Collection Summary
Title: National Visionary Leadership Project Interviews and Conference Collection
Span Dates: 1997-2009
Call No.: AFC 2004/007
Creator: National Visionary Leadership Project
Extent: 33 boxes
Extent: transcripts: 15 v. : col. ill. ; 22 cm.
Extent: 288 transcripts, unbound
Extent: manuscripts, 4 folders
Extent: 1026 videocassettes (Betacam, DVCAM, Mini-DV) : sound, color, various sizes
Extent: 7 videocassettes (VHS) : sound, color.
Extent: 12 video discs (CD-ROM) : sound, color.
Extent: artifact : 1 medal
Extent: 868 photographs prints : color ; 4 x 6.
Extent: 3351 photographs : digital, jpeg files, color.
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Archive of Folk Culture, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: The National Visionary Leadership Project Interviews and Conference Collection consists primarily of master recordings of interviews by the National Visionary Leadership Project with significant figures in 20th century African American history. In addition, the collection includes transcripts (both printed and electronic) of a portion of the interviews, edited versions of the interviews and print and digital photographs.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Cosby, Camille O. (Camille Olivia), 1944- interviewer.
Poussaint, Renee, interviewer.

Organizations
American Folklife Center, sponsor.
Archive of Folk Culture (Library of Congress)
National Visionary Leadership Project, collector.
Summit on the State of Black America (2003 : Library of Congress)

Subjects
African American actors--Interviews.
African American artists--Interviews.
African American athletes--Interviews.
African American authors--Interviews.
African American businesspeople--Interviews.
African American civil rights workers--Interviews.
African American clergy--Interviews.
African American college teachers--Interviews.
African American dancers--Interviews.
African American educators--Interviews.
African American journalists--Interviews.
African American lawyers--Interviews.
African American leadership.
African American legislators--Interviews.
African American musicians--Interviews.
African American physicians--Interviews.
African American scientists--Interviews.
African American veterans--Interviews.
African American women--Interviews.
African Americans--Biography.
African Americans--Education.
African Americans--Employment.
African Americans--History--20th century.
African Americans--Politics and government.
African Americans--Religion.
African Americans--Social life and customs.
Civil rights movements--United States--History--20th century.

Titles
Title on container: National Visionary Leadership Project
Summit on the state of black America, 2003.
Visionary interview excerpts.

Form/Genre
Filmed interviews.
Interviews.
Oral histories.
Transcripts.
Videocassettes.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The National Visionary Leadership Project collection was donated in seven accruals between 2004 and 2010.

Accruals
Further accruals are expected to this collection.

Processing History
The records of National Visionary Leadership Project were arranged and described 2007-2012.

Bibliography
Edited versions of some interviews produced by NVLP can be accessed at their website: http://www.visionaryproject.org

Copyright Status
Duplication of the recorded materials may be governed by copyright and other restrictions.

Access and Restrictions
The collection is open for research use. Access restrictions apply. Please contact the Folklife Reading Room before requesting materials: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/folklife.contact Consult reference staff in the Folklife Reading Room about reference copies of material and additional reference tools that may be available onsite only. The original moving image videos are stored at the Packard Campus of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center. Digitized copies may be viewed in the Folklife Reading Room. Duplication of the collection materials is governed by copyright and other restrictions. Permission of the rights holder may need to be obtained. Please refer to the AFC web site for information on ordering copies of unpublished recordings (http://www.loc.gov/folklife/recording.html) and photographic materials (http://www.loc.gov/folklife/photo_ordering.html).
Digital and Physical Copies

Digital and physical materials were received as part of the records of the National Visionary Leadership Project. Transcripts donated as MS Word files have print copies. Both digital and print photographs were received as original materials; some may be copies. All digital photographs were printed on black and white paper and are filed with the original print color photographs. All moving images formats except for VHS were digitized. The original moving image videos are stored at the Packard Campus of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center. Digitized copies may be viewed in the Folklife Reading Room.

Preferred Citation


Administrative History

In 2001 Camille Cosby and Renee Pouissant founded the National Visionary Leadership Project (NVLP) to document the work and lives of African Americans in the United States as a way to preserve and disseminate their knowledge and insights. The NVLP was headquartered in Washington, D.C., and conducted educational programs and outreach, oral history projects and intergenerational events. This collection is comprised of full-length interviews made for the NVLP of prominent or influential African Americans. The interviews were conducted by Camille O. Cosby, Renee Poussaint or a Visionary Heritage Fellow. Some interviews are disseminated via online streaming at the NVLP website: http://www.visionaryproject.org.

The NVLP created the Visionary Heritage Fellowship Program to promote education in African American history and the participation of college students in the preservation of this history. It was a competitive one-year fellowship, open to all students in the United States. Each fellow attended a conference the summer before the start of their academic fellow year where they learned interview techniques and basic video production, among other topics. In order to apply for the program, the fellowship candidate had to chose a person who they believed was a visionary. This visionary had to be at least 70 years old and have made a “significant contribution in their field and in the African American community.” These fellowship interviews were then deposited with NVLP, where they became a permanent part of the Visionary collection. Additional information on the NVLP, or the Visionary Heritage Fellowship Program, can be found at http://www.visionaryproject.org.

The NVLP also promoted grass-roots production of African American oral history through its Legacy Guide. This publication encourages the creation of oral histories with the intent that they be donated to libraries and museums. These interviews are not included in this collection.

NVLP has hosted the Summit on the State of Black America four times at the Library of Congress. The Summits engaged an audience of college and high school students in problem-solving discussions with a panel comprised of nationally-known visionary elders and college students, participants in NVLP’s Visionary Heritage Fellows Program. Together they developed solutions to contemporary issues in the African American community. NVLP has also hosted other panel discussions called “A Legacy of Change,” and sponsored the Wisdom Awards Ceremonies to honor visionaries.

Scope and Content Note

The NVLP collection at the Library of Congress consists of 996 master video recordings of 301 interviews, 288 transcripts, 3351 digital photographs and 863 print photographs. In addition, the collection includes a small amount of promotional materials, items from the 2003 and 2007 Summit on the State of Black America event, and a medal. Of the interviews that have been transcribed, 15 have bound copies.

These interviews vary widely in length and subject. Most transcripts contain biographical information for the interviewees. All the interviewees are considered elders who have lived the majority of their lives in the 20th century. Persons interviewed include educators, scientists, authors, community activists, doctors, entertainers, artists and politicians. They represent many different geographical areas, educational levels and economic statuses. Many of the interviewees are well-known, including Shirley Chisholm, Dick Gregory, Coretta Scott King, Odetta, Gordon Parks, and Faith Ringgold. Others, such as Willie T. Barrow, Pecolia Boyles, Jayme Coleman, and McDonald Williams, were not nationally known, but were
influential within their own community or region. Approximately 40 interviewees were civil rights organizers or activists in the 1950s and 1960s, many of which made major contributions to the movement but are not well known figures.

The master recordings were done in a multiple of formats, primarily BetaCamSP, but also include MiniDV60 and DV Cam 64. Some of the interviews also have an accompanying edited version, primarily stored on DVCam 184 or DV 186 formats. Five of the interviews have been edited for presentation copies, which are on VHS. These interviewees are: Edward Brooke, Cardiss Collins, David Dinkins, John Hope Franklin, and Dorothy Height (two copies). These five visionaries were honored at the Summit on the State of Black America, an NVLP sponsored event at the Library of Congress in 2003. A VHS recording of the event is included with the preservation copies of these interviewees. Promotional DVDs with clips of 24 interviews are also included as well as the printed and bound transcripts, some of which have CD inserts, of interviews conducted with Edward Brooke, Roscoe Lee Browne, Ray Charles, Cardiss Collins, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, David Dinkins, Katherine Dunham, Samuel L. Gravely, John Hope Franklin, Dorothy Height, John H. Johnson, Coretta Scott King, Constance Baker Motley and Gordon Parks.

Arrangement of the Records

The collection is arranged in three series: Administrative; Conferences and Events; and Interviews. The interviews are arranged by ID number assigned by accrual (see also the index of interviewees by last name). The bulk of the collection includes moving image interviews conducted from 1997-2009, many of which are accompanied by a transcript and photographs from the interview.
Description of Series

Container
Series
Series I: Administrative

Series II: Conferences and Events

**Summit on the State of Black America, 2003-05-14**
The Summit on the State of Black America at the Library of Congress honored five visionaries from the areas of politics, education, and social activism. The five honorees were Edward Brooke, Cardiss Collins, David Dinkins, John Hope Franklin and Dorothy Height. Moderated by veteran journalist Bernard Shaw, the audience consisted mainly of students from various colleges and high schools. The two hour program was divided into the subject areas of politics, economics and education.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655304](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655304)

**Visionary Leadership Awards Ceremony and Intergenerational Summit on the State of Black America, 2006-02-22**

**Wisdom Awards and Intergenerational Summit on the State of Black America, 2007-10-16**

**Collection donation event at Library of Congress, 2007**

Series III: Interviews

**Joe Adams oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-06-11**
AFC 2004/007: 001

Joe Adams was an actor and Ray Charles' manager and promoter. The interview includes Joe Adams' memories of growing up in Watts, California, joining the air force, and his early career as a radio DJ and actor. He recalls acting in Broadway plays, working for NBC and hosting shows in Las Vegas, Nevada. He discusses working for his friend Ray Charles as his manager, promoter and assistant.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655531](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655531)

**Clifford Alexander oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-09-26**
AFC 2004/007: 002

Clifford Alexander was an advisor to President Lyndon Johnson on civil rights and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, chairman of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a law professor, and the first African-American Secretary of the Army. The interview includes Clifford Alexander's memories of growing up in New York City, his education at Harvard and Yale and his early career as an assistant district attorney. He describes working as an assistant to President Lyndon Johnson on civil rights issues, his work on the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission and as Secretary of the Army, and his unsuccessful run for mayor of Washington, D.C. He also includes his opinions on minorities in government, affirmative action, and current politics.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655451](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655451)

**Maya Angelou oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-03-22**
AFC 2004/007: 003
Maya Angelou was a poet, memoirist, actress and director. The interview includes Maya Angelou's memories of becoming mute as a child and the mentorship of her teacher Mrs. Flowers, who encouraged her to read poetry. She recalls her relationships with her grandmother and brother and becoming a teenage mother. She discusses touring Europe while performing in "Porgy and Bess," writing the poem delivered at President Clinton's inauguration, and her participation in the civil rights movement.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655518](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655518)

Lee Archer oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-03-12

AFC 2004/007: 004

Lee Archer was a Tuskegee Airman, Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and businessman. The interview includes Lee Archer's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York and joining the army to serve during World War II. He recalls training at a segregated base in Macon, Georgia, where he met his wife and training in Tuskegee to become a pilot. He discusses serving in Italy and performing bombing raids in Germany, attending college and law school, and his career at General Foods and Beatrice Foods.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655519](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655519)

Ernie Banks oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-06-07

AFC 2004/007: 005

Ernie Banks was a baseball player for the Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago Cubs. The interview includes Ernie Banks' memories of growing up in Wylie, Texas, playing semi-professional baseball as a teenager and joining the army. He recalls playing in the Negro Leagues with Kansas City Monarchs and the difficulties of travelling through segregated areas. He discusses his friendships with Buck O'Neil and Jackie Robinson, meeting his wife, and becoming the first African American to play for the Chicago Cubs.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655561](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655561)

Willie T. Barrow oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-07-13

AFC 2004/007: 006

Rev. Dr. Willie Barrow was a minister at the Langley Avenue Church of God in Chicago, a civil rights activist and field organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and helped organize Operation BREADBASKET, Operation PUSH and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. The interview includes Willie Barrow's memories of her childhood in rural Texas, attending the Pacific-Warner Theological Seminary in Portland, Oregon and her marriage to her husband Clyde. She recalls her career as a youth pastor in Chicago, her involvement in the labor movement, and her work as a field organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) including the Selma to Montgomery March of 1965. She also discusses her relationships with Jesse Jackson and Martin Luther King, Jr., her faith, and her work with Operation PUSH and as an AIDS activist.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655452](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655452)

Derrick Bell oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-06-22

AFC 2004/007: 007

Derrick Bell was a lawyer at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in the 1960s, deputy director of the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and law professor at Harvard University, University of Oregon and New York University.
The interview includes Derrick Bell's memories of growing up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attending Duquesne University and University of Pittsburgh Law School. He discusses working on several school desegregation cases with Thurgood Marshall at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and his resignations from Harvard and the University of Oregon over discriminatory hiring practices. He also discusses his opinions on affirmative action and current politics.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655453](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655453)

**Lerone Bennett oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-27**

AFC 2004/007: 008

Lerone Bennett was a historian, journalist and editor who worked for Jet and Ebony. The interview includes Lerone Bennett's memories of growing up in Mississippi, working for black newspapers as a teenager, and attending Morehouse College. He recalls reporting for the Atlanta Daily World and moving to Chicago to write for Jet Magazine. He discusses his interest in African American history, editing Ebony Magazine and covering the civil rights movement.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655542](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655542)

**David Blackwell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-05-22**

AFC 2004/007: 009

David Blackwell was a statistician and professor of mathematics. The interview includes David Blackwell's memories of growing up in Illinois and studying math at the University of Illinois and the Institute of Advanced Study. He recalls teaching at several black colleges, becoming chair of the mathematics department at Howard University, and accepting a position at the University of California at Berkeley, where he taught for over 30 years. He discusses his teaching methods, research in statistics, the racism he faced in academia and being the first African-American elected to the Academy of Sciences.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655567](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655567)

**Randolph Bromery oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-11-17**

AFC 2004/007: 010

Randolph Bromery was a geologist and university administrator. The interview includes Randolph Bromery's memories of growing up in Cumberland, Maryland, joining the army and serving as a Tuskegee Airman. He recalls majoring in math at Howard University, living in Washington, D.C., and working at the U.S. Geological Survey. He discusses earning his Ph.D. in geology at Johns Hopkins University and his career at the University of Massachusetts, where he became chancellor and acquired the W.E.B. DuBois papers.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655532](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655532)

**Edward Brooke oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2001-10-31**

AFC 2004/007: 011

Edward Brooke was a lawyer, Attorney General of Massachusetts, and Republican Senator from Massachusetts. The interview includes Edward Brooke's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., attending Howard University and joining the army during World War II. He recalls attending Boston University Law School, his early career as a lawyer and his unsuccessful run for Massachusetts Secretary of State. He discusses his work as Attorney General of Massachusetts and as U.S. Senator, his identity as an African American Republican and supporting several civil rights bills.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655479](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655479)
Calvin Brown oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-02-13
AFC 2004/007: 012
Calvin Brown was an actor and stunt double. The interview includes Calvin Brown's memories of growing up in Grambling, Louisiana, meeting his wife and attending Grambling State University. He recalls moving to Los Angeles, California, his job at a post office and raising foster children. He discusses working a movie extra, performing stunts and his job as Bill Cosby's stunt double on the television show I Spy.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655571

Oscar Brown oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-08-05
AFC 2004/007: 013
Oscar Brown was a singer, songwriter, playwright and actor. The interview includes Oscar Brown's memories of growing up in Chicago, attending several colleges and his involvement in school theater. He discusses his first job as a radio actor and his early political activism with the Communist Party. He recalls his first record contract, writing the play, "Kicks and Company," and his memories of working with many famous actors and musicians. He also discusses his volunteer work to expose gang members to musical theater.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655480

Roscoe C. Brown oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-12-07
AFC 2004/007: 014
Roscoe C. Brown was a Tuskegee Airman, professor and community college president. The interview includes Roscoe C. Brown's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., and attending Dunbar High School and Springfield College. He recalls joining the army air force, training to be a Tuskegee Airman and flying missions in Europe during World War II. He discusses earning his PhD in physical education and health, his teaching career and becoming president of Bronx Community College.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655573

Willie Brown oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-06-21
AFC 2004/007: 015
Willie Brown was the first African American mayor of San Francisco and Speaker of the California State Assembly. The interview includes Willie Brown's memories of growing up in Mineola, Texas, and moving to California where he attended San Francisco State University for his undergraduate and law degree. He recalls joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, starting his law practice and his election to the California State Assembly. He also discusses his participation in the anti-war movement and his election as mayor of San Francisco.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655533

Roscoe Lee Browne oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-04-26
AFC 2004/007: 016
Roscoe Lee Browne was an athlete, teacher and actor. The interview includes Roscoe Lee Browne's memories of growing up in New Jersey, attending Lincoln University and his army service during World War II. He discusses his years as a teacher, running track for the New York Pioneer Club and his first acting roles.
with the New York Shakespeare Festival in Central Park. He also discusses his work in movies and television.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655481](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655481)

**Curtis Bryant oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-26**

AFC 2004/007: 017

Curtis Bryant was a civil rights activist in Mississippi and vice president of the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The interview includes Curtis Bryant's memories of growing up in McComb, Mississippi and attending the Prentiss Normal and Industrial Institute. He discusses working on railroads and becoming chairman of his union, which led to his involvement in the civil rights movement. He describes his participation in voter registration drives, the Mississippi Freedom Project of 1964 and harassment from the Ku Klux Klan.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655454](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655454)

**Yvonne Brathwaite Burke oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-02-19**

AFC 2004/007: 018

Yvonne Braithwaite Burke was a lawyer, a member of the California State Assembly and U.S. Congresswoman from California.

The interview includes Yvonne Braithwaite Burke's memories of growing up in Los Angeles, California and attending the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Southern California Law School. She recalls her involvement in the civil rights movement, the Watts riots, and her election as the first African American woman to the California State Assembly. She discusses her election to the U.S. House of Representatives, her legislative accomplishments and her unsuccessful run for Attorney General of California.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/201065534](http://lccn.loc.gov/201065534)

**James Cameron oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-07-29**

AFC 2004/007: 019

James Cameron was a boiler engineer and civil rights activist with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He started several branches of the organization in Indiana, become the Indiana State Director of Civil Liberties, and worked to desegregate housing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The interview includes James Cameron's account of his attempted lynching in Indiana at age 16 and later conviction of accessory to murder. He discusses how this led to his involvement in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the civil rights movement in Indiana and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also recounts how he founded America's Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655456](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655456)

**Robert L. Carter oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-27**

AFC 2004/007: 020

Robert L. Carter was an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and worked on the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case. He was also a U.S. District Court Judge for Southern New York.

The interview includes Robert L. Carter's memories of growing up in New Jersey and attending Howard University Law School and Columbia University. He discusses his army service during World War II and work with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund on the Brown v. Board of Education case. He also discusses his opinions on the current state of education.
Elizabeth Catlett oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-06-12
AFC 2004/007: 021
Elizabeth Catlett was an artist and political activist known for her sculptures and prints representing African American life.
The interview includes Elizabeth Catlett's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Howard University. She recalls attending the University of Iowa where she worked with Grant Wood and earned an M.F.A. in sculpture. She discusses working at the George Washington Carver School in Harlem, New York, and receiving a Rosenwald Fellowship to study art in Mexico where she met her husband Francisco Mora and joined the Taller de Gráfica Popular (People's Graphic Arts Workshop). She also discusses the communist accusations of herself and other artists.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655499

Ray Charles oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-10-16
AFC 2004/007: 022
Ray Charles was a singer, pianist and songwriter. He performed many genres of music, including gospel, soul and rhythm and blues.
The interview includes Ray Charles' memories of growing up in Florida, losing his sight and learning to play the piano at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. He recalls his move to Seattle, Washington, where he began to play in nightclubs. He discusses his contract with Atlantic Records, writing many hit songs and finding his background singers, the Raelets. He also discusses his refusal to play for segregated audiences.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655482

Leah Chase oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-02-20
AFC 2004/007: 023
Leah Chase was an art collector, chef and owner of Dooky Chase's Restaurant in New Orleans.
The interview includes Leah Chase's memories of growing up in Madisonville, Louisiana and attending St. Mary's academy in New Orleans. She recalls the segregation and Creole culture of New Orleans, her first jobs and meeting her husband Dooky, a musician. She discusses running his parents' restaurant, which became a meeting place for civil rights activists and politicians. She also discusses collecting African American art for her restaurant.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655500

Mary Alice Chineworth oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-11-21
AFC 2004/007: 024
Mary Alice Chineworth was a nun, teacher and director of Oblate Sisters of Providence.
The interview includes Mary Alice Chineworth's memories of growing up in Rock Island, Illinois and attending Mount Mary College and Catholic University for her doctorate. She recalls the discrimination she faced from white convents, which led her to join the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first African American convent in the United States. She discusses her career teaching at Catholic schools in Baltimore, Maryland, the history of African American Catholics, and her opinions on women in the priesthood.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655535
Shirley Chisholm oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-05-07

AFC 2004/007: 025

Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives (D-NY) and a presidential candidate in 1972. The interview includes Shirley Chisholm's memories of growing up in Barbados and Brooklyn, New York and attending Brooklyn College and Columbia University. She recalls teaching in nursery schools and joining many political organizations before winning an election for New York State Assembly. She discusses winning her first run for U.S. Representative against James Farmer, and the discrimination she faced in congress. She also discusses her run for the Democratic presidential primary in 1972, her support of women's issues and teaching at Mt. Holyoke and Spelman College.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655484

Alice Coachman Davis oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-08-24

AFC 2004/007: 026

Alice Coachman Davis was a track star, coach, and the first African American woman to win a gold medal at the Olympics. The interview includes Alice Coachman Davis' memories of growing up in Albany, Georgia, her participation in sports and attending the Tuskegee Institute. She recalls her track meets and competing at the 1948 Olympics, where she won the gold medal for women's high jump. She also discusses women in sports and her career as a teacher and coach.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655536

William T. Coleman oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-04-08

AFC 2004/007: 027

William T. Coleman was a civil rights lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and was an author of the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case. He was also the first African-American Secretary of Transportation. The interview includes William T. Coleman's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, joining the army and becoming a Tuskegee Airman, and his education at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School. He discusses his work with Thurgood Marshall on the Brown v. Board case, his experience as a Republican and working in the Gerald Ford administration.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655458

Cardiss Collins oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-05-02

AFC 2004/007: 028

Cardiss Collins was an accountant and U.S. Representative (D-IL) for over twenty years. The interview includes Cardiss Collins' memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri and Detroit, Michigan. She recalls moving to Chicago, Illinois, where she became an accountant for the Department of Revenue and met her husband, George Collins, a Chicago Alderman and U.S. Representative. After his death in office, Collins was asked to take his seat. She recalls many moments from her twenty year career in office, including learning about political issues from other members, joining the Black Congressional Caucus, and her disagreements with President Jimmy Carter.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655483

Evelyn Cunningham oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-06-28

AFC 2004/007: 029

Evelyn Cunningham covered the civil rights movement as a reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier.
The interview includes Evelyn Cunningham's memories of growing up in North Carolina and New York City and attending Long Island University, where she was captain of the fencing team. She recalls her first job as a stringer for the New York Times, her assignment to cover the civil rights movement in Montgomery, Alabama for the Pittsburgh Courier, and her friendship with Martin Luther King, Jr. She also discusses her later career as an assistant to Nelson Rockefeller and her work on several commissions for women's rights.

Catalog Record: http://lcnn.loc.gov/2010655586

Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-12-04

AFC 2004/007: 030

Ossie Davis was an actor, director, producer and activist. Ruby Dee was an actress, playwright and activist.

