches";


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Box 3, Tape 4
Oral history interview with Edward Brazerol
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette.)))
An interview of Edward Brazerol and Mrs. Ford, conducted in 1971 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.

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Names: Ford, Mrs.

Box 3, Tape 2   Oral history interview with Mr. Anton Jones
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette.)))
An interview of Mr. Anton Jones, conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.

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Box 3, Tape 12  Oral history interview with Mr. Bombey
1 Sound recording ((1 sound cassette.)))
An interview of Mr. Bombey, conducted in 1975 for the Anacostia Oral History Project through the Center for Anacostia Studies and the Anacostia Community Museum.

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