The Ossie Davis interview includes his memories of growing up in Georgia, attending Howard University and moving to Harlem where he joined the Rose McClendon Players theater group. He recalls his political activism in the 1930s, serving as an army nurse during World War II, and writing the play "Purlie Victorious." The Ruby Dee interview includes her memories of growing up in Harlem, her relationship with her stepmother, attending Hunter College, and her first acting roles with the American Negro Theater. The Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee interview includes the couple's memories of their first play together, their many acting roles, the racism they faced in Hollywood and the blacklistings in the McCarthy era. They also discuss their involvement in the civil rights movement and friendship with Malcolm X.

Catalog Record: http://lcnn.loc.gov/2010655485

Carmen de Lavallade oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-11-18

AFC 2004/007: 031

Carmen de Lavallade was a dancer, actress, choreographer and professor of drama.

The interview includes Carmen de Lavallade's memories of growing up in Los Angeles, California, taking dance classes and the influence of her cousin, dancer Janet Collins. She recalls performing with the Metropolitan Opera Ballet and the New York City Ballet and meeting her husband, Geoffrey Holder. She also discusses her friendship with Alvin Ailey and her careers as a choreographer and professor at Yale University.

Catalog Record: http://lcnn.loc.gov/2010655543

Ophelia DeVore-Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-05-09

AFC 2004/007: 033

Ophelia DeVore-Mitchell was a model, businesswoman and owner of the Ophelia DeVore School of Self-Development and Modeling.

The interview includes Ophelia DeVore-Mitchell's memories of growing up in South Carolina and moving to New York City where she attended Hunter College High School. She recalls attending New York University, meeting her husband and her first modeling jobs. She discusses founding her modeling company to promote a better image of African Americans, changes in the advertising and fashion industries, and mentoring African American models and actresses.

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David Dinkins oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-11-08

AFC 2004/007: 034
David Dinkins was a New York State Assemblyman and the first African American mayor of New York. The interview includes David Dinkins' memories of growing up in Trenton, New Jersey, serving in the marines and attending Howard University and Brooklyn Law School. He discusses joining the Carver Democratic Club in Harlem and running for mayor of New York in 1989. He recalls several events during his time in office, including the Crown Heights riot, implementing the Safe Streets, Safe Cities program to reduce crime and cutting the budget. He also discusses losing the 1993 election to Rudy Giuliani and teaching public affairs at Columbia University.

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David Driskell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-04-10

AFC 2004/007: 035

David Driskell was an art historian, curator and professor of African American art. The interview includes David Driskell's memories of growing up in North Carolina and attending Howard University. He recalls the segregation in Washington, D.C., meeting his wife, and his first teaching job at Talledega College, where he curated exhibitions of well-known artists. He discusses teaching at Fisk University, promoting and collecting African American art and his own work as a painter.

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David DuBois oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-12-11

AFC 2004/007: 036

David DuBois was a writer, professor and social activist. The interview includes David DuBois' memories of growing up in Indiana, serving in the army in the Philippines during World War II and his political activism at Hunter College. He discusses how his mother met and later married his stepfather, W.E.B. DuBois, which led to his involvement in the Young Progressives of America and the Communist Party. He also discusses editing the newspaper of the Black Panther Party, his teaching career and his years living in Africa and China.

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Katherine Dunham oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-05-15

AFC 2004/007: 037

Katherine Dunham was a dancer, choreographer and anthropologist. The interview includes Katherine Dunham's memories of growing up in the Chicago area during the Depression and studying anthropology at the University of Chicago. She discusses creating the Dunham Technique, her dance research in the Caribbean and her community arts programs in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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Joycelyn Elders oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-06-16

AFC 2004/007: 038

Joycelyn Elders was a physician and the first African American U.S. Surgeon General. The interview includes Joycelyn Elders' memories of growing up in rural Arkansas and attending Philander Smith College. She recalls serving in the army as a physical therapist, attending medical school at the University of Arkansas and her early career as a pediatrician. She discusses her efforts to expand sex education, her friendship with Bill Clinton, and serving as Director of the Arkansas Department of Health and U.S. Surgeon General.

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Ethel Ennis oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-09-11
AFC 2004/007: 039
Ethel Ennis was a jazz singer and owner of the E&E Production Company.
The interview includes Ethel Ennis' memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, living in a housing project and learning to play piano. She recalls her first singing group, attending business school and performing with Benny Goodman in Europe. She also discusses performing on the Arthur Godfrey Show, founding the E&E Production Company with her husband and performing at Richard Nixon's inauguration.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655593

Myrlie Evers-Williams oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-10-11
AFC 2004/007: 040
Myrlie Evers-Williams was a civil rights activist and the chair of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1995-1998. She was the wife of Medgar Evers, a civil rights activist who was murdered in Mississippi in 1963.
The interview includes Myrlie Evers-Williams' memories of growing up in Mississippi and her experiences with discrimination and harassment. She discusses meeting Medgar Evers at Alcorn A & M College and how they became involved in the civil rights movement, the harassment they faced, his murder and the related trials. She also discusses her move to California, attending Pomona College and becoming chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655460

Walter Fauntroy oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-02-19
AFC 2004/007: 041
Walter Fauntroy was a minister, civil rights activist and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was also D.C.'s first elected delegate to Congress.
The interview includes Walter Fauntroy's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Virginia Union University and Yale Divinity School. He discusses his work with Martin Luther King, Jr., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the New Bethel Church of Washington, D.C. He also discusses planning the March on Washington, and running for delegate to Congress and mayor of Washington, D.C.
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Walter Fauntroy oral history interview conducted by Skip Coblyn, 2008-11-01
AFC 2004/007: 041b
Walter Fauntroy was a minister, civil rights activist and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was also D.C.'s first elected delegate to Congress.
The interview includes Walter Fauntroy's opinions on the 2008 presidential election.
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James Forman oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-08-04
AFC 2004/007: 042
James Forman was a civil rights activist and leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He also wrote several books and taught at American University.
The interview includes James Forman's memories of growing up in Chicago and Mississippi and joining the Air Force. He discusses joining the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and several events related to the organization such as the Albany Movement and the internal division that led to the founding of the Black Panther Party. He also discusses founding the Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee, writing the Black Manifesto and his opinions on reparations for African Americans.
John Hope Franklin oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 1999-08-26
AFC 2004/007: 042a

John Hope Franklin was a writer and professor of African American history. The interview includes John Hope Franklin's memories of growing up in Oklahoma and the Tulsa riot of 1921. He recalls attending Fisk University and his friendship with a white professor who encouraged him to go to Harvard University for his graduate degrees. He discusses teaching African American history at several universities and experiencing racism as a member of the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C.

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Frankie Muse Freeman oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-11-04
AFC 2004/007: 044

Frankie Muse Freeman was a civil rights lawyer in Missouri. She was the first woman appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and helped found the Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights. The interview includes Frankie Muse Freeman's memories of growing up in Danville, Virginia and attending Hampton University and Howard University Law School. She discusses opening her own law practice in St. Louis, Missouri and working with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund on several civil rights cases related to school segregation and public housing. She also recalls President Johnson asking her to join the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and her work with the commission in Mississippi.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655463

Evelyn Granville oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-04-29
AFC 2004/007: 045

Evelyn Granville was a mathematician, computer scientist and professor. The interview includes Evelyn Granville's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Dunbar High school and Smith College. She recalls earning her Ph.D. in mathematics at Yale University, teaching at Fisk University and working at the National Bureau of Standards. She discusses working as a computer scientist at IBM, teaching at California State University and developing math curriculum for elementary school students.

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Samuel Gravely oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-10-31
AFC 2004/007: 046

Samuel Gravely was the first African American admiral in the Navy. The interview includes Samuel Gravely's memories of growing up in Richmond, Virginia and joining the navy at the beginning of World War II. He recalls passing the officer test, becoming the first African American to graduate from the navy's V-12 officer training program, and training other African Americans at segregated bases. He discusses his years out of the navy after World War II and being called back after the military was desegregated in 1948. He recounts his many tours of duty on ships including the USS Iowa, USS Taussig and his promotion to Vice Admiral.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655489

Charles Green oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-05-18
AFC 2004/007: 047
Charles Green was a Baptist minister in Virginia and Washington, D.C.
The interview includes Charles Green’s memories of growing up in Arlington, Virginia, where his father was a minister. He recalls attending Virginia Union University, serving in the segregated army during World War II and returning to pastor several churches in rural Virginia. He discusses meeting Martin Luther King, Jr., his initial involvement in the civil rights movement and his opinions on the drawbacks of desegregation for African Americans.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655490

Dick Gregory oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-04-29
AFC 2004/007: 048
Dick Gregory was a comedian, public speaker, athlete and civil rights activist.
The interview includes Dick Gregory’s memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, his struggles with learning to read and protesting segregated track meets. He recalls attending Southern Illinois University on a track scholarship, joining the army and his early comedy performances. He discusses working at the Playboy Club in Chicago, Illinois and appearing on the Tonight Show with Jack Paar. He also discusses his opinions on racism, education, the civil rights movement, and religion.
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Robert Guillaume oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-04-15
AFC 2004/007: 049
Robert Guillaume was a stage, film and television actor.
The interview includes Robert Guillaume’s memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, serving in the army and attending Washington University. He recalls his early performances in musicals at the Karamu Theater in Cleveland, Ohio and on Broadway. He discusses his television roles on "Soap," "Benson" and "Sports Night," and his efforts to change how African Americans are portrayed in the media.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655524

Barbara Harris oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-11-15
AFC 2004/007: 050
Barbara Harris was the first female bishop in the Episcopal Church.
The interview includes Barbara Harris’ memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, working in public relations and traveling through the segregated South for her job. She recalls her participation in the Episcopal Church and finding a community oriented parish and volunteering for several causes. She discusses her call to ministry, her process of ordination, and the opposition against her consecration as the first female bishop of the Episcopal Church.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655525

Jimmy Heath oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-06-19
AFC 2004/007: 051
Jimmy Heath was a saxophonist, composer and professor of music.
The interview includes Jimmy Heath's memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and learning to play saxophone. He recalls playing in many jazz bands with famous musicians including John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker and his brothers Percy and Albert. He also discusses his drug addiction, becoming a composer and teaching jazz at several colleges.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655505
Dorothy Height oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 1997-2001
AFC 2004/007: 052
Dorothy Height was a social worker and civil rights activist. She was the president of National Council of Negro Women for forty years.
Dorothy Height was interviewed on September 5, 1997; April 8 and 28, 1998; August 27, 2001; and November 13, 2001. The April 28, 1998 interview included Shirley Anderson. The interviews include Dorothy Height's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania and attending New York University. She discusses living in Harlem, becoming a social worker with the YWCA and meeting several leaders such as W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey and Eleanor Roosevelt. In the interview with Shirley Anderson, the two remember women's work in the civil rights movement and the Wednesdays in Mississippi group. In the 2001 interview she discusses the international civil rights movement and her work with Christian youth organizations.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655464

Oliver Hill oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-05-22
AFC 2004/007: 053
Oliver W. Hill was a civil rights lawyer in Virginia who helped overturn the "separate but equal" doctrine.
The interview includes Oliver W. Hill's memories of growing up in Roanoke, Virginia, attending Howard University Law School and starting his law practice. He discusses several civil rights cases he argued with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund related to equal pay for teachers, school busing and school segregation. He also discusses the Massive Resistance movement against school integration in Virginia.
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Geoffrey Holder oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-11-18
AFC 2004/007: 054
Geoffrey Holder was a dancer, actor, director, choreographer and artist.
The interview includes Geoffrey Holder's memories of growing up in Trinidad and learning art, music and dance. He recalls joining his brother Boscoe's dance company in Puerto Rico and moving to New York where he became a dancer for the Metropolitan Opera Ballet and met his wife, dancer Carmen De Lavallade. He also discusses directing "The Wiz" on Broadway and working with Josephine Baker.
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Benjamin Hooks oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-08-22
AFC 2004/007: 055
Benjamin Hooks was a minister and judge in Tennessee. He was also the first African American FCC Commissioner and executive director of the NAACP, 1977-1992. The interview includes Benjamin Hooks' memories of growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, and attending LeMoyne College and DePaul University Law School. He discusses serving in the segregated army during World War II, starting his law practice and becoming a judge. He recalls his work as executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He also discusses his opinions on segregation and events of the civil rights movement.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655466

Cissy Houston oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-12-14
AFC 2004/007: 056
Cissy Houston was a gospel singer performing with the Drinkard Singers and the Sweet Inspirations. The interview includes Cissy Houston's memories of growing up in Newark, New Jersey and singing with her sisters and at church. She recalls working at an RCA factory, forming the Drinkard Singers and becoming a background singer with her cousin Dionne Warwick. She discusses her two marriages, her children and singing with the Sweet Inspirations. She also discusses performing with her daughter, Whitney Houston.

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K. Leroy Irvis oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-09-27
AFC 2004/007: 057
K. Leroy Irvis was the Speaker of the House for the Pennsylvania State Legislature. The interview includes K. Leroy Irvis' memories of growing up in Albany, New York, working for the Urban League and teaching in Baltimore, Maryland, where he experienced segregation for the first time. He recalls his relationship with a white girlfriend and joining the army to train women working in airplane factories. He discusses working in a steel mill in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, attending law school and his election to the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

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Ella Jenkins oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-11-03
AFC 2004/007: 058
Ella Jenkins was a folk singer who performed children's songs. The interview includes Ella Jenkins' memories of growing up in Chicago, Illinois, visiting relatives in the South and learning to play music from different cultures. She recalls attending San Francisco State College, working as a program director for the YWCA and performing music for children. She discusses the discrimination in hotels and restaurants while on tour, making her first record and receiving many awards and honors for her music.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655259

John H. Johnson oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-09-18
AFC 2004/007: 059
John H. Johnson was the founder of Negro Digest, Ebony, and Jet and the first African American to be on the Forbes 400 list. The interview includes John H. Johnson's memories of growing up in Arkansas and Chicago, Illinois, attending the University of Chicago and his early career in life insurance. He recalls starting the Negro Digest, convincing Eleanor Roosevelt to contribute an article and recruiting African American journalists. He discusses founding Ebony Magazine to showcase African American photography, the Ebony Fashion Fair and Fashion Fair Cosmetics.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655491

Katherine Johnson oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-20
AFC 2004/007: 060
Katherine Goble Johnson was a mathematician at NASA. The interview includes Katherine Goble Johnson's memories of growing up in West Virginia and attending West Virginia State University where she majored in mathematics. She recalls teaching elementary school, marrying and raising her children, and her career as a mathematician at the Langley Research Center for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). She discusses the racism and sexism in her field and working on several space missions at NASA.
Hazel Johnson-Brown oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-03-07
AFC 2004/007: 061
Hazel Johnson-Brown was a nurse, professor and the first African American woman general in the army.
The interview includes Hazel Johnson-Brown's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania and the discrimination she faced from a local nursing school. She recalls moving to Harlem to attend nursing school, working at an emergency room and at a Veterans Administration hospital. She discusses joining the army, serving in Korea in the 1970s and her appointment as Brigadier General and Chief of the Army Nursing Corps. She also discusses earning her Ph.D. and teaching nursing in Washington, D.C.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655545

Quincy Jones oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-09-23
AFC 2004/007: 062
Quincy Jones was a musician, music and film producer and entertainment executive.
The interview includes Quincy Jones' memories of growing up in Chicago, Illinois and Seattle, Washington and learning to play the piano and trumpet. He recalls playing music with Ray Charles as a teenager, arranging songs for Count Basie and other bandleaders, and producing his first hit song, "It's My Party." He discusses working with Michael Jackson, scoring music for television and movies, and producing his first film, "The Color Purple."
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Leontine Kelly oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-04-16
AFC 2004/007: 063
Leontine Kelly was a teacher, Methodist minister and the first African American woman bishop.
The interview includes Leontine Kelly's memories of growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio, her family's involvement in the Methodist church, meeting her husband, and becoming a teacher in Richmond, Virginia. She recalls the integration of public schools, her husband's death and her decision to become a minister. She discusses her opinions on women in the ministry, her faith, and her election as the first African American woman bishop in the nation.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655546

B. B. King oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-11-16
AFC 2004/007: 064
B. B. King was a guitarist and blues singer.
The interview includes B. B. King's memories of growing up in Indianola, Mississippi, living on his own as a teenager and serving in the segregated army. He discusses discrimination in Mississippi, learning to play guitar and moving to Memphis, Tennessee. He discusses making his first record, playing concerts around the country and crossing over to a white audience.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655268

Coretta Scott King oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-09-05
AFC 2004/007: 065
Coretta Scott King was a civil rights activist and the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr.
The interview includes Coretta Scott King's memories of growing up in Marion, Alabama, attending Antioch College and meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. while at the New England Conservatory of Music. She discusses their marriage, move to Montgomery, Alabama, and their involvement in the civil rights movement. She also discusses starting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and her involvement in peace and human rights organizations.

**Coretta Scott King oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-15**

AFC 2004/007: 067

Coretta Scott King was a singer, dancer and actress. The interview includes Coretta Scott King's memories of growing up in Marion, Alabama, attending Antioch College and meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. while at the New England Conservatory of Music. She discusses their marriage, move to Montgomery, Alabama, and their involvement in the civil rights movement. She also discusses starting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and her involvement in peace and human rights organizations.

**Eartha Kitt oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-07**

AFC 2004/007: 066

Eartha Kitt was a singer, dancer and actress. The interview includes Eartha Kitt's memories of growing up in South Carolina, surviving child abuse and rejection because of her light skin color, and moving to New York. She recalls joining the Katherine Dunham Dance School, performing in Paris and becoming a nightclub singer. She discusses her first album, protesting the Vietnam War at the White House and her role as Catwoman on the television show "Batman."

**Billy Kyles oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-05**

AFC 2004/007: 067

Samuel "Billy" Kyles was a civil rights activist and the minister of the Monumental Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. The interview includes Samuel "Billy" Kyles' memories of growing up in Mississippi and Chicago, Illinois. He discusses moving to Memphis to become the minister of the Monumental Baptist Church and his involvement in the civil rights movement. He recalls the Memphis Sanitation Strike and witnessing Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination in 1968.

**William Layton oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-15**

AFC 2004/007: 068

William Layton was a historian, social worker and employee of the Board of Governor of the Federal Reserve System. The interview includes William Layton's memories of growing up in Virginia and attending Lincoln University and Fisk University. He recalls his careers as a social worker, director of the Urban League in Michigan, and at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C. He discusses his interest in genealogy and collecting historical artifacts on the civil war and slavery.

**LaSalle Leffall oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-01-31**

AFC 2004/007: 069

LaSalle Leffall was a surgeon and oncologist, specializing in cancer rates among African Americans. The interview includes LaSalle Leffall's memories of growing up in Florida and attending Florida A & M College and Howard University Medical School. He recalls living in segregated Washington, D.C., meeting his wife, and the death of his mentor, Dr. Charles Drew. He discusses his decision to become a surgeon and his residency at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He also discusses his teaching career at Howard University, becoming the president of the American Cancer Society, and his work to bring attention to cancer rates among minorities.
Elma Lewis oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-12-17
AFC 2004/007: 070
Elma Lewis was a teacher, choreographer, and founder of the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts.
The interview includes Elma Lewis' memories of growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, taking dance classes and attending Emerson College and Boston University. She recalls teaching dance, theater and visual arts, and founding the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts and the National Center of Afro American Artists. She discusses community arts funding, programming for children and collaborations among Jews and African Americans.
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J. Bruce Llewellyn oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-07-09
AFC 2004/007: 071
J. Bruce Llewellyn was a lawyer, businessman, and owner of Fedco and the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.
The interview includes J. Bruce Llewellyn's memories of growing up in New York City, serving in the army and attending business and law school in New York. He recalls his position with the Small Business Administration, acquiring the Fedco supermarket chain and founding the organization 100 Black Men of America. He discusses running the Freedom National Bank, his appointment to the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and acquiring the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.
Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655547](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655547)

Earl Lloyd oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-10-18
AFC 2004/007: 072
Earl Lloyd was the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association.
The interview includes Earl Lloyd's memories of growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, playing on his high school basketball team and attending West Virginia State University. He recalls being drafted by the Washington Capitols and becoming the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association. He discusses serving in army in the Korean War, becoming an NBA assistant coach and working for the Detroit School System.
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Joseph Lowery oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-01-07
AFC 2004/007: 073
Joseph Lowery was a minister, civil rights activist and founder of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).
The interview includes Joseph Lowery's memories of growing up in Huntsville, Alabama and Chicago, Illinois. He discusses becoming a pastor in Mobile, Alabama and founding the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Fred Shuttlesworth. He recalls several events from the civil rights movement, including the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the passing of the Voting Rights Act and the March on Washington.
Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655469](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655469)

Leatrice McKissack oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-02-19
AFC 2004/007: 074
Leatrice McKissack was the CEO of McKissack & McKissack, Architects & Engineers, Inc., the oldest African American architecture firm in the nation. The interview includes Leatrice McKissack's memories of growing up in Missouri and Nashville, Tennessee and attending Fisk University. She recalls her teaching career, raising her daughters and taking over her husband's business, McKissack & McKissack, Architects & Engineers, Inc., after he became ill. She discusses racial discrimination against her firm, successful projects and working with her daughters at the firm.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655539

**Adele McQueen oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-01-16**
AFC 2004/007: 075

Adele McQueen was a teacher and professor of early childhood education. The interview includes Adele McQueen's memories of growing up in Texas and Kansas and attending the Tuskegee Institute, where she helped care for George Washington Carver. She discusses her first teaching job at a boarding school in Alabama, directing the Tuskegee Nursery School and teaching in Liberia while her husband worked for USAID. She discusses her career at Howard University directing a preschool and teaching early child education courses, and starting the organization Housing Unlimited.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655548

**James Meredith oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-27**
AFC 2004/007: 076

James Meredith was the first African American student to attend the University of Mississippi. The interview includes James Meredith's memories of growing up in Kosciusko, Mississippi, serving in the air force and attending Jackson State University. He recalls his friendship with Medgar Evers, applying to the University of Mississippi and the resulting Supreme Court case that allowed him to attend. He discusses his opposition to the non-violence movement and working for Senator Jesse Helms.

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**Norma Miller oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-06-01**
AFC 2004/007: 077

Norma Miller was a swing dancer, actress and stand up comedienne. The interview includes Norma Miller's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, taking dance lessons and dancing the Lindy Hop at the Savoy Ballroom at age 12. She recalls dancing in competitions in New York, touring Europe and her friendship with dancer Frankie Manning. She discusses appearing in movies, the decline of swing dancing, and her later career as a comedienne with Redd Foxx.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655284

**Arthur Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-08-26**
AFC 2004/007: 078

Arthur Mitchell was a ballet dancer, teacher and founder of the Dance Theatre of Harlem. The interview includes Arthur Mitchell's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York and attending the High School of Performing Arts where he studied tap and modern dance. He recalls the discrimination against African American dancers, joining Katherine Dunham's dance school and attending the School of American Ballet. He discusses being the first African American in the New York City Ballet, working with choreographer George Balanchine and founding the Dance Theatre of Harlem.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655540
Ella Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-05-24
AFC 2004/007: 079a
Ella Mitchell was a Baptist minister, writer and teacher.
The interview includes Ella Mitchell’s memories of growing up in South Carolina, attending Talladega College and Union Theological Seminary where she met her husband, Henry Mitchell. She recalls their move to California, her teaching career in early childhood education and her involvement in the civil rights movement. She discusses the opposition to women clergy in the Baptist Church, her ordination and career as a minister. She is also interviewed with her husband Henry about their marriage and life in the church.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655549

Parren Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-21
AFC 2004/007: 080
Parren Mitchell was the first African American U.S. Congressman from Maryland.
The interview includes Parren Mitchell’s memories of growing up in Baltimore and protesting segregated businesses with his brother Clarence. He recalls his army service in Italy during World War II and after attending Morgan State University, becoming the first African American graduate student at the University of Maryland. He discusses his election to U.S. Congress and sponsoring legislation to support African American businesses.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655510

James Moody oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-05-24
AFC 2004/007: 081
James Moody was a jazz saxophonist and band leader.
The interview includes James Moody's memories of growing up in New Jersey and joining the Air Force, where he learned to play saxophone. He recalls meeting Dizzy Gillespie while in the military and joining his band later in New York. He discusses living in Europe and the forming his own band when he returned to the United States. He also discusses meeting his wife, his opinions on music and advice for young people.
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Toni Morrison oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-11-05
AFC 2004/007: 082
Toni Morrison was an editor, novelist, professor and the first African American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.
The interview includes Toni Morrison's memories of growing up in Ohio, attending Howard University and performing with the Howard University Players. She recalls her career at Random House, where she worked as a textbook editor and sought out African American writers. She discusses her writing process, the influence of African American history and slavery on her novels, teaching at Princeton University and the future of African American literature.
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Bob Moses oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-28
AFC 2004/007: 083
Bob Moses was a civil rights activist with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and later founded the Algebra Project.
The interview includes Bob Moses' memories of growing up in Harlem, New York and attending Hamilton College and Harvard University. He discusses teaching math in New York and becoming involved in the civil rights movement and the Student Nonviolent
Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He recalls working with Amzie Moore on the Mississippi Freedom Project and founding the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

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**Constance Baker Motley oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-01-21**

AFC 2004/007: 084

Constance Baker Motley was a civil rights lawyer with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a New York State Senator, and the first African American female federal judge.

The interview includes Constance Baker Motley's memories of growing up in Connecticut, her family history in Nevis, and attending New York University and Columbia Law School. She discusses her start at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund clerking for Thurgood Marshall, and her later work with the organization on civil rights cases related to school desegregation. She also discusses attending the March on Washington in 1963.

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**Fayard Nicholas oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-08-07**

AFC 2004/007: 085

Fayard Nicholas was a tap dancer, actor and choreographer who performed with his brother Harold as the Nicholas Brothers.

The interview includes Fayard Nicholas' memories of growing up in Philadelphia and watching his parents perform as musicians at the Stanton Theater. He recalls learning to tap dance, developing a show with his brother Harold and performing at New York City nightclubs. He discusses their career as the Nicholas Brothers and working with many famous actors and musicians in Hollywood musicals and Broadway shows.

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**Gil Noble oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-08-09**

AFC 2004/007: 086

Gil Noble was a television reporter and documentary filmmaker.

The interview includes Gil Noble's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, his participation in the civil rights movement, and his first jobs as a reporter on radio and television. He recalls covering the civil rights movement and urban riots, and starting his television program "Like It Is." He discusses African Americans in the media, reporting on issues in Africa and ethics in journalism.

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**Buck O'Neil oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-08-11**

AFC 2004/007: 087

Buck O'Neil was a baseball player for the Kansas City Monarchs and the first African American coach in the major leagues.

The interview includes Buck O'Neil's memories of growing up in Florida and attending Edward Waters College. He recalls playing baseball for barnstorming teams and facing discrimination in hotels and restaurants. He discusses meeting his wife, serving in the navy during World War II and his career in the Negro Leagues with the Kansas City Monarchs. He also discusses his friendships with Jackie Robinson and Satchel Paige and starting the RBI program for inner-city youth.

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Odetta oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-05-26
AFC 2004/007: 088
Odetta was a folk singer and civil rights activist.
The interview includes Odetta's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama and Los Angeles, California, where she started to take voice lessons. She recalls performing in San Francisco, meeting other folk singers and dropping her last name. She discusses several albums and performances, and the importance of music to the civil rights movement.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655511

Gordon Parks oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-11-05
AFC 2004/007: 089
Gordon Parks was a photographer, writer and filmmaker.
The interview includes Gordon Parks' memories of growing up in Fort Scott, Kansas, which was the basis for his novel and film The Learning Tree. He discusses moving to St. Paul, Minnesota where he met his wife and worked as a waiter. He recalls buying a camera, getting his first photography job at a department store and working as a documentary photographer for the Farm Security Administration. He also discusses his work in fashion photography, Life Magazine and documenting poverty in Brazil.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655494

Frank Petersen oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-05-16
AFC 2004/007: 090
Frank Petersen was the first African American aviator and general in the Marine Corps.
The interview includes Frank Petersen's memories of growing up in Topeka, Kansas and serving in the Navy during the Korean War. He recalls the Naval Aviation Cadet Program, discrimination in the military, and joining the Marine Corps as a career officer. He discusses serving in the Vietnam War, recruiting minorities for the marines and becoming the first African American general in the Marine Corps.
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Sidney Poitier oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-10-27
AFC 2004/007: 091
Sidney Poitier was an actor, director, producer and writer.
The interview includes Sidney Poitier's memories of growing up in the Bahamas, dropping out of school as a child to work and moving to New York on his own. He recalls working as a dishwasher, serving in the army and his first unsuccessful auditions at the American Negro Theater. He discusses his success on Broadway, traveling to South Africa, and his more famous roles that broke down barriers in Hollywood for African Americans.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655294

Alvin Poussaint oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-05-19
AFC 2004/007: 092
Alvin Poussaint was a psychiatrist specializing in African American mental health.
The interview includes Alvin Poussaint's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, his childhood illness and going to Camp Wochica for the children of leftists. He recalls attending Columbia University and Cornell University Medical School, his brother's drug addiction and mental illness, his efforts to desegregate hospitals and working in a medical clinic for civil rights workers in Mississippi. He discusses the march to support James Meredith, rifts within the civil rights movement, and his work as a consultant for the Cosby Show.
Ernesta Procope oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-08
AFC 2004/007: 093
Ernesta Procope was an insurance agent, real estate broker and the first African American owner of a Wall Street business.
The interview includes Ernesta Procope's memories of growing up in Brooklyn, New York, taking piano lessons and meeting her husband. She recalls her start as a real estate agent, starting her own insurance company, E.G. Bowman and lobbying for a state law that barred insurance companies from denying coverage to minorities. She discusses working with the New York Housing Authority, moving her business to Wall Street, and her opinions on affirmative action.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655296

Charles Rangel oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-07
AFC 2004/007: 094
Charles Rangel was a lawyer and U.S. Congressman from New York.
The interview includes Charles Rangel's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York and his first jobs. He recalls his army service in Korea and later attending college and law school in New York. He discusses becoming a U.S. Attorney and running against Adam Clayton Powell for U.S. Congress. He also discusses the changes in New York City, passing the Empowerment Zone Act and his opposition to the Iraq War.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655512

Della Reese oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-05-21
AFC 2004/007: 095
Della Reese was an actress, singer and minister.
The interview includes Della Reese's memories of growing up in Detroit, Michigan, and singing at the choir in her church and with the Meditation Singers. She recalls her mother's death, leaving her abusive first husband and her first major singing tour with Nat King Cole and Erskine Hawkins. She discusses adopting her niece, her acting career and becoming an ordained minister.
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Lloyd Richards oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-06
AFC 2004/007: 096
Lloyd Richards was a Broadway actor, director and drama professor.
The interview includes Lloyd Richards' memories of growing up in Toronto, Canada and Detroit, Michigan where he attended Wayne State University and began to act in plays. He recalls serving as a Tuskegee Airman during World War II and moving to New York to take acting classes and start his theater career. He discusses meeting his wife Barbara and his friendship with Sidney Poitier. He also discusses becoming the first African American to direct a Broadway play, Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun," and his work with playwright August Wilson.
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Faith Ringgold oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-03-12
AFC 2004/007: 097
Faith Ringgold was an artist, quilter and writer.
The interview includes Faith Ringgold's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, attending the City College of New York and becoming an art teacher. She recalls quitting
her teaching job to become a professional artist and the racism and sexism in the art world. She discusses her artwork with quilting, raising her daughters and writing the children's book, "Tar Beach."

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**Amelia Boynton Robinson oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-12-16**

AFC 2004/007: 098

Amelia Boynton Robinson was a civil rights activist in Alabama. She was also the vice president of the Schiller Institute.

The interview includes Amelia Boynton Robinson's memories of growing up in Georgia and attending the Tuskegee Institute. She discusses working in Alabama for the U.S. Department of Agriculture with sharecroppers, which led to her involvement in the civil rights movement. She recalls working for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Selma, Alabama and being attacked at the Selma to Montgomery Rights March. She also discusses her memories of other civil rights leaders and her work with the Schiller Institute. Robinson was also interviewed separately by a National Visionary Leadership Fellow.

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**Rachel Robinson oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-05-31**

AFC 2004/007: 099

Rachel Robinson was a nurse and the wife of Jackie Robinson.

The interview includes Rachel Robinson's memories of growing up in Los Angeles and attending UCLA, where she met her husband, Jackie Robinson. She recalls his baseball career in the Negro Leagues and his recruitment to be the first African American to play in the Major Leagues. She discusses her career as a psychiatric nurse, starting a development company for low income housing and the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

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**Dovey Roundtree oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-02-22**

AFC 2004/007: 100

Dovey Roundtree was a civil rights and criminal defense lawyer who overturned interstate bus segregation with the case Sarah Keys v. Carolina Coach Company.

The interview includes Dovey Roundtree's memories of growing up in Charlotte, North Carolina, and attending Spelman College and Howard University Law School. She discusses meeting Mary McLeod Bethune, who encouraged her to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp during World War II. She recalls opening her law practice and winning the Sarah Keys v. Carolina Coach Company case and the Ray Crump murder trial in Washington, D.C.

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**Bill Russell oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-10-19**

AFC 2004/007: 101

Bill Russell was a basketball player for Boston Celtics and the first African American NBA head coach.

The interview includes Bill Russell's memories of growing up in Louisiana and Oakland, California, where he played basketball in high school. He recalls attending the University of San Francisco on a basketball scholarship. He discusses playing for the Boston Celtics, the influence of his coaches, and his relationship with his daughter.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655514](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655514)
Betye Saar oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-10-21
AFC 2004/007: 102
Betye Saar was an artist known for her collages and assemblages of folk and stereotypical African American images. The interview includes Betye Saar's memories of growing up in Los Angeles, taking art classes and attending the University of California, Los Angeles. She recalls raising her children, attending graduate school for printmaking and creating her most famous piece, "The Liberation of Aunt Jemima." She discusses the influence of mysticism on her work, teaching art at several universities and her daughters' art careers.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655150

Sonia Sanchez oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-05-24
AFC 2004/007: 103
Sonia Sanchez was a poet, playwright and civil rights activist. The interview includes Sonia Sanchez's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama and Harlem, New York. She recalls attending Hunter College, studying African American literature from the Schomburg Library and joining the civil rights movement. She discusses teaching her first class on African American women, writing poems and starting the first Black Studies program in the nation at San Francisco State University.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655515

Fred Shuttlesworth oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-10-01
AFC 2004/007: 104
Fred Shuttlesworth was the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and Greater New Light Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was also a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and organized the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) freedom rides in 1961.
The interview includes Fred Shuttleworth's memories of his childhood in Alabama, marriage to his wife Ruby, and education at Selma University and Alabama State University. He discusses his early career, becoming pastor of Bethel Church in Birmingham, Alabama, and his participation in the civil rights movement through his church in the 1950s. He recalls his confrontations with Bull Conner, the Ku Klux Klan, the bombing of his house and several lawsuits. He also discusses his relationship with Martin Luther King, Jr. and his opinions on religion, racial discrimination, and politics.
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Barbara Sizemore oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-26
AFC 2004/007: 105
Barbara Sizemore was a teacher, principal and the first African American woman to be a superintendent of an urban school district.
The interview includes Barbara Sizemore's memories of growing up in Terre Haute, Indiana and Evanston, Illinois where she attended Northwestern University and faced racial discrimination. She recalls her early career teaching in segregated schools on Chicago's south side and becoming superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools. She discusses the problems she faced in this position and her firing in 1975. She also discusses her opinions on school testing and teaching African American history.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655496

Norma Sklarek oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-04-14
AFC 2004/007: 106
Norma Sklarek was the first African American woman to be a licensed architect and a fellow at the American Institute of Architects. The interview includes Norma Sklarek's memories of growing up in New York City, attending Hunter High School and her parents' encouragement to pursue the sciences. She recalls earning her architecture degree at Columbia University, facing discrimination in her first jobs and her marriage to architect Rolf Sklarek. She discusses several buildings she designed, including the Los Angeles Airport terminal, and being appointed a fellow at the American Institute of Architects.

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**Percy Sutton oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-06-26**

AFC 2004/007: 107

Percy Sutton was a businessman and lawyer. He was a Tuskegee Airman, Malcolm X's attorney and Borough President of Manhattan.

The interview includes Percy Sutton's memories of growing up in Texas and attending several colleges before joining the army air force as a Tuskegee Airman. He discusses moving to New York City, attending Brooklyn Law School and becoming the President of the New York branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He recalls working as Malcolm X's attorney and meeting many civil rights leaders. He also discusses his involvement in New York City politics and his later work with radio and television stations.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655475](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655475)

**Billy Taylor oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-03-16**

AFC 2004/007: 108

Billy Taylor was a jazz pianist, teacher, television correspondent and director of jazz at the Kennedy Center.

The interview includes Billy Taylor's memories of growing up in North Carolina and Washington, D.C., learning to play the piano from his uncle and attending Virginia State University. He recalls moving to New York to play jazz in nightclubs, the influence of pianist Art Tatum, and becoming house pianist at the club Birdland. He discusses his work in radio and television, earning his doctorate in music at the University of Massachusetts and working as the director of jazz at the Kennedy Center.

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**Gardner C. Taylor oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-09**

AFC 2004/007: 109

Gardner Taylor was a Baptist minister and professor.

The interview includes Gardner Taylor's memories of growing up in Louisiana, the influence of his father, a minister, and his decision to become a minister after surviving a car accident. He recalls preaching at the Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, his connections with other ministers during the civil rights movement and founding the Progressive National Baptist Convention. He also discusses AIDS in the African American community, sexism, and his relationship with his wife.

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**Clark Terry oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-11-09**

AFC 2004/007: 110

Clark Terry was a jazz trumpeter and flugelhornist.

The interview includes Clark Terry's memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, learning to play the trumpet and serving in the Navy. He recalls playing jazz with many famous musicians, including Count Basie and Duke Ellington and leading his own band.
He discusses learning to read music, performing around the world for the State Department and teaching jazz at William Paterson University.

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**C. DeLores Tucker oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-03-04**

AFC 2004/007: 111

C. DeLores Tucker was a political activist and the Secretary of State of Pennsylvania. The interview includes C. DeLores Tucker's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, attending Temple University and meeting her husband. She recalls joining the Kennedy campaign, her civil rights activism and supporting Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp, who appointed her Secretary of State. She also discusses creating the College for Teens program and her efforts against misogyny in rap music.

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**C. T. Vivian oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-03-24**

AFC 2004/007: 112

C. T. Vivian was a minister and civil rights activist who worked with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The interview includes C. T. Vivian's memories of growing up in Missouri and Illinois and attending American Baptist Theological Seminary. He discusses his involvement in several civil rights organizations in Nashville, Tennessee, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He also recalls organizing the Freedom Rides in 1961 and being arrested in Selma, Alabama.

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**William Waddell oral history interview conducted by Nicole McGee, 2003-05-02**

AFC 2004/007: 113

William Waddell was a veterinarian, teacher and the first African American member of the American Veterinary Medicine Association. The interview includes William Waddell's memories of growing up in Virginia, attending an industrial school in Manassas and working at the Homestead Hotel. He recalls running in track meets, attending Lincoln University and the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. He discusses founding the veterinary school at Tuskegee Institute, serving in the Army in North Africa during World War II, and opening a veterinary practice in Morgantown, West Virginia.

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**Wyatt T. Walker oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-08-30**

AFC 2004/007: 114

Wyatt T. Walker was a minister and civil rights activist who helped found the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The interview includes Wyatt T. Walker's memories of growing up in New Jersey and attending Virginia Union University. He discusses ministering his first church in Petersburg, Virginia, and becoming involved in the civil rights movement. He recalls meeting Martin Luther King, Jr., who asked him to be on the board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and being arrested with him in Birmingham, Alabama. He also discusses his work with the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa.

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**James "Bud" Ward oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussiant, 2005-11-14**

AFC 2004/007: 115
James "Bud" Ward was an entrepreneur and Senior Vice President at Marriott Corporation. The interview includes Bud Ward's memories of growing up in Worcester, Massachusetts, serving in the Navy during World War II and attending the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration. He recalls managing African American-owned hotels in Florida and starting his own company and consulting for diversity issues. He discusses his career as a vice president at Marriott, changing hiring and promotion practices and starting his own software company after retirement.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655158

**Walter Washington oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-08-14**

AFC 2004/007: 116

Walter Washington was a lawyer and the first elected mayor of Washington, D.C. The interview includes Walter Washington's memories of growing up in Jamestown, New York and attending Howard University. He recalls segregation in Washington, D.C. and picketing drug stores that refused to serve African Americans. He discusses his appointment as Mayor-Commissioner by President Lyndon Johnson, Lady Bird Johnson's beautification programs and the 1968 riots in Washington, D.C.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655498

**Clifton Wharton and Dolores Wharton oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-03-11**

AFC 2004/007: 117a

Clifton Wharton was an economist, business executive, university president and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State. Dolores Wharton was an art historian and business executive. The interview includes Clifton Wharton's memories of growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, traveling around the world with his diplomat father, and attending Harvard University. He recalls joining the air force, working for the Rockefeller Foundation and becoming president of Michigan State University. With his wife Dolores, the two discuss how they met, their marriage, and moving to Chicago while Clifton attended the University of Chicago for his PhD in economics. They remember living in Asia, raising their children, the student demonstrations at Michigan State University, and Dolores' work on many corporate boards.

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**L. Douglas Wilder oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-09-29**

AFC 2004/007: 118

L. Douglas Wilder was a lawyer, Virginia State Senator and the first elected African American governor. The interview includes L. Douglas Wilder's memories of growing up in Richmond, Virginia, attending Virginia Union University and joining the navy during the Korean War. He recalls attending Howard University Law School, becoming a lawyer in Richmond and his successful run for the Virginia State Senate. He discusses campaigning for Governor of Virginia and becoming the first elected African American governor in the United States. He also discusses his accomplishments in office and founding the National Slavery Museum.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655530

**Charles V. Willie oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-12-15**

AFC 2004/007: 119

Charles V. Willie was a sociologist and professor of education. The interview includes Charles V. Willie's memories of growing up in Dallas, Texas, attending Morehouse College and earning his Ph.D. at Syracuse University. He recalls
his positions as a professor and vice president of student affairs at Syracuse, researching mental health, and becoming a professor of education at Harvard University. He discusses his support of women priests in the Episcopal Church, researching the African American family and assisting school districts with desegregation plans.

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John Woodruff oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-10-05

AFC 2004/007: 120

John Woodruff was a sociologist and won a gold medal in the 800 meter event at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

The interview includes John Woodruff's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, running track in high school and attending the University of Pittsburgh. He recalls traveling to Berlin for the 1936 Olympics and winning the 800 meter race, and later facing discrimination at races in the United States. He discusses attending New York University for a graduate degree in sociology, serving in the segregated army during World War II and Korea and his career as a social worker.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655556

Samuel Yette oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-07-20

AFC 2004/007: 121

Samuel Yette was a journalist, author and teacher.

The interview includes Samuel Yette's memories of growing up in Tennessee and attending Tennessee State University, where he founded the student newspaper. He recalls serving in the air force and attending the Indiana University Journalism School. He discusses reporting for the Afro-American, Ebony, Life Magazine and Newsweek, where he faced discrimination. He also discusses being fired from Newsweek for writing his book "The Choice" and teaching at Howard University.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655541

Andrew Young oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 1998-06-21

AFC 2004/007: 122

Andrew Young was a minister, civil rights activist, United Nations Ambassador, the mayor of Atlanta and U.S. Representative from Georgia.

The interview includes Andrew Young's memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana and attending Howard University. He discusses his religious conversion, his involvement in the civil rights movement and working for Martin Luther King, Jr. He also recalls visiting Africa as the United Nations Ambassador and his memories of Dorothy Height.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655478

Clara Adams oral history interview conducted by Leah Taylor, 2006-11-16

AFC 2004/007: 123

Clara Adams was a chemistry professor and administrator at Morgan State University. The interview includes Clara Adams' memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, attending Morgan State University and Iowa State University, where she held a fellowship at the Ames Laboratory. She recalls facing discrimination in Iowa and the civil rights movement. She remembers her career as a research chemist, becoming the first female faculty member in the chemistry department at Morgan State University and the changes at the university while she was vice president of academic affairs.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655559
Sarah Lee Anderson oral history interview conducted by Gregory David Jackson, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 124
Sarah Lee Anderson was a teacher and minister.
The interview includes Sarah Lee Anderson's memories of growing up in Georgia, attending Clark College and working as a domestic when her children were young. She recalls going back to school, becoming a special education teacher and being the president of her local PTA. She also discusses her faith, teaching Sunday school, attending Bible College in North Carolina and becoming an ordained minister.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655560

Amiri Baraka oral history interview conducted by Shannon Evans, 2005-10-17
AFC 2004/007: 125
Amiri Baraka was a poet, playwright, essayist and political activist.
The interview includes Amiri Baraka's memories of growing up in Newark, New Jersey, attending Howard University and serving in the air force, where he was discharged and accused of being a communist. He recalls moving to New York, writing poetry with the Beat Poets and visiting Cuba. He also discusses his involvement in the civil rights and Black nationalist movements and the Million Man March.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655562

Rudolph Belisle oral history interview conducted by Byron R. Williams, 2002-10-17
AFC 2004/007: 126
Rudolph Belisle was an entrepreneur, community activist, and warden of Orleans Parish Prison.
The interview includes Rudolph Belisle's memories of growing up in New Orleans, attending Alabama A & M University and his first jobs. He recalls his involvement in local politics and reforming Orleans Parish Prison, where he was a warden. He discusses opening his bar and nightclub, jazz performances in New Orleans, and how integration ultimately hurt African American-owned businesses.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655563

Keter Betts oral history interview conducted by Oliver Albertini, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 127
William "Keter" Betts was a jazz bassist, composer and music teacher.
The interview includes Keter Betts' memories of playing bass for Dinah Washington and Ella Fitzgerald and teaching and performing in Washington, D.C. He discusses his opinions on jazz, writing music and playing drums as a child.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655564

Adolpho Birch oral history interview conducted by Akeia Morris, 2002-10-20
AFC 2004/007: 128
Adolpho Birch was a lawyer and the Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court.
The interview includes Adolpho Birch's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Lincoln University and Howard University Law School. He recalls joining the navy, opening his own law practice in Nashville, Tennessee and representing civil rights protesters. He discusses becoming a district attorney, teaching law at several universities in Nashville and serving as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Tennessee.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655565

Van S. Bird oral history interview conducted by Donald Cook, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 129
Van S. Bird was an Episcopal priest and professor of sociology. The interview includes Van S. Bird's memories of attending seminary at Northwestern University, marrying his wife and founding a parish in Baltimore, Maryland. He recalls earning his PhD in sociology at Temple University and teaching at LaSalle University. He also discusses studying at the Canterbury Cathedral in England and starting a church in the Virgin Islands.

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**Lillie Virginia Drake Bowman oral history interview conducted by Ernest Gibson, 2004-11-15**

AFC 2004/007: 130

Lillie Bowman was a teacher and guidance counselor in Nashville public schools. The interview includes Lillie Bowman's memories of growing up in Nashville and attending Tennessee State University and the University of Chicago. She recalls the integration of public schools, preparing African American students for college and becoming a guidance counselor. She also discusses her faith and offers advice to young African Americans.

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**Pecolia Boyles oral history interview conducted by Candice Goodwin, 2004**

AFC 2004/007: 131

Pecolia Boyles was a caregiver in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The interview includes Pecolia Boyles' memories of growing up in Mississippi, segregation and the Great Depression. She recalls moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the civil rights movement and witnessing riots. She discusses her work caring for the elderly and for children.

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**J. Robert Bradley oral history interview conducted by T. Ebony Turain, 2002-11-11**

AFC 2004/007: 132

J. Robert Bradley was a gospel and opera singer. The interview includes J. Robert Bradley's memories of growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, attending the Baptist Church and singing in the choir. He recalls his voice teacher, Thomas Shelby, learning to sing in many different languages and to perform opera. He discusses his faith, performing around the world and becoming the director of music for the National Baptist Convention.

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**William Brantley oral history interview conducted by Danielle Spanner, 2004**

AFC 2004/007: 133

William Brantley was a principal and assistant superintendent. The interview includes William Brantley's memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and becoming a principal and assistant superintendent of West Chester, Pennsylvania schools. He recalls school desegregation, the civil rights movement and raising his children. He also discusses his opinions on education and the No Child Left Behind Act.

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**Jerome Brooks oral history interview conducted by Ileana Simien, 2002**

AFC 2004/007: 134

Jerome Brooks was a postal superintendent, businessman and real estate agent.
The interview includes Jerome Brooks' memories of growing up in Port Arthur, Texas, facing discrimination in his first jobs and attending Prairie View A & M University. He recalls moving to Detroit, Michigan, working in auto plants and moving to Memphis, Tennessee, where he started a business. He discusses moving back to Port Arthur where he worked as a superintendent of the post office, started a real estate and construction business, and integrated the local Boy Scouts as a scoutmaster.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655570](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655570)

**Eleanor DeLoache Brown oral history interview conducted by Jessica Smith, 2005-10-21**

AFC 2004/007: 135  
Eleanor DeLoache Brown was a teacher, guidance counselor, civic leader and president of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

The interview includes Eleanor DeLoache Brown's memories of growing up in Texas and attending Prairie View A & M University, where she majored in home economics. She recalls teaching at several universities before marrying and having children, and returning to school for elementary school teacher certification in Ohio. She discusses her career as a guidance counselor, her teaching methods, and volunteer work with Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and the League of Women Voters.

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**Arthur Burnett oral history interview conducted by Rosa Combs, 2006-10-16**

AFC 2004/007: 136  
Arthur Burnett was an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Superior Court Judge.

The interview includes Arthur Burnett's memories of growing up in Virginia and attending Howard University. He recalls his rejection from the University of Virginia Law School because of his race, and his decision to attend New York University Law School. He discusses his army service and his career as a prosecutor at the U.S. Department of Justice, and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Superior Court Judge of the District of Columbia.

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**Calvin W. Burnett oral history interview conducted by Dareise Jones, 2004-11-20**

AFC 2004/007: 137  
Calvin Burnett was a psychologist and president of Coppin State University.

The interview includes Calvin Burnett's memories of growing up in Davenport, Iowa and serving in the army. He recalls attending St. Louis University where he played basketball and earned his Ph.D. in psychology. He discusses his heroes, his family and his accomplishments as president of Coppin State University.

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**Margaret Burroughs oral history interview conducted by Nubia Henderson, 2003-10-04**

AFC 2004/007: 138  
Margaret Burroughs was an artist, poet, teacher and museum curator.

The interview includes Margaret Burroughs' memories of growing up in Louisiana and Chicago, Illinois and attending Illinois Normal College. She recalls her career as an art teacher, her rejection of white beauty standards, and living in Mexico on a sabbatical. She discusses founding the South Side Community Art Center and DuSable Museum of African-American History, the FBI investigation of her political activities, writing poetry, and her friendship with Gwendolyn Brooks.

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Vada Butcher oral history interview conducted by Victoria Kirby, 2006-10-11
AFC 2004/007: 139
Vada E. Butcher was a professor of African American music.
The interview includes Vada Butcher's memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, learning to play the piano and attending Fisk University and Chicago Music College. She discusses studying music in Europe, her career as a professor of ethnomusicology and African American spirituals, and teaching at Howard University. She also recalls the civil rights movement and segregation in Washington, D.C.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655577

Earl Caldwell oral history interview conducted by Tiffany Shepard, 2006-06-26
AFC 2004/007: 140
Earl Caldwell covered the civil rights movement as a journalist for several newspapers including the New York Times. He later became a professor of journalism.
The interview includes Earl Caldwell's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania and his early career at local newspapers. He recalls covering the civil rights movement for the New York Times and being the only reporter at the scene when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. He also discusses reporting on the Black Panther Party and the resulting Supreme Court case United States v. Caldwell, which set precedent for reporters' rights.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655455

James "Winky" Camphor oral history interview conducted by Adam Grant, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 141
James Winky Camphor was a teacher who worked with boys in the juvenile justice system.
The interview includes James Camphor's memories of growing up in Maryland and attending Coppin State University. He recalls the segregation in Maryland, becoming a teacher and working with boys in the Cheltenham Juvenile Justice Facility. He also discusses his faith and his opinions on politics.
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Ernestine Carreathers oral history interview conducted by Tiffany Balkaran, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 142
Ernestine Carreathers was a teacher and bookstore owner.
The interview includes Ernestine Carreathers' memories of growing up in Texas and attending Wiley College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She recalls meeting her husband, having children and opening a bookstore for African American writers in Prairie View, Texas. She discusses her teaching career, school desegregation, the civil rights movement and her involvement at church.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655579

Julia Carson oral history interview conducted by Brittany Baird, 2005-11-05
AFC 2004/007: 143
Julia Carson was a member of the Indiana House of Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives.
The interview includes Julia Carson's memories of her childhood, her mentor Andy Jacobs and her election to the Indiana House of Representatives. She recalls her efforts to pass minimum wage laws, end the legal classification of children as "illegitimate," and serving as a trustee for the Center Township, a welfare agency, and assisting victims of domestic violence. She also discusses her work as a U.S. Representative, her advocacy of women's rights and civil rights, and her health problems.
Robert Churchwell oral history interview conducted by Jerrard A. Davis, 2002-10-30
AFC 2004/007: 144
Robert Churchwell was a journalist and the first African American reporter for the Nashville Banner.
The interview includes Robert Churchwell's memories of growing up in Tennessee, serving in the army during World War II, and attending Fisk University. He recalls meeting his wife, starting his own magazine and being recruited by the Nashville Banner to cover the local African American community. He discusses facing discrimination at the newspaper, covering school desegregation and the civil rights movement and his struggle with depression.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655558

Mildred Clarke oral history interview conducted by Rita Nicholson-Weaver, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 145
Mildred Clarke was a doctor specializing in gynecology and obstetrics.
The interview includes Mildred Clarke's memoirs of growing up in Brooklyn, New York, attending Hunter College and Howard University Medical School. She recalls interning at several hospitals for her training in gynecology and obstetrics and her memories of the civil rights movement and John F. Kennedy's assassination. She also discusses her volunteer work with several Christian organizations and her involvement at Calvert Baptist Church.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655581

Margaret Washington Clifford oral history interview conducted by Anna Steed, 2004-10-16
AFC 2004/007: 146
Margaret Washington Clifford was a teacher, principal and the granddaughter of Booker T. Washington.
The interview includes Margaret Washington Clifford's memories of growing up in Tuskegee, Alabama, attending the Tuskegee Institute and marrying her husband, a Tuskegee Airman. She recalls moving to California, teaching at a junior high and becoming a guidance counselor and vice principal. She discusses her teaching methods, the influence of her grandfather, Booker T. Washington, and her candy business.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655582

Clinton McCord oral history interview conducted by Courtney Norman, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 147
Clinton McCord played baseball for several Negro League and Minor League teams.
The interview includes Clinton McCord's memories of growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, playing baseball, and serving in the navy during World War II. He recalls attending Tennessee State University and playing baseball in the Negro Leagues for the Nashville Cubs and Baltimore Elite Giants. He discusses playing for several integrated minor league teams, the influence of baseball on the civil rights movement and the racism that still exists in sports.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655579

Eugenia Collier oral history interview conducted by Zia Holder, 2006-10-06
AFC 2004/007: 148
Eugenia Collier was a writer, poet and professor of English.
The interview includes Eugenia Collier's memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland and attending Howard University and Columbia University. She recalls raising her family while still a student, working for the Department of Public Welfare, writing her short story "Marigolds" and earning her Ph.D. She discusses the history of African American literature, teaching at several universities and her advice to young African Americans.

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**Frances Cress Welsing oral history interview conducted by Naijah Banks, 2005**

AFC 2004/007: 149

Frances Cress Welsing was a psychiatrist and racial theorist.
The interview includes Frances Cress Welsing's memories of growing up in Chicago, Illinois and attending Antioch College and Howard Medical School. She recalls her career as a psychiatrist, being denied tenure because of her racial theories, and meeting Malcolm X. She discusses her theories of white supremacy, racism, and white genetic annihilation.

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**Flora Crittenden oral history interview conducted by Chikara Kennedy, 2002**

AFC 2004/007: 150

Flora Crittenden was a teacher and member of the Virginia House of Delegates.
The interview includes Flora Crittenden's memories of growing up in Brooklyn, New York and Newport News, Virginia and attending Virginia State College. She recalls teaching high school in Virginia, her teaching philosophy and school integration. She discusses working for Congressman Bobby Scott, her election to the Newport News City Council and the Virginia House of Delegates.

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**Wendell Davis oral history interview conducted by Donna Pittman, 2003-01-06**

AFC 2004/007: 151

Wendell Davis was a principal, professor, coach and Texas state education administrator.
The interview includes Wendell Davis' memories of growing up in Texas, attending Prairie View A & M University and serving in the air force during the Korean War. He recalls his career as an elementary school principal, becoming a professor and coach at Prairie View and guiding the golf team to several championships. He also discusses his career with the Texas Education Agency and raising his family.

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**Gerald Deas oral history interview conducted by Garrett Webster, 2004**

AFC 2004/007: 152

Gerald Deas was a physician, health activist and writer.
The interview includes Gerald Deas' memories of growing up in Brooklyn, New York, racist images in popular culture, serving in the army during the Korean War and attending medical school. He recalls his career as a family doctor in Queens, New York, making house calls and his service to the community. He also discusses his church involvement, writing poetry and his radio show, "House Call."

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**Georgia Dickens oral history interview conducted by Daria Grayer, 2002-12-11**

AFC 2004/007: 153

Georgia Dickens was a teacher and civic leader.
The interview includes Georgia Dickens' memories of growing up in Atlanta, Georgia and attending Spelman College. She recalls her elementary school teaching career, serving on the boards of the Children's Theatre Guild and the High Museum of Art. She also discusses her faith, her relationships with her students and the importance of volunteering.

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**Betty Jean Dobson oral history interview conducted by Kenneth Pardovani, 2004**

AFC 2004/007: 154

Betty Jean Dobson was the communications director of the Harlem Hospital. The interview includes Betty Jean Dobson's memories of growing up in Ohio, working as a beautician and attending Queens College and Fordham University for her master's degree. She recalls her career as the communications director of Harlem Hospital, promoting public health in New York and her firing over sexual harassment. She also discusses her memories of the civil rights movement and founding the organization Committee to Eliminate Media Offensive to African People.

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**Shirley Douglas oral history interview conducted by Josephine Steadman, 2005**

AFC 2004/007: 155

Shirley Douglas was a Department of Labor employee. The interview includes Shirley Douglas' memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and Virginia, and facing segregation on public transportation. She recalls her career at the Department of Labor and racial discrimination in the workplace. She discusses her family, involvement at church and her opinions on the care of seniors.

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**Elizabeth Edmonds oral history interview conducted by Dara Foster, 2005**

AFC 2004/007: 156

Elizabeth Edmonds was a teacher, principal and professor. The interview includes Elizabeth Edmonds' memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, her first jobs and attending Loyola College. She recalls facing discrimination at her first teaching position, her career as a principal who reformed several schools and earning her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. She discusses attending the March on Washington, women in the civil rights movement and the drawbacks of integration.

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**Vivian Ann Ellis oral history interview conducted by Nikita Glenn, 2005-11-04**

AFC 2004/007: 157

Vivian Ellis was a secretary for the deputy mayor of New York City. The interview includes Vivian Ellis' memories of growing up in Wilmington, Delaware, playing several sports and meeting Jesse Owens. She recalls attending business school, moving to New York to pursue her career as a secretary and working for the deputy mayor of New York City. She also discusses discrimination on buses, the civil rights movement and her retirement years in Florida.

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**Jeanne Hudgens oral history interview conducted by Joy Thompson, 2003**

AFC 2004/007: 158

Jeanne Hudgens was a teacher and civic leader.
The interview includes Jeanne Hudgens' memories of growing up in North Carolina, attending North Carolina Central University and Columbia University for her master's degree. She recalls teaching high school, her career at the University of Bridgeport, and working for several organizations related to education and child care. She discusses her work as head of education for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and directing the Greensboro, North Carolina Head Start program.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655255

Clay Evans oral history interview conducted by Leon Hendrix, 2006

AFC 2004/007: 159

Clay Evans was a civil rights activist and the minister of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois.

The interview includes Clay Evans' memories of growing up in Tennessee, the influence of church, and moving to Chicago, Illinois. He recalls founding the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, participating in the civil rights movement with Operation Push, and his friendships with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jesse Jackson. He also discusses his faith and African American leadership.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655594

Bernice Fiest oral history interview conducted by DeAndrea Solomon, 2005

AFC 2004/007: 160

Bernice Fiest was a teacher, librarian and principal.

The interview includes Bernice Fiest's memories of growing up in Tyler, Texas, attending Texas College and her first job teaching in school in West Texas. She recalls traveling on segregated buses, teaching in Houston, Texas and earning her master's degree at Prairie View A&M College. She discusses desegregation of schools, the elementary school that was named after her, and her involvement at church. A co-worker and student of Fiest's are also interviewed.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655595

Henry Foster oral history interview conducted by Kenneth Gilkes, 2005-10-21

AFC 2004/007: 161

Henry Foster was an obstetrician and gynecologist in Arkansas and Tennessee.

The interview includes Henry Foster's memories of growing up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and attending Morehouse College and the University of Arkansas Medical School. He recalls the integration of Little Rock High School, meeting his wife, his career as a doctor and his nomination for U. S. Surgeon General. He also offers advice to young African Americans.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655502

Norman C. Francis oral history interview conducted by Jeanine M. Price, 2002-10-02

AFC 2004/007: 162

Norman C. Francis was a lawyer and president of Xavier University.

The interview includes Norman C. Francis' memories of growing up in Lafayette, Louisiana, attending Xavier University. He recalls becoming the first African American to attend Loyola University Law School and his friendships with Moon Landrieu and other future leaders of New Orleans. He discusses serving in the army during the Korean War, his participation in the civil rights movement as a lawyer, and becoming the first lay president of Xavier University.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655523
Lafayette Frederick oral history interview conducted by Terrell Robinson, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 163
Lafayette Frederick was a professor of biology at Howard University.
The interview includes Lafayette Frederick's memories of growing up in Missouri and attending Tuskegee Institute, where he studied botany and agriculture. He recalls serving in the navy at the end of World War II, earning his Ph.D. in botany at Washington State University and starting his teaching career at Southern University.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655596

Jesse Gooding oral history interview conducted by Jerry Walker, 2005-11-17
AFC 2004/007: 164
Jesse Gooding was the president of the Dayton, Ohio branch of the NAACP.
The interview includes Jesse Gooding's memories of growing up in Louisiana, serving in the segregated military and attending Wilberforce University, where he majored in chemistry. He recalls job discrimination and his career at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He discusses joining the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), protesting job discrimination in Dayton, Ohio and leading the Dayton branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655597

Marcus Gunter oral history interview conducted by Cheri Carter, 2002-09-30
AFC 2004/007: 165
Marcus Gunter was a music teacher, marching band director and saxophonist.
The interview includes Marcus Gunter's memories of growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, attending Tuskegee Institute and playing saxophone with the Melody Barons. He recalls performing music while serving in the army during World War II, and teaching music at Pearl High School in Nashville. He discusses directing the Pearl marching band, taking over his family's funeral home business and supporting historically black colleges and universities.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655598

Arnett Bodenhamer oral history interview conducted by Wendell I. Johnson, 2006-11-20
AFC 2004/007: 166
Arnett Bodenhamer was a businessman and the president of the Nashville, Tennessee branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
The interview includes Arnett Bodenhamer's memories of growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, and serving in the army during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He recalls the segregation and discrimination in Nashville, starting his business and joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655568

Robert Hanna oral history interview conducted by Breena E. Green, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 167
Robert Hanna was a physician in West Chester, Pennsylvania.
The interview includes Robert Hanna's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, joining the Boy Scouts and attending Lincoln University. He recalls serving in the army with the Chemical Corps, attending medical school at Howard University and meeting his wife. He discusses his internship at a hospital, practicing medicine in West Chester, Pennsylvania and facing discrimination from white patients.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655599
William Hargraves oral history interview conducted by Dominique Clemons, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 168
William Hargraves was a professor and air force officer who served in the Vietnam War.
William Hargraves was interviewed in 2004 for the National Visionary Leadership Project
by Dominique Clemons, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, West Chester University.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655302

Charles Harris oral history interview conducted by Nadia Brown, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 169
Charles Harris was a professor of political science at Howard University.
The interview includes Charles Harris' memories of growing up in Alabama and attending
Morehouse College, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Wisconsin,
where he earned his Ph.D. in political science. He recalls facing discrimination and
segregation in the South, his teaching career at Howard University and the student
protests there in the 1960s.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655250

Raymond Haysbert oral history interview conducted by Phillip Davis, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 170
Raymond Haysbert was a Tuskegee Airman and the CEO and chairman of the Parks
Sausage Company.
The interview includes Raymond Haysbert's memories of growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio,
attending Wilberforce University and serving in the army air force in Italy during World
War II. He recalls working in a bookstore, teaching business courses and joining Henry
Parks to start the Parks Sausage Company in Baltimore, Maryland. He discusses running
a small business, discrimination against black businesses and the growth of Parks
Sausage into a multi-million dollar company.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655251

Marion Henry oral history interview conducted by Kenneth Prosser, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 171
Marion Henry was a professor of education at Prairie View A & M University.
The interview includes Marion Henry's memories of growing up in Dallas, Texas, serving in
the air force and attending Southern University. He recalls segregation in education,
earning his Ph.D. from Syracuse University and his teaching career at Prairie View A &
M University, where he became director of teacher certification.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655252

Jessie Lee Highsmith oral history interview conducted by Iris Jacobs, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 172
Jessie Lee Highsmith was a domestic worker and civic leader.
The interview includes Jessie Lee Highsmith's memories of growing up in North Carolina,
working as a domestic in Connecticut and volunteering at her children's school. She
recalls tutoring adults for a Title I program, volunteering at her church and raising her
family. She also discusses serving on the local Housing Authority Board and the Legal
Service Board.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655253

Asa Hilliard oral history interview conducted by Khaliah Fleming, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 173
Asa Hilliard was a professor of urban education and psychology at Georgia State University.
The interview includes Asa Hilliard's memories of growing up in Texas and Denver, Colorado, serving in the Peace Corps in Liberia and working for the United States Agency for International Development. He recalls his teaching career at San Francisco State University and Georgia State University, and his work in forensic psychology. He discusses his opinions on standardized testing for African American children, teaching methods and race issues in education.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655254](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655254)

**Charlotte Holloman oral history interview conducted by Safiya Morgan, 2003-10-23**

AFC 2004/007: 174

Charlotte Holloman was an opera singer, actress and music teacher. The interview includes Charlotte Holloman's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Howard University and Columbia University for her degrees in music. She recalls learning opera at the Berkshire Music Center, marrying her husband and the death of her sister. She discusses performing at colleges before receiving a grant to study and perform opera in Europe and her long career as a voice teacher.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655507](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655507)

**Ola Hudson oral history interview conducted by Shyretta McCrackin, 2002-10-22**

AFC 2004/007: 175

Ola Hudson was a teacher and civic leader. The interview includes Ola Hudson's memories of growing up in Nashville, Tennessee and attending Tennessee State University. She recalls teaching home economics, the effects of integration in public schools, and working as a diversity educator in the Nashville Public Schools. She also discusses starting a program for pregnant teenagers to finish high school and volunteering at her church.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655256](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655256)

**William Jackson oral history interview conducted by W. Dean Rutland, 2006**

AFC 2004/007: 176

William Jackson was a teacher and university football coach. The interview includes William Jackson's memories of growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, attending North Carolina A & T University, and playing football for a Canadian team. He recalls serving in the army during the Korean War, teaching history and coaching football at several historically black colleges and universities and working for the Department of Health and Human Services. He discusses his opinions on the civil rights movements and the education of African Americans.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655258](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655258)

**Esther Cooper Jackson oral history interview conducted by Jamie Walker, 2002**

AFC 2004/007: 177

Esther Cooper Jackson was a civil rights activist, social worker and editor of the journal Freedomways. The interview includes Esther Cooper Jackson's memories of growing up in Arlington, Virginia, attending Dunbar High School and studying sociology at Oberlin College and Fisk University. She recalls her work with the Southern Negro Youth Congress, founding the journal Freedomways and attending the March on Washington. She discusses women in the civil rights movement, the African American press and her support of the anti-war movement.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655257](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655257)
Harry Johns oral history interview conducted by JacQuaye Jacobs, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 178
Harry Johns was an accountant, comptroller and Vice President of Financial Affairs at Central State University.
The interview includes Harry Johns' memories of growing up in Ohio and attending Wilberforce University and serving in the segregated army in France and Germany during World War II. He recalls earning a master's degree in accounting at Columbia University, job discrimination in accounting firms, and his career as comptroller and Vice President of Financial Affairs at Central State University. He discusses becoming the first African American member of the local Rotary Club, volunteering and serving on the boards of many organizations.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655260

Tobe Johnson oral history interview conducted by Quardricos Driskell, 2004-12-02
AFC 2004/007: 179
Tobe Johnson was a professor of political science at Morehouse College.
The interview includes Tobe Johnson's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, attending Morehouse College and serving in the air force during the Korean War. He recalls earning his Ph.D. in political science at Columbia University and teaching at Morehouse College. He recalls segregation on buses, funding for historically black colleges and serving on the boards of several organizations.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655262

Howard Jones oral history interview conducted by Imani Miller, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 180
Howard Jones was a minister, missionary and the first African American associate evangelist of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.
The interview includes Howard Jones’ memories of growing up in Ohio, meeting his wife, Wanda, and attending Nyack College. He recalls his early career as a minister at several churches in New York and Ohio, serving as a missionary in Africa where he started a church radio program. He recalls working with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, his wife’s writings, and starting the Soldiers for Christ organization.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655263

Julia Gibson Jordan oral history interview conducted by Élan Moore, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 181
Julia Gibson Jordan was a teacher, guidance counselor and writer.
The interview includes Julia Gibson Jordan's memories of growing up in Waxahachie, Texas, attending Wiley College and becoming a teacher in Dallas, Texas. She recalls earning her master's degree at the University of Denver, becoming a guidance counselor and working with troubled students. She discusses watching the parade for John F. Kennedy when he was assassinated, the civil rights movement in Dallas, and writing a biography of Frederica Chase Dodd, founder of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655264

Del Jupiter oral history interview conducted by Brandi Lee, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 182
Del Jupiter was a librarian, writer and genealogist.
The interview includes Del Jupiter's memories of growing up in Pensacola, Florida, attending Spelman College and becoming a librarian. She recalls researching and writing
about her family history and her interest in photography. She discusses assisting her husband, a minister, at church and traveling after her retirement.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655265](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655265)

**Delores Kendrick oral history interview conducted by Adrienne Bailey, 2002-11-25**

AFC 2004/007: 183

Delores Kendrick was a teacher and Poet Laureate of Washington, D.C. The interview includes Delores Kendrick's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., attending Georgetown University and her first job teaching junior high English. She recalls teaching at the alternative high school Without Walls and the Phillips Exeter Academy, and publishing her first book of poetry. She discusses the influence of her favorite poets, her writing process and her appointment as Poet Laureate of Washington, D.C.

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**Matthew Kennedy oral history interview conducted by Victoria Hamilton, 2004-11-06**

AFC 2004/007: 184

Matthew Kennedy was a pianist, composer and director of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. The interview includes Matthew Kennedy's memories of growing up in Americus, Georgia, learning to play the piano and attending the Julliard School and Fisk University. He recalls meeting his wife, also a pianist, serving in the army during World War II and teaching piano at Fisk University. He discusses becoming the director of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, traveling around the world on tour, and the civil rights movement in Nashville, Tennessee.

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**Charles Kimbrough oral history interview conducted by Lauren Parker, 2004-12-03**

AFC 2004/007: 185

Charles Kimbrough was a veterinarian, minister and civil rights activist. The interview includes Charles Kimbrough's memories of growing up in rural Tennessee and his army service in Korea. He recalls attending Tennessee State A & I College, veterinary school at Tuskegee University and becoming the first licensed African American veterinarian in Tennessee. He also discusses his involvement in local branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Tennessee and Illinois and the role of religion in the civil rights movement.

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**Melvin King oral history interview conducted by Janine Quarles, 2006**

AFC 2004/007: 186

Melvin King was a teacher, civic leader, activist and Massachusetts State Representative. The interview includes Melvin King's memories of growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, attending Clafin College and working as a teacher. He recalls joining many civil rights, community and youth organizations, school busing and desegregation in Boston, and serving as a state representative in Massachusetts. He discusses his unsuccessful run for mayor of Boston, advocating for the homeless and affordable housing, and protesting against urban renewal projects that displaced lower income residents.

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**Frankie Ledbetter oral history interview conducted by Artruh Fleming, 2005**

AFC 2004/007: 187

Frankie Ledbetter was a teacher and judge.
The interview includes Frankie Ledbetter's memories of growing up in Texas, attending Bishop College and teaching in public schools in Prairie View, Texas. She recalls her career as a professor at Prairie View A & M University and her appointment as a municipal court judge. She discusses her opinions on race and the criminal justice system and the education of African Americans.

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Thomas Logan oral history interview conducted by Ashley Henderson, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 189
Thomas Logan was an Episcopalian minister and civil rights activist.
The interview includes Thomas Logan's memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, attending Lincoln University and the Philadelphia Divinity School and his first position as a minister. He recalls his career at Calvary Monumental Church, the influence of his father-in-law and his involvement in the civil rights movement. He discusses the history of the black church, his membership in Alpha Phi Alpha and his friendship with activist Delores Tucker.
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Thaddeus Lott oral history interview conducted by Kellie C. Carter, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 190
Thaddeus Lott was a teacher, principal and educational reformer.
The interview includes Thaddeus Lott's memories of growing up in Acres Homes, Texas, attending Texas Southern University and becoming a teacher. He recalls his career as a principal at Wesley Elementary School in Houston, Texas, where he dramatically improved test scores for minority children. He discusses his opinions on teaching methods, educational reform and the difficulties of school integration.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655274

Leo Lucas oral history interview conducted by Nia Davis, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 191
Leo Lucas was a teacher, accountant and member of the Dayton School Board.
The interview includes Leo Lucas' memories of growing up in Georgia, attending Florida A&M University and becoming a teacher. He recalls teaching in the Dayton, Ohio public schools and joining the board of education. He discusses the problems with desegregating public schools, starting his accounting firm and founding the National Caucus of Black School Board Members and the Dayton Minority Enterprises Small Business Investment Corporation.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655275

Barbara Mann oral history interview conducted by Iyana Mason, 2003-11-26
AFC 2004/007: 192
Barbara Mann was a teacher, guidance counselor and Nashville School Board member.
The interview includes Barbara Mann's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., attending Howard University and becoming a teacher in Nashville, Tennessee. She recalls her career as a guidance counselor at Fisk University and Tennessee State University and serving on the Nashville School Board. She discusses the importance of historically black college and universities and the desegregation of Nashville schools.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655276

Edward Martin oral history interview conducted by Cleandria Chevalier, 2005-10-20
AFC 2004/007: 193
Edward Martin was a professor of biology and dean at Prairie View A & M University. The interview includes Edward Martin's memories of growing up in South Carolina, attending Fisk University and earning his Ph.D. in biology at the University of Iowa. He recalls his career as a professor and dean at Prairie View A & M University and serving on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Office of Civil Rights. He discusses his family and changes in higher education and funding for historically black colleges and universities.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655277

Gladys Mayo oral history interview conducted by Afra Muhammad, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 194
Gladys Mayo was a cook, restaurant owner and civic leader. The interview includes Gladys Mayo's memories of growing up in North Carolina, moving to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and working as a cook. She recalls opening her own restaurant called Granny's Place, starting a community garden and opening a mini-mall for small minority-owned businesses. She discusses her volunteer work with women in prison, raising foster children and starting a food pantry.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655278

Mary McEwan oral history interview conducted by Jocelyn I. Cole, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 195
Mary McEwan was a caterer, restaurant owner and cookbook writer. The interview includes Mary McEwan's memories of growing up in Alabama and Nashville, Tennessee, attending Tennessee State University and marrying her husband. She recalls starting her catering business and barbeque restaurant, and cooking at several universities in Nashville. She discusses writing poetry and cookbooks, her involvement at the Spruce Street Baptist Church and volunteering with the Bethlehem Center.

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Sara McKissick oral history interview conducted by Eric Majette, Jr, 2005-09-23
AFC 2004/007: 196
Sara McKissick was a gospel singer who performed with the Lucy Smith Singers. The interview includes Sara McKissick's memories of growing up in Atlanta, Georgia, attending Clark University and moving to Chicago, Illinois. She recalls learning gospel music at church and performing with the Lucy Smith Singers and the Caravans. She discusses her friendship with Roberta Martin, the influence of other gospel singers on her work and the future of gospel music.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655281

Stanley McMullen oral history interview conducted by Lakisha May, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 197
Stanley McMullen was a teacher and civic leader. The interview includes Stanley McMullen's memories of attending the Tuskegee Institute, working with a farm training program, and becoming a high school teacher in Gloucester, Virginia. He recalls teaching vocational courses, sponsoring the Future Farmers of America club, and the integration of public schools. He discusses serving on Gloucester's Equalization Board and Planning Commission and as president of the Middle Peninsula Relief Society.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655282
Bennie McRae oral history interview conducted by Yael Yisrael, 2006-10-15

Bennie McRae was a historian and employee of the Federal Aviation Administration. The interview includes Bennie McRae's memories of growing up in Alabama, experiencing discrimination and segregation, and attending the Tuskegee Institute. He recalls serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and his career with the Federal Aviation Administration. He discusses his interest in African American history and genealogy and starting his website "Lest We Forget" about African Americans who served in the military.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655283](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655283)

Samuel Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Joshua Mitchell, 2006-10-12

Samuel Mitchell was a minister at the Rising Sun Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. The interview includes Samuel Mitchell's memories of growing up in Edgefield, South Carolina, moving to Washington, D.C. and working as a crane operator. He recalls joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), attending the Washington Baptist Seminary after his retirement and becoming a minister. He discusses his work at the Rising Sun Baptist Church and working with young people.

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Henry Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Lindsay Alexis Young, 2002

Henry Mitchell was a Baptist minister, writer and professor of theology. The interview includes Henry Mitchell's memories of growing up in Columbus, Ohio, attending Ohio State University and his decision to become a minister. He recalls attending Union Seminary where he met his wife, Reverend Ella Mitchell, and serving as chaplain at North Carolina Central University. He discusses his work as a district missionary in California, raising his children, and starting many Christian youth programs.

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LaVerne Jackson Moore oral history interview conducted by Bianca Robinson, 2006

LaVerne Jackson Moore was a professor of physical education at Florida A & M University. The interview includes LaVerne Jackson Moore's memories of growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio, attending the University of Cincinnati and her first job as a physical education teacher at St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute in Virginia. She recalls meeting her husband, earning her master's degree at Boston University and teaching physical education at Florida A & M University. She also discusses raising her daughter and traveling to Africa.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655287](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655287)

Samuel Myers oral history interview conducted by Sean Crump, 2006

Samuel Myers was an economist, professor and president of Bowie State University. The interview includes Samuel Myers' memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, attending Morgan State University and serving in the army during World War II. He recalls earning his graduate degrees in economics at Boston University and Harvard University. He recalls working as an economist for the State Department, teaching at Morgan State University and becoming president of Bowie State University. He
discusses the university's integration, increasing funding and expanding business education programs.

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**Barbara Oldwine oral history interview conducted by Megan Lollie, 2006-10-16**
AFC 2004/007: 203
Barbara Oldwine was a social worker and civic leader.
The interview includes Barbara Oldwine's memories of growing up in Binghamton, New York, attending Fisk University and marrying her husband. She recalls moving to Washington, D.C., working at the Pentagon and moving back to Binghamton. She discusses her career at Medicaid, volunteering for the Girl Scouts and the YWCA and her community radio show.

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**Anyim Palmer oral history interview conducted by Naomi Young, 2003**
AFC 2004/007: 204
Anyim Palmer was a teacher, principal and the founder of the Marcus Garvey School.
The interview includes Anyim Palmer's memories of growing up in Texas, serving in the army during World War II and working at the shipyards in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He recalls moving to Los Angeles, California, attending Los Angeles City College and his conversion to Islam. He discusses founding the Marcus Garvey School and his opinions on educating African American children.

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**Essie Kathryn Payne oral history interview conducted by Reniesha Williams, 2004**
AFC 2004/007: 205
Essie Kathryn Payne was a writer and professor of English at Central State University.
Essie Kathryn Payne was interviewed in 2004 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Reniesha Williams, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Central State University, in Ohio.

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**Margaret Peters oral history interview conducted by Dominique Squires, 2006**
AFC 2004/007: 206
Margaret Peters was a teacher, historian and civic leader.
The interview includes Margaret Peters' memories of growing up in Dayton, Ohio, attending the University of Dayton and becoming a teacher. She recalls her efforts to include black history in the Dayton school district's social studies curriculum, her work at the Aviation Heritage Foundation and writing books on African American history. She discusses Dayton's African American history, her volunteer work and her love of poetry.

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**Frances Pratt oral history interview conducted by Schoquilla Coleman, 2005**
AFC 2004/007: 207
Frances Pratt was a nurse and civil rights activist.
The interview includes Frances Pratt's memories of growing up in South Carolina, attending Barber-Scotia College and becoming a Seventh Day Adventist. She recalls moving to Nyack, New York, attending nursing school and working at the Nyack Hospital for 46 years. She discusses joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), becoming president of its Nyack branch and volunteering at her church.
Bernard Proctor oral history interview conducted by Samira Harris, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 208
Bernard Proctor was a Tuskegee Airman, professor and Vice President of Cheyney University.
The interview includes Bernard Proctor's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania and attending Wilberforce University where he played baseball and football. He recalls serving in the army air force during World War II and flying missions in North Africa and Italy. He discusses returning to Wilberforce to coach, attending Ohio State University for graduate school and teaching industrial arts at several historically black colleges and universities.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655297

Norman Rates oral history interview conducted by Shayla Griffin, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 209
Norman Rates was a minister and professor of religion at Spelman College.
The interview includes Norman Rates' memories of growing up in Kentucky, his participation in church and attending Kentucky State College. He recalls attending seminary at Lincoln University and Oberlin Divinity School and becoming the minister of Sisters Chapel at Spelman College. He recalls the changes at Spelman College in the 1960s, teaching classes on women and the Bible, and visiting Africa.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655298

Robert Rivers oral history interview conducted by Jessica Dalton, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 210
Robert Rivers was a police officer and detective in New York City.
The interview includes Robert Rivers' memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, serving in the air force and attending Fordham University. He recalls supporting the Schomburg Library, working many odd jobs and meeting his wife. He discusses his career as a police officer in New York, becoming a detective in the street crime unit and his faith.
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Willieboyd Saddler oral history interview conducted by Jeffrey McLeod, 2006-10-17
AFC 2004/007: 211
Willieboyd Saddler was an accountant for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).
The interview includes Willieboyd Saddler's memories of growing up in Georgia and attending Fort Valley State College. She discusses her early career in finance and insurance and meeting her husband. She recalls meeting Martin Luther King, Jr., her work as an accountant for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and several events of the civil rights movement.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655474

Blanche Scott oral history interview conducted by Mark Hanna, 2003-10-19
AFC 2004/007: 212
Blanche Scott was a nursing assistant and Jamaican immigrant.
The interview includes Blanche Scott's memories of growing up in Jamaica, moving to England and New York and becoming a nursing assistant. She recalls the death of her
husband, raising her children and her work serving the homeless. She discusses her faith and offers advice to young African Americans.

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**Jessie Carney Smith oral history interview conducted by Karly Campbell, 2005-10-11**

AFC 2004/007: 213

Jessie Carney Smith was a professor, historian and the University Librarian at Fisk University.

The interview includes Jessie Carney Smith's memories of growing up in North Carolina and attending North Carolina A & T University. She recalls moving to Nashville, Tennessee, working at Fisk University and earning her master's and Ph.D. in library science. She discusses her career as a librarian and professor, writing books on African American history, literature and genealogy and her involvement with United Methodist Women.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655152](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655152)

**Charles Snyder oral history interview conducted by Elizabeth Craig, 2005**

AFC 2004/007: 214

Charles Snyder was an employee of the Albion Housing Commission, president of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, and county commissioner in Albion, Michigan.

Charles Snyder was interviewed for the National Visionary Leadership Project, by Elizabeth Craig, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Central State University.

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**Barbara Peek Sternick oral history interview conducted by Qrescent Mali Mason, 2004**

AFC 2004/007: 215

Barbara Peek Sternick was interviewed in 2004 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Qrescent Mali Mason, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Spelman College, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655303](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655303)

**Edward S. Temple oral history interview conducted by Kenneth Thompson, 2002-10-16**

AFC 2004/007: 216

Edward Temple was a track coach for the U.S. women's Olympic team and at Tennessee State University.

The interview includes Edward Temple's memories of growing up in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, playing sports and attending Tennessee State University where he ran track. He recalls meeting his wife, coaching the Tennessee State University women's track team and urging the university to award scholarships for women athletes. He discusses segregation in sports, coaching the women's Olympic track team and the results of Title IX to increase funding for women's sports.

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**Delores Tillman oral history interview conducted by Christopher Carr, 2005-11-02**

AFC 2004/007: 217

Delores Tillman was a nursing assistant and hospice care worker.

The interview includes Delores Tillman's memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, working as an elevator operator and raising her family. She recalls the riots of 1968, her career as a nursing assistant at St. Agnes Hospital and facing discrimination from supervisors. She discusses her work in hospice home care and her involvement with the Faith Tabernacle Church.
Billye Von Blasingame oral history interview conducted by Alondra Young, 2006-10-28
AFC 2004/007: 218
Billye Von Blasingame was a teacher, counselor and the dean of students at the University of the District of Columbia.
The interview includes Billye Von Blasingame's memories of growing up in Alabama, attending Spelman College and becoming a teacher. She recalls moving to California, her struggles to find a job as a teacher, and becoming a guidance counselor. She discusses her involvement in the civil rights movement and the Mississippi freedom rides.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655157

Frances Walker-Slocum oral history interview conducted by Heather Griffin, 2002-11-02
AFC 2004/007: 219
Frances Walker-Slocum was a pianist and music professor at Oberlin College.
Frances Walker-Slocum was interviewed on November 2, 2002 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Heather Griffin, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Oberlin College, in Oberlin, Ohio.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655246

DeLois Wilkinson oral history interview conducted by Kenny L. Robinson, Jr, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 220
DeLois Wilkinson was a physical therapist, teacher and civil rights activist.
The interview includes DeLois Wilkinson's memories of growing up in Arkansas, attending LeMoyne College and Northwestern University, and becoming a physical therapist. She recalls joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), working with disabled children and the integration of Nashville, Tennessee public schools. She discusses serving on the Nashville school board, her opinions on the education of African American children and her memories of civil rights protests in Nashville.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655159

Frances Williams oral history interview conducted by Kristian Ali, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 221
Frances Williams was a teacher and guidance counselor.
The interview includes Frances Williams' memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, attending West Chester University and raising her daughter. She recalls teaching in West Chester, Pennsylvania and Wilmington, Delaware, earning her master's degree at Villanova University and becoming a guidance counselor. She discusses desegregation of public schools, attending an institute for teachers of disadvantaged children and her advice for young African Americans.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655160

Grant Williams oral history interview conducted by Christina Tilghman, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 222
Grant Williams was a chief master sergeant in the air force.
The interview includes Grant Williams' memories of growing up in Virginia, working as a housepainter and serving in the army air force during World War II. He recalls training at Tuskegee Airfield, serving in Italy and becoming a sergeant. He discusses serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars and receiving two bronze stars for his service.
McDonald Williams and Jamye Coleman Williams oral history interview conducted by Crystal de Gregory, 2002-10-28
AFC 2004/007: 223
McDonald Williams and Jamye Coleman Williams were professors at Tennessee State University.
The interview includes McDonald Williams' memories of growing up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attending University of Pittsburgh, and Jamye Williams' memories of growing up in Kentucky and attending Wilberforce University. They recall meeting, their marriage, and attending Ohio State University where they both earned PhD's. They discuss teaching at Tennessee State University, joining the civil rights movement in Nashville, Tennessee, and their involvement in the AME Church.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/201065516

Ruth Williams oral history interview conducted by Misa Dayson, 2003-10-21
AFC 2004/007: 224
Ruth Williams was a dancer, teacher and founder of the Ruth Williams Dance Studio.
The interview includes Ruth Williams' memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, taking dance classes and performing in the broadway show "Porgy and Bess" in London at age 7. She recalls being the first African American student to graduate from Cathedral High School, attending Hunter College and working as a teacher. She discusses working as a radio operator in the Signal Corps during World War II and opening the Ruth Williams Dance Studio, which has been in operation for over 60 years.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/201065516

Floyd N. Williams oral history interview conducted by Krislynn Thompson, 2003-11-08
AFC 2004/007: 225
Floyd N. Williams was the pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church in Acres Homes, Texas.
Floyd N. Williams was interviewed on November 8, 2003 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Krislynn, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Spelman College, in Houston, Texas.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655247

Roberta Hughes Wright oral history interview conducted by Adrienne Smith, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 226
Roberta Hughes Wright was a teacher, lawyer and historian in Detroit, Michigan.
Roberta Hughes Wright was interviewed in 2003 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Adrienne Smith, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Prairie View A & M University, in Troy, Michigan.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655248

Harvey Zeigler oral history interview conducted by T. J. Turner, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 228
Harvey Zeigler was a custodian and civil rights activist.
The interview includes Harvey Zeigler's memories of growing up in Damascus, Maryland and serving in the army in Europe during World War II. He recalls starting his own local veterans' association after facing discrimination from the American Legion and starting his trucking business. He discusses his career as a mechanic at the Atomic Energy Commission, filing complaints on racial discrimination in the workplace and his work as
youth director for the Damascus National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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**Eyewitness - Tulsa riots interviews conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-05-14**

AFC 2004/007: 229

A series of three interviews conducted on May 14, 2003, by Camille O.Cosby for the National Visionary Leadership Project on the subject of the 1921 Tulsa, Oklahoma race riot.

The interviews include the memories of John Melvin Alexander, Kinney Ivis Booker, Joe Ira Burns, Otis G. Clark and Genevieve E. Jackson, who were children during the 1921 Tulsa Riot They recall growing up in the African American neighborhood Greenwood, race relations in Tulsa, and the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma. They discuss the bombing and burning of Greenwood, fleeing Tulsa and the rebuilding of the neighborhood. James O. Goodwin, attorney for Tulsa Riot victims in the 2003 court case Alexander, et al., v. Oklahoma, et al., is interviewed about the case.

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**Lucy Allen oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-09-20**

AFC 2004/007: 230

Lucy Allen was an African American Cherokee activist who successfully sued to gain Cherokee citizenship.

The interview includes Lucy Allen's memories of growing up in Vinita, Oklahoma, and her family's African American and Cherokee heritage. She recalls her parents' property disputes and being denied Cherokee citizenship based on her color. She discusses the lawsuit she successfully won to gain citizenship and the rejection of her application for a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655517](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655517)

**Ron Dellums oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-02-12**

AFC 2004/007: 231

Ron Dellums was a U.S. Representative from California, mayor of Oakland, California, and peace activist.

The interview includes Ron Dellums' memories of growing up in Oakland, California, joining the marines and attending San Francisco State University and the University of California at Berkeley. He recalls his career as a psychiatric social worker, his involvement in the civil rights and anti-war movements and his election to the Berkeley city council. He discusses serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, founding the Congressional Black Caucus, and his commitment to peace and human rights. He also discusses his election as mayor of Oakland.

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**Dolores Robinson oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-02-20**

AFC 2004/007: 232

Dolores Robinson was a talent agent, manager and producer in Hollywood.

The interview includes Dolores Robinson's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, attending West Chester University and working as an elementary school teacher. She recalls her marriage to television writer Matt Robinson, hosting a children's television show in Philadelphia and moving to California where she became a Hollywood agent, manager and producer. She discusses working with her clients, racism in the entertainment industry and raising her children.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655244](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655244)
**Wesley Brown oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-03-27**

AFC 2004/007: 233

Wesley Brown was an engineer, naval officer and the first African American graduate of the Naval Academy.

The interview includes Wesley Brown's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., attending Dunbar High School and Howard University. He recalls his appointment to the Naval Academy, his career with the Navy Civil Engineering Corps and earning the rank of lieutenant commander. He discusses working as an engineer at Howard University and the history of discrimination in the military and science.

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**Mamie "Peanut" Johnson oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-04-20**

AFC 2004/007: 234

Mamie "Peanut" Johnson was a pitcher with the Indianapolis Clowns, a Negro Leagues team.

The interview includes Mamie "Peanut" Johnson's memories of growing up in South Carolina and Washington, D.C., playing baseball with boys and her rejection from an all-white women's team. She recalls becoming one of three women to play in the Negro Leagues as a pitcher with the Indianapolis Clowns and her friendships with players Buck O'Neal and Satchel Paige. She also discusses raising her son and her later career as a nurse.

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**Diahann Carroll oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-06-12**

AFC 2004/007: 235

Diahann Carroll was a singer, model, actress and one of the first African American women to star in a television show.

The interview includes Diahann Carroll's memories of growing up in New York, attending the High School of Music and Art, working as a model and singing on the Arthur Godfrey Radio Show. She recalls performing in Broadway musicals and plays and moving to Los Angeles to star in the television show "Julia." She discusses her movie career, the opportunities available for African American actors, and her nomination for an academy award for "Claudine."

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**Julius Chambers oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-06-20**

AFC 2004/007: 236

Julius Chambers was a civil rights lawyer, law professor and Chancellor of North Carolina State University.

The interview includes Julius Chambers' memories of growing up in Mt. Gilead, North Carolina, attending North Carolina Central University, and protesting discrimination on buses. He recalls attending the University of North Carolina Law School, becoming the first African American editor of the Law Review, and interning for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense Fund. He discusses starting his own law firm in North Carolina, facing bomb threats for working on civil rights cases, and becoming president of the Legal Defense Fund and Chancellor of North Carolina State University.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655170](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655170)
Marva Collins oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-06-21
AFC 2004/007: 237
Marva Collins was a teacher and founder of Westside Preparatory School. The interview includes Marva Collins' memories of growing up in Alabama, attending Clark College and teaching in Alabama. She recalls moving to Chicago, Illinois and teaching in public schools, where she began to use the Socratic Method with her students. She discusses problems with public schools and starting her own private school, the Westside Preparatory School, and a teacher training program.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655176

James Comer oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-06-27
AFC 2004/007: 238
James Comer was a child psychiatrist, education reformer and professor at Yale University. The interview includes James Comer's memories of growing up in East Chicago, Indiana and attending Indiana University and Howard University Medical School. He recalls his career as a child psychiatrist and professor at Yale University's Child Study Center and researching the achievement gap among African Americans and whites in public schools. He discusses implementing new school reform programs in New Haven, Connecticut and other issues with improving education for minorities.
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Chuck Brown oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-08-08
AFC 2004/007: 239
Chuck Brown was a guitarist, singer and the father of Go-Go music. The interview includes Chuck Brown's memories of growing up in Virginia and Washington, D.C., learning to play the piano, and working many odd jobs. He recalls learning to play guitar and earning his high school diploma in prison, starting his band The Soul Searchers and developing the genre of Go-Go. He discusses the Washington, D.C. music scene, the influence of gospel on his music, and the success of his single "Bustin' Loose."
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655168

Roger Wilkins oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-08-15
AFC 2004/007: 240
Roger Wilkins was a lawyer, civil rights activist, journalist and the first African American Assistant Attorney General. The interview includes Roger Wilkins' memories of growing up in Kansas City, Missouri and Grand Rapids, Michigan and assisting his uncle Roy Wilkins during the civil rights movement. He recalls attending the University of Michigan for college and law school, working for the Agency for International Development and becoming Assistant Attorney General under President Johnson. He discusses working at the Ford Foundation, becoming a reporter at the Washington Post and the New York Times, and his support of the gay rights movement.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655222

John Conyers oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-08-20
AFC 2004/007: 241
John Conyers was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (D-MI), Chairman of House Judiciary Committee and co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus. The interview includes John Conyers' memories of growing up in Detroit, his father's involvement in the United Auto Workers union, his military service in Korea, and his
education at Wayne State University. He discusses his involvement in the civil rights movement, including meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. He also discusses his election to congress and many events during his long career, including his work on the Voting Rights Act of 1965, founding the Black Congressional Caucus and the Nixon impeachment.

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**Vivian Ayers Allen oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2008-09-23**

AFC 2004/007: 245

Vivian Ayers Allen was a poet, artist and playwright.
The interview includes Vivian Ayers Allen's memories of growing up in Chester, South Carolina and attending the Brainerd Institute, a former Presbyterian freedmen school, and Bennett College. She recalls marrying and divorcing her husband, her start at writing poetry, and raising her children. She discusses living in Mexico, starting community arts programs in Houston, Texas and Chester, South Carolina, and buying the Brainerd Institute with her daughters, Debbie Allen and Phylicia Rashad.

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**Earl Barthé oral history interview conducted by Dale Mason Cochran, 2008-08-22**

AFC 2004/007: 246

Earl Barthé was a plasterer, plasterwork historian and labor union leader.
The interview includes Earl Barthé's memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana, his family's plaster business and his Uncle Peter's success at integrating the Plasterer's Union. He recalls his work on many historic buildings, churches and houses in New Orleans, including the Superdome, Luling Mansion and Xavier University. He discusses his involvement in the labor movement, local politics and the civil rights movement and his exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution.

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**Simeon Booker oral history interview conducted by Cheryl S. Clarke, 2009-10-29**

AFC 2004/007: 247

Simeon Booker was a journalist and the first African American employee of the Washington Post.

Simeon Booker was interviewed by Cheryl S. Clarke on October 29, 2009 for the National Visionary Leadership Project in Washington, D.C.

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**Leo Branton interview conducted by Dale Mason Cochran, 2008-07-29**

AFC 2004/007: 248

Leo Branton was a criminal defense and civil rights lawyer.
The interview includes Leo Branton's memories of growing up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, attending Tennessee State University and serving in the army during World War II. He recalls attending law school at Northwestern University, moving to Los Angeles, California and starting his own criminal defense law practice. He discusses his Hollywood clients and his well known cases defending the Black Panthers and Angela Davis.

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**Mary T. Christian oral history interview conducted by Courtney Ward, 2007-10-19**

AFC 2004/007: 249
Mary Christian was a teacher, professor of education at Hampton University and Delegate of the Virginia House.
The interview includes Mary Christian's memories of growing up in Hampton, Virginia, teaching at Hampton public schools and encouraging her students' involvement in the civil rights movement. She recalls the desegregation of public schools, serving on the school board and earning her Ph. D. She discusses her career teaching at Hampton University, her involvement in local politics and her election to the Virginia House of Delegates.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655171

Moses Cobb oral history interview conducted by Mary Brooks, 2007-12-01
AFC 2004/007: 250
Moses Cobb was a janitor and skycap for American Airlines.
The interview includes Moses Cobb's memories of growing up in Athens, Georgia, moving to Baltimore, Maryland and working as an airport janitor. He recalls his career as a skycap with American Airlines and serving in the army. He discusses his involvement at his church and offers advice for young African Americans.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655172

Vernon Coffey oral history interview conducted by Tiffany Tucker, 2007
AFC 2004/007: 251
Vernon Coffey was a Lieutenant Colonel in the army and a corporate executive.
The interview includes Vernon Coffey's memories of growing up in Kansas City, Kansas, working as a train waiter and joining in the army. He recalls attending Officer Candidate School, serving in the Korean War, and becoming a paratrooper. He discusses the Vietnam War, serving as an army aid to the President, and his work as a corporate executive for General Mills and several other companies.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655173

Maria Cole oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2009-02-05
AFC 2004/007: 252
Maria Cole was a jazz singer and the wife of Nat King Cole.
The interview includes Maria Cole's memories of growing up in Massachusetts and attending the Palmer Memorial Institute founded by her aunt, Charlotte Hawkins Brown. She recalls singing as a child and starting her career as a jazz vocalist as a teenager performing with Duke Ellington. She discusses meeting Nat King Cole, their marriage and facing discrimination in housing, the entertainment world and public accommodations.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655174

Calvin Coleman oral history interview conducted by Steven M. Page, 2007-09-29
AFC 2004/007: 253
Calvin Coleman was a mechanic, bus driver and trainer for Capital Transit in Washington, D.C.
The interview includes Calvin Coleman's memories of growing up in Spotsylvania, Virginia and serving in the army during World War II in Italy. He recalls moving to Washington, D.C. and his career as a mechanic, bus driver and trainer for the Capital Transit Company. He discusses the 1968 riots, becoming a deacon at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church and raising his family.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655175
Herbert Daughtry oral history interview conducted by Christopher Smith, 2007-10-09
AFC 2004/007: 254
Herbert Daughtry was a civil rights activist and minister with the House of the Lord denomination.
The interview includes Herbert Daughtry's memories of growing up in Georgia, moving to Brooklyn and his family's history of ministry. He recalls his drug addiction and incarceration, founding his church in a storefront and joining the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Operation Breadbasket. He discusses founding the organization National Black United Front, his work with the Atlantic Yards development in Brooklyn and his work with refugees from Darfur.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655178

Maggie Dews oral history interview conducted by Brandon D. Jackson, 2007
AFC 2004/007: 255
Maggie Dews was a farmer and domestic worker.
The interview includes Maggie Dews' memories of growing up in Brownsville, Texas, marrying her husband and working as a farmer. She recalls raising her children, working as a domestic and her involvement in church.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655179

Thornton Dial oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-06-26
AFC 2004/007: 256
Thornton Dial was a vernacular artist known for his assemblages and sculpture.
The interview includes Thornton Dial's memories of growing up in Bessemer, Alabama, living with his grandmother and aunt and dropping out of school at age 13. He recalls working many odd jobs, his career as a machine operator and welder at Pullman-Standard and starting a furniture company with his son. He discusses his process of creating sculpture and assemblages from found objects, his friendships with artist Lonnie Holley and art collector Bill Arnett, and his major exhibitions.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655180

Joyce Dixon oral history interview conducted by Eryn V. Reid, 2007-10-18
AFC 2004/007: 257
Joyce Dixon was a civic leader and the founder of Creative Management Technology.
The interview includes Joyce Dixon's memories of growing up in Greensboro, North Carolina, attending Bennett College, and marrying her husband Jacob Dixon, an air force officer. She recalls the deaths of her two children, returning to college and moving to Florida. She discusses founding Creative Management Technology with her husband, her volunteer work with Links, Inc. and fundraising for Bennett College.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655181

Roosevelt Dorn oral history interview conducted by Krystle A. Evans, 2007-11-07
AFC 2004/007: 258
Roosevelt Dorn was the mayor of Inglewood, California.
The interview includes Roosevelt Dorn's memories of growing up in Checotah, Oklahoma, serving in the air force and working as a bailiff while he attended law school in California. He recalls serving as a juvenile court judge and his election as mayor of Inglewood, California. He discusses his accomplishments as mayor including bringing new development in Inglewood and lowering the crime rate.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655182
Julian Dugas oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-10-04
AFC 2004/007: 259
Julian Dugas was a civil rights lawyer and law professor at Howard University.
The interview includes Julian Dugas’ memories of growing up in Augusta, Georgia and
attending South Carolina State University and Howard University Law School. He
recalls serving in the navy during World War II and working on the school desegregation
case Bolling v. Sharpe and other civil rights cases. He discusses teaching law at Howard
University, starting the Neighborhood Legal Services organization and working as the
District of Columbia city administrator.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655183

Ovide Duncantell oral history interview conducted by Terri Mason, 2007-10-11
AFC 2004/007: 260
Ovide Duncantell was a civic leader and founder of the Black Heritage Society.
The interview includes Ovide Duncantell’s memories of growing up in Louisiana, serving in
the air force and moving to Houston, Texas. He recalls working as an insurance agent
and his position with the Houston Community Action Association, an anti-poverty
program. He discusses starting a free breakfast program for children, running for city
council and founding the Black Heritage Society.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655184

Louis Farrakhan oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2008-05-07
AFC 2004/007: 261
Louis Farrakhan was the head of the Nation of Islam.
Louis Farrakhan was interviewed by Camille O. Cosby on May 7, 2008 for the National
Visionary Leadership Project in Chicago, Illinois.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655238

Clarence Faulcon oral history interview conducted by Matthew Frazier, 2007-10-17
AFC 2004/007: 262
Clarence Faulcon was a pianist, conductor and professor of music.
The interview includes Clarence Faulcon’s memories of growing up in Philadelphia, learning
to play piano, and attending Lincoln University and the University of Pennsylvania. He
recalls teaching music to junior high students, earning his Ph.D. in music and conducting
the Philadelphia Concert Orchestra. He discusses teaching at Cazenovia College,
performing with his wife, Jacqueline, and starting a program to showcase the works of
African American composers.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655185

Jacqueline Faulcon oral history interview conducted by Matthew Frazier, 2007-10-20
AFC 2004/007: 263
Jacqueline Faulcon was a pianist, singer and music teacher.
The interview includes Jacqueline Faulcon’s memories of growing up in Kingston, New
York, her career as a music teacher and raising her son. She discusses her work with the
Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia, teaching in public schools and colleges, and
performing with her husband Clarence.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655186

Anna and Fred Franklin oral history interview conducted by Shaneka Roberts,
2007-10-17
AFC 2004/007: 264
Fred Franklin was an air force officer and corporate manager. Anna Franklin was a school secretary and homemaker.
The interview includes Fred Franklin’s memories of growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, attending West Virginia State College and serving in the air force. Anna Franklin recalls growing up in North Carolina, moving to Alexandria, Virginia and working as a school secretary. Fred Franklin discusses his career as an air force officer, working as a manager at Control Data Corporation and owning a McDonald’s franchise.

Mary Lee Bendolph oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-07-31
AFC 2004/007: 265
Mary Lee Bendolph was a member of the Gee’s Bend Quilters Collective.
The interview includes Mary Lee Bendolph’s memories of growing up in Gee’s Bend, Alabama, becoming a teenage mother and learning to make quilts from her mother. She recalls meeting art dealer Bill Arnett, learning more about the artistic quality of quilts and the first showing of the quilts in Houston, Texas. She discusses registering to vote during the civil rights movement, her involvement at church and raising her family.

Gee’s Bend Quiltmakers Mary Lee Bendolph, Lucy Mingo, Nettie Young, Essie Pettway, and China Pettway interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-07-31
AFC 2004/007: 266
The interview includes footage of an intergenerational group of women working on a quilt together.

Nettie Young oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-07-31
AFC 2004/007: 267
Nettie Young was a sharecropper and member of the Gee’s Bend Quilters Collective.
The interview includes Nettie Young’s memories of growing up in Rehoboth, Alabama, working as a sharecropper and moving to Gee’s Bend. She recalls her religious conversion, making her first quilt, and joining the Freedom Quilting Bee. She discusses her involvement in the civil rights movement, meeting art dealer Bill Arnett and displaying her quilts in museums.

Lucy Mingo oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-07-31
AFC 2004/007: 268
Lucy Mingo was a cook and member of the Gee’s Bend Quilters Collective.
The interview includes Lucy Mingo’s memories of growing up in Rehoboth, Alabama, raising ten children and her involvement at church. She recalls learning to sew, making her first quilt and joining the Freedom Quilting Bee. She discusses her participation in the civil rights movement, working as a school cook, meeting art dealer Bill Arnett and selling her quilts.

Sam Gilliam oral history interview conducted by Maxine Baker, 2008-10-10
AFC 2004/007: 269
Sam Gilliam was an abstract artist and member of the Washington Color School.
The interview includes Sam Gilliam’s memories of growing up in Tupelo, Mississippi and Louisville, Kentucky and attending the University of Louisville where he majored in art.
He recalls serving in the army, teaching art in public schools and moving to Washington, D.C. He discusses the Washington Color School, his success in New York and his methods for creating art.

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Ulysses S. Griggs oral history interview conducted by Jessica E. Kellog, 2007-10-17

AFC 2004/007: 270

Ulysses S. Griggs was a social worker and civic leader.
The interview includes Ulysses S. Griggs' memories of growing up in California, attending the University of California, Los Angeles and serving in the army. He recalls his career as a disability advocate with Community Rehabilitation Services, volunteering at Children's Hospital and donating blood. He discusses raising his daughters and his service with Kappa Alpha Psi.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655189

Grace Hampton oral history interview conducted by Wanda Timms, 2007-10-22

AFC 2004/007: 271

Grace Hampton was an artist, professor and assistant director of the National Endowment for the Arts.
The interview includes Grace Hampton's memories of growing up in Alabama and Chicago, Illinois, taking art classes and attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She recalls teaching at elementary schools and the Southside Community Art Center and developing her specialty in African art. She discusses earning her Ph.D. at Arizona State University, teaching at several universities and her position at the National Endowment for the Arts.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655190

Gertrude Jeannette oral history interview conducted by Patrick Senat, 2007-10-16

AFC 2004/007: 272

Gertrude Jeannette was an actress, director and the founder of the H.A.D.L.E.Y. Players.
The interview includes Gertrude Jeannette's memories of growing up in Arkansas, meeting her husband, boxer Joe Jeannette, and moving to New York. She recalls becoming the first female cab driver in New York, acting with the American Negro Theater and on Broadway, and writing plays. She discusses founding the H.A.D.L.E.Y. Players, the Harlem theater community and arts funding.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655191

Tobe Johnson oral history interview conducted by Derrick Johnson, 2007

AFC 2004/007: 273

Tobe Johnson was a professor of political science at Morehouse College.
The interview includes Tobe Johnson's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, attending Morehouse College and earning his Ph.D. in political science at Columbia University. He discusses his marriage, his career as a professor at Morehouse College, and the influence of Morehouse students on the civil rights movement.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655196

Kenneth Lavon Johnson oral history interview conducted by Ruth Mathenge, 2007-10-12

AFC 2004/007: 274

Kenneth Lavon Johnson was a civil rights lawyer and district court judge.
The interview includes Kenneth Lavon Johnson's memories of growing up in Mississippi, attending Southern University and participating in restaurant sit-ins. He recalls attending
Howard University Law School and serving in the army during the Korean War as a JAG officer. He discusses his career at the Department of Justice, where he served as a lawyer in the South for many civil rights cases, and becoming a district court judge in Baltimore, Maryland.

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**Colonel Stone Johnson oral history interview conducted by Kintisha Matthews, 2007-10-07**

AFC 2004/007: 275

Colonel Stone Johnson was a railroad clerk, union leader and civil rights activist. The interview includes Colonel Stone Johnson's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, working as a railroad clerk and as a union representative for the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. He recalls labor disputes, his involvement in the civil rights movement in Alabama, and joining the Southern Christian Leadership Coalition (SCLC). He discusses serving as Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth's bodyguard, facing harassment and violence, and the bombing of the Bethel Baptist Church.

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**Clarence B. Jones oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2008-03-26**

AFC 2004/007: 276

Clarence B. Jones was a lawyer who defended Martin Luther King, Jr. The interview includes Clarence B. Jones' memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, attending Columbia University and joining the Young Progressives of America. He recalls attending Boston University Law School, meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. and becoming his lawyer. He discusses defending King in many lawsuits, FBI wiretappings and accusations of communism, and assisting him with speechwriting.

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**Carrolena Key oral history interview conducted by Rachel DiNardo, 2007-10-19**

AFC 2004/007: 277

Carrolena Key was a civil service worker and civic leader. The interview includes Carrolena Key's memories of growing up in Saginaw, Michigan, attending West Virginia State College and serving in the air force. She recalls marrying her husband and moving to Washington, D.C., where she worked at the Pentagon and the National Park Service. She discusses the 1968 riots, serving on the D.C. Commission for Women and working at public health clinics after her retirement.

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**John Levy oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2009-04-07**

AFC 2004/007: 278

John Levy was a jazz bassist and talent manager. The interview includes John Levy's memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana and Chicago, Illinois and learning to play the bass. He recalls playing in nightclubs in Chicago, joining the black musician's union and moving to New York to perform with the Stuff Smith Trio. He discusses playing with Billy Holiday, becoming a talent manager and touring Ghana.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655204](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655204)

**Jerome Long oral history interview conducted by Melanie C. Nelson, 2007**

AFC 2004/007: 279

Jerome Long was a professor of religion at Wesleyan University.
The interview includes Jerome Long's memories of growing up in Little Rock, Arkansas, serving in the army and attending Knox College. He recalls earning his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, teaching religion at Western Michigan University and Wesleyan University. He discusses his interest in African American religion, the history of World War II and increasing diversity at Wesleyan University.

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**John E. Mann oral history interview conducted by Cheryl Clarke, 2008-07-16**

AFC 2004/007: 280

John E. Mann was a lieutenant colonel in the army and mystery writer.

The interview includes John Mann's memories of growing up in Camden, South Carolina, attending the Mather Academy and joining the army during World War II. He recalls the segregation of the military, training to join the all-black paratrooper unit called the “Triple Nickles,” and serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He discusses the integration of his unit, working at the Defense Intelligence Agency and his later career as a mystery writer.

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**Ellis Marsalis oral history interview conducted by Dale Mason Cochran, 2008-08-26**

AFC 2004/007: 281

Ellis Marsalis was a jazz pianist, saxophonist and music teacher.

The interview includes Ellis Marsalis’ memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana, taking piano lessons and attending Dillard University. He recalls going to jazz concerts in New Orleans, starting his first band and performing on radio and television with the Marine Corps. He discusses meeting his wife, teaching at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, and his sons' jazz careers.

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**Susie McClure oral history interview conducted by Ashley Payne, 2007-09-25**

AFC 2004/007: 282

Susie McClure was a nurse, missionary and civic leader.

The interview includes Susie McClure's memories of growing up in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, attending West Kentucky College and working in military equipment factories during World War II. She recalls becoming a nurse, raising her stepsons and participating in the civil rights movement in Nashville, Tennessee. She discusses attending American Baptist Seminary, her work as a missionary in Africa and starting the Love Kitchen for the homeless in Nashville.

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**Dorothy Layne McIntyre oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-09-25**

AFC 2004/007: 283

Dorothy Layne McIntyre was a pilot and teacher.

The interview includes Dorothy Layne McIntyre's memories of growing up in LeRoy, New York, attending West Virginia State University and joining the Civil Aeronautics Authority. She recalls becoming a pilot, teaching aircraft mechanics during World War II and facing racial discrimination from the Women Airforce Service Pilots. She discusses moving to Cleveland, Ohio, becoming a teacher and raising her daughters.

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Dan Moore oral history interview conducted by Jessica Nwokocha, 2007
AFC 2004/007: 284
Dan Moore was a documentary filmmaker and the founder of the African-American Panoramic Experience (APEX) Museum.
The interview includes Dan Moore's memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, attending the Bok Vocational School and working several odd jobs. He recalls his interest in film, visiting Africa and making his first documentary film about Liberia. He discusses his work as a producer of educational television shows, his interest in African American history and founding the African-American Panoramic Experience (APEX) Museum in Atlanta, Georgia.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655210

Camay Calloway Murphy oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-10-02
AFC 2004/007: 285
Camay Calloway Murphy was a teacher, principal and school board member.
The interview includes Camay Calloway Murphy's memories of her father, Cab Calloway, growing up in New York and Baltimore, Maryland, and becoming an elementary school teacher. She recalls teaching in Nigeria and working as a principal and administrator in Arlington, Virginia. She discusses starting music and arts programs in schools, teaching at Coppin State University and serving on the Baltimore School Board.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655211

John H. Murphy oral history interview conducted by Maxine Baker, 2009-04-22
AFC 2004/007: 286
John H. Murphy was the chairman and president of the newspaper, "The Afro-American."
The interview includes John H. Murphy's memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, attending Temple University and working for the newspaper, "The Afro-American," founded by his grandfather. He recalls managing the business office of the newspaper, expanding circulation and becoming the chairman. He discusses the history of African American newspapers, founding "Dawn Magazine" and meeting his wife, Camay Calloway Murphy.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655212

Cecil Murray oral history interview conducted by Cori Tucker, 2007-10-15
AFC 2004/007: 287
Cecil Murray was a minister and professor of religion.
The interview includes Cecil Murray's memories of growing up in Florida, attending Florida A & M University and serving in the air force. He recalls becoming an air force officer, earning his Ph.D. in religion at the University of Southern California and his career as a minister in the First African Methodist Episcopal Church. He discusses the civil rights movement, starting the Beyond the Walls program at his church, and the 1992 Los Angeles riots.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655213

Hazel O'Leary oral history interview conducted by Victoria Trice, 2007-10-15
AFC 2004/007: 288
Hazel O'Leary was a lawyer, Secretary of Energy and president of Fisk University.
The interview includes Hazel O'Leary's memories of growing up in Newport News, Virginia, and attending Fisk University and Rutgers University Law School. She recalls working as a lawyer in New Jersey, her appointment as Assistant Secretary for
Conservation and Environment in the Carter Administration and her career as a utility company executive. She discusses becoming Secretary of Energy under President Clinton and her accomplishments as president of Fisk University.

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**George L. Russell oral history interview conducted by Vanessa Wachira, 2007-10-31**

AFC 2004/007: 289

George L. Russell was a lawyer, judge and city solicitor of Baltimore, Maryland. The interview includes George L. Russell’s memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland and attending Lincoln University and the University of Maryland Law School. He recalls serving in the army, working at a law firm in Baltimore and his appointment as a judge for the Circuit Court of Maryland. He discusses becoming the first African American city solicitor, serving as president of the Maryland Bar Association and starting his own law firm.

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**Frederick Scott oral history interview conducted by Eddie Holiday, 2007-10-16**

AFC 2004/007: 290

Frederick Scott was a chemical engineer and the first African American student at Johns Hopkins University.

The interview includes Frederick Scott’s memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, becoming the first African American student at Johns Hopkins University and majoring in chemical engineering. He recalls serving in the army, meeting his wife and working as an engineer for RCA. He discusses working in advertising and as an editor for scientific journals and the effects of the civil rights movement.

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**Marion Coles oral history interview conducted by Racquel Oden, 2009-05-30**

AFC 2004/007: 291

Marion Coles was a dancer and member of the Silver Belles dance group.

The interview includes Marion Coles' memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, learning to dance from her mother, and becoming a chorus line dancer. She recalls working with Jimmy Lunceford, striking at the Apollo Theater and her friendships with other dancers. She discusses raising her family, teaching tap dance and joining the Silver Belles dance group.

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**Marion Coles and Cleo Hayes oral history interview conducted by Racquel Oden, 2009-05-30**

AFC 2004/007: 291a

Marion Coles and Cleo Hayes were dancers and members of the Silver Belles dance group.

The interview includes Marion Coles' and Cleo Hayes' memories of dancing in nightclubs in Harlem, New York. They recall striking for better wages at the Apollo Theater, their friendship with dancer Bertye Lou Wood and performing with the U.S.O. during World War II. They discuss forming the Silver Belles dance group and performing at tap dance festivals.

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**Elaine Ellis oral history interview conducted by Cynthia Dinkins, 2009-07-31**

AFC 2004/007: 292

Elaine Ellis was a dancer and member of the Silver Belles dance group.
The interview includes Elaine Ellis' memories of growing up in Panama, moving to New York and working as a bartender and dancer. She recalls meeting other dancers and performing at the Cotton Club, the Zanzibar and in Atlantic City. She discusses forming the Silver Belles dance group, performing for the elderly and making the movie "Been Rich All My Life."

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655228](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655228)

Cleo Hayes with Elaine Ellis oral history interview conducted by Cynthia Dinkins, 2009-07-31

Cleo Hayes and Elaine Ellis were dancers who founded the Silver Belles dance group. The interview includes Cleo Hayes' memories of growing up in Mississippi, moving to Chicago, Illinois, dancing in nightclubs and appearing in the movie "Stormy Weather." With Elaine Ellis, the two recall dancing at the Apollo Theater, joining a union and striking for better pay. They discuss performing at other clubs in New York and their memories of starting the Silver Belles dance group.

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John B. Slaughter oral history interview conducted by Racquel Oden, 2009-01-23

John B. Slaughter was an engineer and president of the University of Maryland. The interview includes John B. Slaughter's memories of growing up in Topeka, Kansas, repairing radios and attending Washburn University and Kansas State University. He recalls protesting discrimination in Manhattan, Kansas, meeting his wife and working as an engineer for Convair and the Navy Electronics Laboratory in San Diego, California. He discusses earning his master's degree, working at the National Science Foundation and becoming president of the University of Maryland.

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Louis Stokes oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-09-24

Louis Stokes was a lawyer and U.S. Representative from Ohio. The interview includes Louis Stokes' memories of growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, serving in the army during World War II and attending Case Western Reserve University. He recalls opening a criminal law practice with his brother, Carl Stokes, working on the Terry v. Ohio Supreme Court case, and defending civil rights demonstrators in Cleveland. He discusses his brother's election as mayor of Cleveland and serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for thirty years.

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Bernice Sumlin oral history interview conducted by Knetra Nelson, 2007-11-01

Bernice Sumlin was a teacher, school administrator and the supreme basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. The interview includes Bernice Sumlin's memories of growing up in Dayton, Ohio, attending Wilberforce University and Miami University. She recalls becoming a teacher and school administrator in Dayton and serving as supreme basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She discusses fundraising for the United Negro College Fund and traveling to Africa.

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Allen Toussaint oral history interview conducted by Dale Mason Cochran, 2008-08-27

Allen Toussaint was a pianist, songwriter and record producer. The interview includes Allen Toussaint's memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana, learning to play the piano and playing in his first band, the Flamingoes. He recalls playing at the club Dew Drop, writing his first songs and becoming a record producer. He discusses serving in the Army, experimenting with new styles of music and surviving Hurricane Katrina.

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Melvin Van Peebles oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2008-03-25

Melvin Van Peebles was an actor, writer and filmmaker. The interview includes Melvin Van Peebles' memories of growing up in Chicago, Illinois, attending Ohio Wesleyan University and serving in the air force. He recalls living in Mexico and San Francisco, California, making his first short film, and living in Europe where he wrote novels, worked as a translator and made films. He discusses moving back to the United States, the success of his feature films and his son Mario's film career.

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Nancy Wilson oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2009-04-03

Nancy Wilson was a jazz and pop singer. The interview includes Nancy Wilson's memories of growing up in Columbus, Ohio, singing in church and appearing on the television show "Skyline Melodies" as a teenager. She recalls singing with several local bands, moving to New York and working with talent agent John Levy. She discusses recording albums for Capitol Records, her involvement with the civil rights movement and raising her family.

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Fred Gray oral history interview conducted by Celia Carey Meyer, 2008-06-27

Fred Gray was a civil rights lawyer who defended Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. Fred Gray was interviewed by Celia Carey Meyer on June 27, 2008 for the National Visionary Leadership Project in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655241](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655241)

Nebraska Mays oral history interview conducted by Shanna Lewis, 2002-10-24

Nebraska Mays was a professor of education and administrator at Fisk University and Tennessee State University. Nebraska Mays was interviewed on October 24, 2002 for the National Visionary Leadership Project, by Shanna Lewis, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Fisk University, in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Irma Carson oral history interview conducted by Cori Tucker, 2007-10-21

Irma Carson was a city council member in Bakersfield, California.
Irma Carson was interviewed on October 21, 2007 for the National Visionary Leadership Project, by Cori Tucker, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, UCLA, in Los Angeles, California.

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**H. Carl McCall oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-01-22**

AFC 2004/007: 305

H. Carl McCall was a New York State Senator, State Comptroller and civic leader. The interview includes McCall's memories of growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, attending Dartmouth College and serving in the army. He recalls attending the University of Edinburgh for his degree in theology, his position as chairman of the Council Against Poverty and his election to the New York State Senate. He discusses serving on the New York City Department of Education, his election as New York State Comptroller and his career at Citibank.

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Joe Adams oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-06-11
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Joe Adams was an actor and Ray Charles' manager and promoter. The interview includes Joe Adams' memories of growing up in Watts, California, joining the air force, and his early career as a radio DJ and actor. He recalls acting in Broadway plays, working for NBC and hosting shows in Las Vegas, Nevada. He discusses working for his friend Ray Charles as his manager, promoter and assistant.
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Clifford Alexander oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-09-26
AFC 2004/007: 002
Clifford Alexander was an advisor to President Lyndon Johnson on civil rights and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, chairman of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a law professor, and the first African-American Secretary of the Army. The interview includes Clifford Alexander's memories of growing up in New York City, his education at Harvard and Yale and his early career as an assistant district attorney. He describes working as an assistant to President Lyndon Johnson on civil rights issues, his work on the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission and as Secretary of the Army, and his unsuccessful run for mayor of Washington, D.C. He also includes his opinions on minorities in government, affirmative action, and current politics.
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Maya Angelou oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-03-22
AFC 2004/007: 003
Maya Angelou was a poet, memoirist, actress and director. The interview includes Maya Angelou's memories of becoming mute as a child and the mentorship of her teacher Mrs. Flowers, who encouraged her to read poetry. She recalls her relationships with her grandmother and brother and becoming a teenage mother. She discusses touring Europe while performing in "Porgy and Bess," writing the poem delivered at President Clinton's inauguration, and her participation in the civil rights movement.
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**Lee Archer oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-03-12**

AFC 2004/007: 004

Lee Archer was a Tuskegee Airman, Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and businessman.

The interview includes Lee Archer's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York and joining the army to serve during World War II. He recalls training at a segregated base in Macon, Georgia, where he met his wife and training in Tuskegee to become a pilot. He discusses serving in Italy and performing bombing raids in Germany, attending college and law school, and his career at General Foods and Beatrice Foods.

**Ernie Banks oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-06-07**

AFC 2004/007: 005

Ernie Banks was a baseball player for the Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago Cubs.

The interview includes Ernie Banks' memories of growing up in Wylie, Texas, playing semi-professional baseball as a teenager and joining the army. He recalls playing in the Negro Leagues with Kansas City Monarchs and the difficulties of travelling through segregated areas. He discusses his friendships with Buck O'Neil and Jackie Robinson, meeting his wife, and becoming the first African American to play for the Chicago Cubs.
Willie T. Barrow oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-07-13

Rev. Dr. Willie Barrow was a minister at the Langley Avenue Church of God in Chicago, a civil rights activist and field organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and helped organize Operation BREADBASKET, Operation PUSH and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

The interview includes Willie Barrow's memories of her childhood in rural Texas, attending the Pacific-Warner Theological Seminary in Portland, Oregon and her marriage to her husband Clyde. She recalls her career as a youth pastor in Chicago, her involvement in the labor movement, and her work as a field organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) including the Selma to Montgomery March of 1965. She also discusses her relationships with Jesse Jackson and Martin Luther King, Jr., her faith, and her work with Operation PUSH and as an AIDS activist.

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Derrick Bell oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-06-22

Derrick Bell was a lawyer at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in the 1960s, deputy director of the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and law professor at Harvard University, University of Oregon and New York University.

The interview includes Derrick Bell's memories of growing up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attending Duquesne University and University of Pittsburgh Law School. He discusses working on several school desegregations cases with Thurgood Marshall at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and his resignations from Harvard and the University of Oregon over discriminatory hiring practices. He also discusses his opinions on affirmative action and current politics.

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Series III: Interviews

Lerone Bennett oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-27

Lerone Bennett was a historian, journalist and editor who worked for Jet and Ebony. The interview includes Lerone Bennett's memories of growing up in Mississippi, working for black newspapers as a teenager, and attending Morehouse College. He recalls reporting for the Atlanta Daily World and moving to Chicago to write for Jet Magazine. He discusses his interest in African American history, editing Ebony Magazine and covering the civil rights movement.

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David Blackwell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-05-22

David Blackwell was a statistician and professor of mathematics. The interview includes David Blackwell's memories of growing up in Illinois and studying math at the University of Illinois and the Institute of Advanced Study. He recalls teaching at several black colleges, becoming chair of the mathematics department at Howard University, and accepting a position at the University of California at Berkeley, where he taught for over 30 years. He discusses his teaching methods, research in statistics, the racism he faced in academia and being the first African-American elected to the Academy of Sciences.

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Randolph Bromery oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-11-17

Randolph Bromery was a geologist and university administrator. The interview includes Randolph Bromery's memories of growing up in Cumberland, Maryland, joining the army and serving as a Tuskegee Airman. He recalls majoring in math at Howard University, living in Washington, D.C., and working at the U.S. Geological Survey. He discusses earning his Ph.D. in geology at Johns Hopkins University and his career at the University of Massachusetts, where he became chancellor and acquired the W.E.B. DuBois papers.

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Edward Brooke oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2001-10-31

Edward Brooke was a lawyer, Attorney General of Massachusetts, and Republican Senator from Massachusetts. The interview includes Edward Brooke's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., attending Howard University and joining the army during World War II. He recalls attending Boston University Law School, his early career as a lawyer and his unsuccessful run for Massachusetts Secretary of State. He discusses his work as Attorney General of Massachusetts and as U.S. Senator, his identity as an African American Republican and supporting several civil rights bills.

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Calvin Brown oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-02-13

AFC 2004/007: 012

Calvin Brown was an actor and stunt double. The interview includes Calvin Brown's memories of growing up in Grambling, Louisiana, meeting his wife and attending Grambling State University. He recalls moving to Los Angeles, California, his job at a post office and raising foster children. He discusses working a movie extra, performing stunts and his job as Bill Cosby's stunt double on the television show I Spy.

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Oscar Brown oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-08-05

AFC 2004/007: 013

Oscar Brown was a singer, songwriter, playwright and actor. The interview includes Oscar Brown's memories of growing up in Chicago, attending several colleges and his involvement in school theater. He discusses his first job as a radio actor and his early political activism with the Communist Party. He recalls his first record contract, writing the play, "Kicks and Company," and his memories of working with many famous actors and musicians. He also discusses his volunteer work to expose gang members to musical theater.

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Roscoe C. Brown oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-12-07
AFC 2004/007: 014
Roscoe C. Brown was a Tuskegee Airman, professor and community college president. The interview includes Roscoe C. Brown's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., and attending Dunbar High School and Springfield College. He recalls joining the army air force, training to be a Tuskegee Airman and flying missions in Europe during World War II. He discusses earning his PhD in physical education and health, his teaching career and becoming president of Bronx Community College.

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Willie Brown oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-06-21
AFC 2004/007: 015
Willie Brown was the first African American mayor of San Francisco and Speaker of the California State Assembly. The interview includes Willie Brown's memories of growing up in Mineola, Texas, and moving to California where he attended San Francisco State University for his undergraduate and law degree. He recalls joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, starting his law practice and his election to the California State Assembly. He also discusses his participation in the anti-war movement and his election as mayor of San Francisco.

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Roscoe Lee Browne oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-04-26
AFC 2004/007: 016

Roscoe Lee Browne was an athlete, teacher and actor.
The interview includes Roscoe Lee Browne's memories of growing up in New Jersey, attending Lincoln University and his army service during World War II. He discusses his years as a teacher, running track for the New York Pioneer Club and his first acting roles with the New York Shakespeare Festival in Central Park. He also discusses his work in movies and television.
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Curtis Bryant oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-26
AFC 2004/007: 017

Curtis Bryant was a civil rights activist in Mississippi and vice president of the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
The interview includes Curtis Bryant's memories of growing up in McComb, Mississippi and attending the Prentiss Normal and Industrial Institute. He discusses working on railroads and becoming chairman of his union, which led to his involvement in the civil rights movement. He describes his participation in voter registration drives, the Mississippi Freedom Project of 1964 and harassment from the Ku Klux Klan.
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Yvonne Braithwaite Burke oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-02-19
AFC 2004/007: 018

Yvonne Braithwaite Burke was a lawyer, a member of the California State Assembly and U.S. Congresswoman from California.
The interview includes Yvonne Braithwaite Burke's memories of growing up in Los Angeles, California and attending the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Southern California Law School. She recalls her involvement in the civil rights movement, the Watts riots, and her election as the first African American woman
to the California State Assembly. She discusses her election to the U.S. House of Representatives, her legislative accomplishments and her unsuccessful run for Attorney General of California. 

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**James Cameron oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-07-29**

AFC 2004/007: 019

James Cameron was a boiler engineer and civil rights activist with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He started several branches of the organization in Indiana, become the Indiana State Director of Civil Liberties, and worked to desegregate housing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The interview includes James Cameron's account of his attempted lynching in Indiana at age 16 and later conviction of accessory to murder. He discusses how this led to his involvement in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the civil rights movement in Indiana and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also recounts how he founded America's Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee.

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**Robert L. Carter oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-27**

AFC 2004/007: 020

Robert L. Carter was an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and worked on the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case. He was also a U.S. District Court Judge for Southern New York.

The interview includes Robert L. Carter's memories of growing up in New Jersey and attending Howard University Law School and Columbia University. He discusses his army service during World War II and work with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund on the Brown v. Board of Education case. He also discusses his opinions on the current state of education.

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Elizabeth Catlett oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-06-12

AFC 2004/007: 021

Elizabeth Catlett was an artist and political activist known for her sculptures and prints representing African American life.

The interview includes Elizabeth Catlett's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Howard University. She recalls attending the University of Iowa where she worked with Grant Wood and earned an M.F.A. in sculpture. She discusses working at the George Washington Carver School in Harlem, New York, and receiving a Rosenwald Fellowship to study art in Mexico where she met her husband Francisco Mora and joined the Taller de Gráfica Popular (People's Graphic Arts Workshop). She also discusses the communist accusations of herself and other artists.

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Ray Charles oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-10-16

AFC 2004/007: 022

Ray Charles was a singer, pianist and songwriter. He performed many genres of music, including gospel, soul and rhythm and blues.

The interview includes Ray Charles' memories of growing up in Florida, losing his sight and learning to play the piano at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. He recalls his move to Seattle, Washington, where he began to play in nightclubs. He discusses his contract with Atlantic Records, writing many hit songs and finding his background singers, the Raelets. He also discusses his refusal to play for segregated audiences.

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Leah Chase oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-02-20

AFC 2004/007: 023

Leah Chase was an art collector, chef and owner of Dooky Chase's Restaurant in New Orleans.

The interview includes Leah Chase's memories of growing up in Madisonville, Louisiana and attending St. Mary's academy in New Orleans. She recalls the segregation and Creole culture of New Orleans, her first jobs and meeting her husband Dooky, a musician. She discusses running his parents' restaurant, which became a meeting place for civil rights activists and politicians. She also discusses collecting African American art for her restaurant.

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Mary Alice Chineworth oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-11-21

AFC 2004/007: 024

Mary Alice Chineworth was a nun, teacher and director of Oblate Sisters of Providence.

The interview includes Mary Alice Chineworth's memories of growing up in Rock Island, Illinois and attending Mount Mary College and Catholic University for her doctorate. She recalls the discrimination she faced from white convents, which led her to join the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first African American convent in the United States. She discusses her career teaching at Catholic schools in Baltimore, Maryland, the history of African American Catholics, and her opinions on women in the priesthood.

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Shirley Chisholm oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-05-07

Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives (D-NY) and a presidential candidate in 1972. The interview includes Shirley Chisholm's memories of growing up in Barbados and Brooklyn, New York and attending Brooklyn College and Columbia University. She recalls teaching in nursery schools and joining many political organizations before winning an election for New York State Assembly. She discusses winning her first run for U.S. Representative against James Farmer, and the discrimination she faced in congress. She also discusses her run for the Democratic presidential primary in 1972, her support of women's issues and teaching at Mt. Holyoke and Spelman College.

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Alice Coachman Davis oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-08-24

Alice Coachman Davis was a track star, coach, and the first African American woman to win a gold medal at the Olympics. The interview includes Alice Coachman Davis' memories of growing up in Albany, Georgia, her participation in sports and attending the Tuskegee Institute. She recalls her track meets and competing at the 1948 Olympics, where she won the gold medal for women's high jump. She also discusses women in sports and her career as a teacher and coach.

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William T. Coleman oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-04-08

AFC 2004/007: 027

William T. Coleman was a civil rights lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and was an author of the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case. He was also the first African-American Secretary of Transportation.

The interview includes William T. Coleman's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, joining the army and becoming a Tuskegee Airman, and his education at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School. He discusses his work with Thurgood Marshall on the Brown v. Board case, his experience as a Republican and working in the Gerald Ford administration.

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Cardiss Collins oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-05-02

AFC 2004/007: 028

Cardiss Collins was an accountant and U.S. Representative (D-IL) for over twenty years. The interview includes Cardiss Collins' memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri and Detroit, Michigan. She recalls moving to Chicago, Illinois, where she became an accountant for the Department of Revenue and met her husband, George Collins, a Chicago Alderman and U.S. Representative. After his death in office, Collins was asked to take his seat. She recalls many moments from her twenty year career in office, including learning about political issues from other members, joining the Black Congressional Caucus, and her disagreements with President Jimmy Carter.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655483](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655483)
Evelyn Cunningham oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-06-28
AFC 2004/007: 029
Evelyn Cunningham covered the civil rights movement as a reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier.
The interview includes Evelyn Cunningham's memories of growing up in North Carolina and New York City and attending Long Island University, where she was captain of the fencing team. She recalls her first job as a stringer for the New York Times, her assignment to cover the civil rights movement in Montgomery, Alabama for the Pittsburgh Courier, and her friendship with Martin Luther King, Jr. She also discusses her later career as an assistant to Nelson Rockefeller and her work on several commissions for women's rights.

Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-12-04
AFC 2004/007: 030
Ossie Davis was an actor, director, producer and activist. Ruby Dee was an actress, playwright and activist.
The Ossie Davis interview includes his memories of growing up in Georgia, attending Howard University and moving to Harlem where he joined the Rose McClendon Players theater group. He recalls his political activism in the 1930s, serving as an army nurse during World War II, and writing the play "Purlie Victorious." The Ruby Dee interview includes her memories of growing up in Harlem, her relationship with her stepmother, attending Hunter College, and her first acting roles with the American Negro Theater. The Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee interview includes the couple's memories of their first play together, their many acting roles, the racism they faced in Hollywood and the blacklistings in the McCarthy era. They also discuss their involvement in the civil rights movement and friendship with Malcolm X.

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Carmen de Lavallade oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-11-18

Carmen de Lavallade was a dancer, actress, choreographer and professor of drama. The interview includes Carmen de Lavallade's memories of growing up in Los Angeles, California, taking dance classes and the influence of her cousin, dancer Janet Collins. She recalls performing with the Metropolitan Opera Ballet and the New York City Ballet and meeting her husband, Geoffrey Holder. She also discusses her friendship with Alvin Ailey and her careers as a choreographer and professor at Yale University.

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Ophelia DeVore-Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-05-09

Ophelia DeVore-Mitchell was a model, businesswoman and owner of the Ophelia DeVore School of Self-Development and Modeling. The interview includes Ophelia DeVore-Mitchell's memories of growing up in South Carolina and moving to New York City where she attended Hunter College High School. She recalls attending New York University, meeting her husband and her first modeling jobs. She discusses founding her modeling company to promote a better image of African Americans, changes in the advertising and fashion industries, and mentoring African American models and actresses.

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David Dinkins oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-11-08

AFC 2004/007: 034
David Dinkins was a New York State Assemblyman and the first African American mayor of New York.

The interview includes David Dinkins' memories of growing up in Trenton, New Jersey, serving in the marines and attending Howard University and Brooklyn Law School. He discusses joining the Carver Democratic Club in Harlem and running for mayor of New York in 1989. He recalls several events during his time in office, including the Crown Heights riot, implementing the Safe Streets, Safe Cities program to reduce crime and cutting the budget. He also discusses losing the 1993 election to Rudy Giuliani and teaching public affairs at Columbia University.

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David Driskell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-04-10

David Driskell was an art historian, curator and professor of African American art. The interview includes David Driskell's memories of growing up in North Carolina and attending Howard University. He recalls the segregation in Washington, D.C., meeting his wife, and his first teaching job at Talledega College, where he curated exhibitions of well-known artists. He discusses teaching at Fisk University, promoting and collecting African American art and his own work as a painter.

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David Du Bois oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-12-11

David DuBois was a writer, professor and social activist.
The interview includes David DuBois' memories of growing up in Indiana, serving in the army in the Philippines during World War II and his political activism at Hunter College. He discusses how his mother met and later married his stepfather, W.E.B. DuBois, which led to his involvement in the Young Progressives of America and the Communist Party. He also discusses editing the newspaper of the Black Panther Party, his teaching career and his years living in Africa and China.

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Katherine Dunham oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-05-15

AFC 2004/007: 037

Katherine Dunham was a dancer, choreographer and anthropologist. The interview includes Katherine Dunham's memories of growing up in the Chicago area during the Depression and studying anthropology at the University of Chicago. She discusses creating the Dunham Technique, her dance research in the Caribbean and her community arts programs in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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Joycelyn Elders oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-06-16

AFC 2004/007: 038

Joycelyn Elders was a physician and the first African American U.S. Surgeon General.
The interview includes Joycelyn Elders' memories of growing up in rural Arkansas and attending Philander Smith College. She recalls serving in the army as a physical therapist, attending medical school at the University of Arkansas and her early career as a pediatrician. She discusses her efforts to expand sex education, her friendship with Bill Clinton, and serving as Director of the Arkansas Department of Health and U.S. Surgeon General.

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**Ethel Ennis oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-09-11**

Ethel Ennis was a jazz singer and owner of the E&E Production Company. The interview includes Ethel Ennis' memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, living in a housing project and learning to play piano. She recalls her first singing group, attending business school and performing with Benny Goodman in Europe. She also discusses performing on the Arthur Godfrey Show, founding the E&E Production Company with her husband and performing at Richard Nixon's inauguration.

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**Myrlie Evers-Williams oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-10-11**

Myrlie Evers-Williams was a civil rights activist and the chair of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1995-1998. She was the wife of Medgar Evers, a civil rights activist who was murdered in Mississippi in 1963. The interview includes Myrlie Evers-Williams' memories of growing up in Mississippi and her experiences with discrimination and harassment. She discusses meeting Medgar Evers at Alcorn A & M College and how they became involved in the civil rights movement, the harassment they faced, his murder and the related trials. She also discusses her move to California, attending Pomona College and becoming chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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Walter Fauntroy oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-02-19
AFC 2004/007: 041
Walter Fauntroy was a minister, civil rights activist and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was also D.C.’s first elected delegate to Congress. The interview includes Walter Fauntroy’s memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Virginia Union University and Yale Divinity School. He discusses his work with Martin Luther King, Jr., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the New Bethel Church of Washington, D.C. He also discusses planning the March on Washington, and running for delegate to Congress and mayor of Washington, D.C.
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Walter Fauntroy oral history interview conducted by Skip Coblyn, 2008-11-01
AFC 2004/007: 041b
Walter Fauntroy was a minister, civil rights activist and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was also D.C.’s first elected delegate to Congress. The interview includes Walter Fauntroy’s opinions on the 2008 presidential election.
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James Forman oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-08-04
AFC 2004/007: 042
James Forman was a civil rights activist and leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He also wrote several books and taught at American University.
The interview includes James Forman's memories of growing up in Chicago and Mississippi and joining the Air Force. He discusses joining the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and several events related to the organization such as the Albany Movement and the internal division that led to the founding of the Black Panther Party. He also discusses founding the Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee, writing the Black Manifesto and his opinions on reparations for African Americans.

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**John Hope Franklin oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 1999-08-26**

AFC 2004/007: 042a

John Hope Franklin was a writer and professor of African American history. The interview includes John Hope Franklin's memories of growing up in Oklahoma and the Tulsa riot of 1921. He recalls attending Fisk University and his friendship with a white professor who encouraged him to go to Harvard University for his graduate degrees. He discusses teaching African American history at several universities and experiencing racism as a member of the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C.

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**Frankie Muse Freeman oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-11-04**

AFC 2004/007: 044

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Frankie Muse Freeman was a civil rights lawyer in Missouri. She was the first woman appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and helped found the Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights.

The interview includes Frankie Muse Freeman's memories of growing up in Danville, Virginia and attending Hampton University and Howard University Law School. She discusses opening her own law practice in St. Louis, Missouri and working with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund on several civil rights cases related to school segregation and public housing. She also recalls President Johnson asking her to join the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and her work with the commission in Mississippi.

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Evelyn Granville oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-04-29

Evelyn Granville was a mathematician, computer scientist and professor.

The interview includes Evelyn Granville's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Dunbar High school and Smith College. She recalls earning her Ph.D. in mathematics at Yale University, teaching at Fisk University and working at the National Bureau of Standards. She discusses working as a computer scientist at IBM, teaching at California State University and developing math curriculum for elementary school students.

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Samuel Gravely oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-10-31

Samuel Gravely was the first African American admiral in the Navy.

The interview includes Samual Gravely's memories of growing up in Richmond, Virginia and joining the navy at the beginning of World War II. He recalls passing the officer test, becoming the first African American to graduate from the navy's V-12 officer training program, and training other African Americans at segregated bases. He discusses his years out of the navy after World War II and being called back after the military
desegregated in 1948. He recounts his many tours of duty on ships including the USS Iowa, USS Taussig and his promotion to Vice Admiral.

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**Charles Green oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-05-18**

AFC 2004/007: 047

Charles Green was a Baptist minister in Virginia and Washington, D.C. The interview includes Charles Green's memories of growing up in Arlington, Virginia, where his father was a minister. He recalls attending Virginia Union University, serving in the segregated army during World War II and returning to pastor several churches in rural Virginia. He discusses meeting Martin Luther King, Jr., his initial involvement in the civil rights movement and his opinions on the drawbacks of desegregation for African Americans.

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**Dick Gregory oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-04-29**

AFC 2004/007: 048

Dick Gregory was a comedian, public speaker, athlete and civil rights activist. The interview includes Dick Gregory's memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, his struggles with learning to read and protesting segregated track meets. He recalls attending Southern Illinois University on a track scholarship, joining the army and his early comedy performances. He discusses working at the Playboy Club in Chicago,
Illinois and appearing on the Tonight Show with Jack Paar. He also discusses his opinions on racism, education, the civil rights movement, and religion.

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**Robert Guillaume oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-04-15**

AFC 2004/007: 049

Robert Guillaume was a stage, film and television actor.

The interview includes Robert Guillaume's memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, serving in the army and attending Washington University. He recalls his early performances in musicals at the Karamu Theater in Cleveland, Ohio and on Broadway. He discusses his television roles on "Soap," "Benson" and "Sports Night," and his efforts to change how African Americans are portrayed in the media.

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**Barbara Harris oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-11-15**

AFC 2004/007: 050

Barbara Harris was the first female bishop in the Episcopal Church.

The interview includes Barbara Harris' memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, working in public relations and traveling through the segregated South for her job. She recalls her participation in the Episcopal Church and finding a community oriented parish and volunteering for several causes. She discusses her call to ministry,
her process of ordination, and the opposition against her consecration as the first female bishop of the Episcopal Church.

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**Jimmy Heath oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-06-19**

AFC 2004/007: 051

Jimmy Heath was a saxophonist, composer and professor of music.

The interview includes Jimmy Heath's memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and learning to play saxophone. He recalls playing in many jazz bands with famous musicians including John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker and his brothers Percy and Albert. He also discusses his drug addiction, becoming a composer and teaching jazz at several colleges.

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**Dorothy Height oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 1997-2001**

AFC 2004/007: 052

Dorothy Height was a social worker and civil rights activist. She was the president of National Council of Negro Women for forty years.

Dorothy Height was interviewed on September 5, 1997; April 8 and 28, 1998; August 27, 2001; and November 13, 2001. The April 28, 1998 interview included Shirley Anderson. The interviews include Dorothy Height's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania and attending New York University. She discusses living in Harlem, becoming a social worker with the YWCA and meeting several leaders such as W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus
Garvey and Eleanor Roosevelt. In the interview with Shirley Anderson, the two remember women’s work in the civil rights movement and the Wednesdays in Mississippi group. In the 2001 interview she discusses the international civil rights movement and her work with Christian youth organizations.

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Oliver Hill oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-05-22
AFC 2004/007: 053

Oliver W. Hill was a civil rights lawyer in Virginia who helped overturn the "separate but equal" doctrine.

The interview includes Oliver W. Hill's memories of growing up in Roanoke, Virginia, attending Howard University Law School and starting his law practice. He discusses several civil rights cases he argued with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund related to equal pay for teachers, school busing and school segregation. He also discusses the Massive Resistance movement against school integration in Virginia.

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Geoffrey Holder oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-11-18
AFC 2004/007: 054

Geoffrey Holder was a dancer, actor, director, choreographer and artist.

The interview includes Geoffrey Holder's memories of growing up in Trinidad and learning art, music and dance. He recalls joining his brother Boscoe's dance company in Puerto
Rico and moving to New York where he became a dancer for the Metropolitan Opera Ballet and met his wife, dancer Carmen De Lavallade. He also discusses directing "The Wiz" on Broadway and working with Josephine Baker.

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Benjamin Hooks oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-08-22

Benjamin Hooks was a minister and judge in Tennessee. He was also the first African American FCC Commissioner and executive director of the NAACP, 1977-1992. The interview includes Benjamin Hooks' memories of growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, and attending LeMoyne College and DePaul University Law School. He discusses serving in the segregated army during World War II, starting his law practice and becoming a judge. He recalls his work as executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He also discusses his opinions on segregation and events of the civil rights movement.

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Cissy Houston oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-12-14

Cissy Houston was a gospel singer performing with the Drinkard Singers and the Sweet Inspirations.

The interview includes Cissy Houston's memories of growing up in Newark, New Jersey and singing with her sisters and at church. She recalls working at an RCA factory, forming the Drinkard Singers and becoming a background singer with her cousin Dionne Warwick. She discusses her two marriages, her children and singing with the Sweet Inspirations. She also discusses performing with her daughter, Whitney Houston.

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K. Leroy Irvis oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-09-27
AFC 2004/007: 057

K. Leroy Irvis was the Speaker of the House for the Pennsylvania State Legislature. The interview includes K. Leroy Irvis’ memories of growing up in Albany, New York, working for the Urban League and teaching in Baltimore, Maryland, where he experienced segregation for the first time. He recalls his relationship with a white girlfriend and joining the army to train women working in airplane factories. He discusses working in a steel mill in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, attending law school and his election to the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

Ella Jenkins oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-11-03
AFC 2004/007: 058

Ella Jenkins was a folk singer who performed children's songs. The interview includes Ella Jenkins' memories of growing up in Chicago, Illinois, visiting relatives in the South and learning to play music from different cultures. She recalls attending San Francisco State College, working as a program director for the YWCA and performing music for children. She discusses the discrimination in hotels and restaurants while on tour, making her first record and receiving many awards and honors for her music.
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**John H. Johnson oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-09-18**

John H. Johnson was the founder of Negro Digest, Ebony, and Jet and the first African American to be on the Forbes 400 list.

The interview includes John H. Johnson's memories of growing up in Arkansas and Chicago, Illinois, attending the University of Chicago and his early career in life insurance. He recalls starting the Negro Digest, convincing Eleanor Roosevelt to contribute an article and recruiting African American journalists. He discusses founding Ebony Magazine to showcase African American photography, the Ebony Fashion Fair and Fashion Fair Cosmetics.

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**Katherine Johnson oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-20**

Katherine Goble Johnson was a mathematician at NASA.

The interview includes Katherine Goble Johnson's memories of growing up in West Virginia and attending West Virginia State University where she majored in mathematics. She recalls teaching elementary school, marrying and raising her children, and her career as a mathematician at the Langley Research Center for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). She discusses the racism and sexism in her field and working on several space missions at NASA.

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Hazel Johnson-Brown oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-03-07

Hazel Johnson-Brown was a nurse, professor and the first African American woman general in the army.

The interview includes Hazel Johnson-Brown's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania and the discrimination she faced from a local nursing school. She recalls moving to Harlem to attend nursing school, working at an emergency room and at a Veterans Administration hospital. She discusses joining the army, serving in Korea in the 1970s and her appointment as Brigadier General and Chief of the Army Nursing Corps. She also discusses earning her Ph.D. and teaching nursing in Washington, D.C.

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Quincy Jones oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-09-23

Quincy Jones was a musician, music and film producer and entertainment executive.

The interview includes Quincy Jones' memories of growing up in Chicago, Illinois and Seattle, Washington and learning to play the piano and trumpet. He recalls playing music with Ray Charles as a teenager, arranging songs for Count Basie and other bandleaders, and producing his first hit song, "It's My Party." He discusses working with Michael Jackson, scoring music for television and movies, and producing his first film, "The Color Purple."

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Leontine Kelly oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-04-16

Leontine Kelly was a teacher, Methodist minister and the first African American woman bishop.
The interview includes Leontine Kelly's memories of growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio, her family's involvement in the Methodist church, meeting her husband, and becoming a teacher in Richmond, Virginia. She recalls the integration of public schools, her husband's death and her decision to become a minister. She discusses her opinions on women in the ministry, her faith, and her election as the first African American woman bishop in the nation.

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**B. B. King oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-11-16**

AFC 2004/007: 064

B. B. King was a guitarist and blues singer. The interview includes B. B. King's memories of growing up in Indianola, Mississippi, living on his own as a teenager and serving in the segregated army. He discusses discrimination in Mississippi, learning to play guitar and moving to Memphis, Tennessee. He discusses making his first record, playing concerts around the country and crossing over to a white audience.

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**Coretta Scott King oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-09-05**

AFC 2004/007: 065

Coretta Scott King was a civil rights activist and the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr. The interview includes Coretta Scott King's memories of growing up in Marion, Alabama, attending Antioch College and meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. while at the New England Conservatory of Music. She discusses their marriage, move to Montgomery, Alabama, and their involvement in the civil rights movement. She also discusses starting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and her involvement in peace and human rights organizations.

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**Eartha Kitt oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-07**

AFC 2004/007: 066  
Eartha Kitt was a singer, dancer and actress.  
The interview includes Eartha Kitt's memories of growing up in South Carolina, surviving child abuse and rejection because of her light skin color, and moving to New York. She recalls joining the Katherine Dunham Dance School, performing in Paris and becoming a nightclub singer. She discusses her first album, protesting the Vietnam War at the White House and her role as Catwoman on the television show "Batman."  
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**Billy Kyles oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-05**

AFC 2004/007: 067  
Samuel "Billy" Kyles was a civil rights activist and the minister of the Monumental Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.  
The interview includes Samuel "Billy" Kyles' memories of growing up in Mississippi and Chicago, Illinois. He discusses moving to Memphis to become the minister of the Monumental Baptist Church and his involvement in the civil rights movement. He recalls the Memphis Sanitation Strike and witnessing Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination in 1968.  
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William Layton oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-15
AFC 2004/007: 068
William Layton was a historian, social worker and employee of the Board of Governor of the Federal Reserve System.
The interview includes William Layton's memories of growing up in Virginia and attending Lincoln University and Fisk University. He recalls his careers as a social worker, director of the Urban League in Michigan, and at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C. He discusses his interest in genealogy and collecting historical artifacts on the civil war and slavery.
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LaSalle Leffall oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-01-31
AFC 2004/007: 069
LaSalle Leffall was a surgeon and oncologist, specializing in cancer rates among African Americans.
The interview includes LaSalle Leffall's memories of growing up in Florida and attending Florida A & M College and Howard University Medical School. He recalls living in segregated Washington, D.C., meeting his wife, and the death of his mentor, Dr. Charles Drew. He discusses his decision to become a surgeon and his residency at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He also discusses his teaching career at Howard University, becoming the president of the American Cancer Society, and his work to bring attention to cancer rates among minorities.
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Elma Lewis oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-12-17
AFC 2004/007: 070
Elma Lewis was a teacher, choreographer, and founder of the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts.
The interview includes Elma Lewis' memories of growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, taking dance classes and attending Emerson College and Boston University. She recalls teaching dance, theater and visual arts, and founding the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts.
and the National Center of Afro American Artists. She discusses community arts funding, programming for children and collaborations among Jews and African Americans.

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**J. Bruce Llewellyn oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-07-09**

AFC 2004/007: 071

J. Bruce Llewellyn was a lawyer, businessman, and owner of Fedco and the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

The interview includes J. Bruce Llewellyn's memories of growing up in New York City, serving in the army and attending business and law school in New York. He recalls his position with the Small Business Administration, acquiring the Fedco supermarket chain and founding the organization 100 Black Men of America. He discusses running the Freedom National Bank, his appointment to the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and acquiring the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

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**Earl Lloyd oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-10-18**

AFC 2004/007: 072

Earl Lloyd was the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association. The interview includes Earl Lloyd's memories of growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, playing on his high school basketball team and attending West Virginia State University. He recalls being drafted by the Washington Capitols and becoming the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association. He discusses serving in army in the Korean War, becoming an NBA assistant coach and working for the Detroit School System.

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Joseph Lowery oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-01-07

Joseph Lowery was a minister, civil rights activist and founder of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

The interview includes Joseph Lowery's memories of growing up in Huntsville, Alabama and Chicago, Illinois. He discusses becoming a pastor in Mobile, Alabama and founding the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Fred Shuttlesworth. He recalls several events from the civil rights movement, including the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the passing of the Voting Rights Act and the March on Washington.

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Leatrice McKissack oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-02-19

Leatrice McKissack was the CEO of McKissack & McKissack, Architects & Engineers, Inc., the oldest African American architecture firm in the nation.

The interview includes Leatrice McKissack's memories of growing up in Missouri and Nashville, Tennessee and attending Fisk University. She recalls her teaching career, raising her daughters and taking over her husband's business, McKissack & McKissack, Architects & Engineers, Inc., after he became ill. She discusses racial discrimination against her firm, successful projects and working with her daughters at the firm.

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Adele McQueen oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-01-16
AFC 2004/007: 075
Adele McQueen was a teacher and professor of early childhood education.
The interview includes Adele McQueen's memories of growing up in Texas and Kansas and attending the Tuskegee Institute, where she helped care for George Washington Carver. She discusses her first teaching job at a boarding school in Alabama, directing the Tuskegee Nursery School and teaching in Liberia while her husband worked for USAID. She discusses her career at Howard University directing a preschool and teaching early child education courses, and starting the organization Housing Unlimited.
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James Meredith oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-27
AFC 2004/007: 076
James Meredith was the first African American student to attend the University of Mississippi.
The interview includes James Meredith's memories of growing up in Kosciusko, Mississippi, serving in the air force and attending Jackson State University. He recalls his friendship with Medgar Evers, applying to the University of Mississippi and the resulting Supreme Court case that allowed him to attend. He discusses his opposition to the non-violence movement and working for Senator Jesse Helms.
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Norma Miller oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-06-01
AFC 2004/007: 077
Norma Miller was a swing dancer, actress and stand up comedienne.
The interview includes Norma Miller's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, taking dance lessons and dancing the Lindy Hop at the Savoy Ballroom at age 12. She recalls dancing in competitions in New York, touring Europe and her friendship with
dancer Frankie Manning. She discusses appearing in movies, the decline of swing dancing, and her later career as a comedienne with Redd Foxx.

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Arthur Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-08-26

AFC 2004/007: 078

Arthur Mitchell was a ballet dancer, teacher and founder of the Dance Theatre of Harlem. The interview includes Arthur Mitchell's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York and attending the High School of Performing Arts where he studied tap and modern dance. He recalls the discrimination against African American dancers, joining Katherine Dunham's dance school and attending the School of American Ballet. He discusses being the first African American in the New York City Ballet, working with choreographer George Balanchine and founding the Dance Theatre of Harlem.

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Ella Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-05-24

AFC 2004/007: 079a

Ella Mitchell was a Baptist minister, writer and teacher. The interview includes Ella Mitchell's memories of growing up in South Carolina, attending Talladega College and Union Theological Seminary where she met her husband, Henry Mitchell. She recalls their move to California, her teaching career in early childhood education and her involvement in the civil rights movement. She discusses the opposition to women clergy in the Baptist Church, her ordination and career as a minister. She is also interviewed with her husband Henry about their marriage and life in the church.

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Parren Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-04-21
AFC 2004/007: 080
Parren Mitchell was the first African American U.S. Congressman from Maryland. The interview includes Parren Mitchell's memories of growing up in Baltimore and protesting segregated businesses with his brother Clarence. He recalls his army service in Italy during World War II and after attending Morgan State University, becoming the first African American graduate student at the University of Maryland. He discusses his election to U.S. Congress and sponsoring legislation to support African American businesses.
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James Moody oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-05-24
AFC 2004/007: 081
James Moody was a jazz saxophonist and band leader. The interview includes James Moody's memories of growing up in New Jersey and joining the Air Force, where he learned to play saxophone. He recalls meeting Dizzy Gillespie while in the military and joining his band later in New York. He discusses living in Europe and the forming his own band when he returned to the United States. He also discusses meeting his wife, his opinions on music and advice for young people.
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Toni Morrison oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-11-05

Toni Morrison was an editor, novelist, professor and the first African American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

The interview includes Toni Morrison's memories of growing up in Ohio, attending Howard University and performing with the Howard University Players. She recalls her career at Random House, where she worked as a textbook editor and sought out African American writers. She discusses her writing process, the influence of African American history and slavery on her novels, teaching at Princeton University and the future of African American literature.

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Bob Moses oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-06-28

Bob Moses was a civil rights activist with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and later founded the Algebra Project.

The interview includes Bob Moses' memories of growing up in Harlem, New York and attending Hamilton College and Harvard University. He discusses teaching math in New York and becoming involved in the civil rights movement and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He recalls working with Amzie Moore on the Mississippi Freedom Project and founding the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

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Constance Baker Motley oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-01-21

Constance Baker Motley was a civil rights lawyer with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a New York State Senator, and the first African American female federal judge.

The interview includes Constance Baker Motley's memories of growing up in Connecticut, her family history in Nevis, and attending New York University and Columbia Law School. She discusses her start at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund clerking for Thurgood Marshall, and her later work with the organization on civil rights cases related to school desegregation. She also discusses attending the March on Washington in 1963.

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Fayard Nicholas oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-08-07

Fayard Nicholas was a tap dancer, actor and choreographer who performed with his brother Harold as the Nicholas Brothers.

The interview includes Fayard Nicholas' memories of growing up in Philadelphia and watching his parents perform as musicians at the Stanton Theater. He recalls learning to tap dance, developing a show with his brother Harold and performing at New York City nightclubs. He discusses their career as the Nicholas Brothers and working with many famous actors and musicians in Hollywood musicals and Broadway shows.

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Gil Noble oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-08-09
AFC 2004/007: 086
Gil Noble was a television reporter and documentary filmmaker. The interview includes Gil Noble's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, his participation in the civil rights movement, and his first jobs as a reporter on radio and television. He recalls covering the civil rights movement and urban riots, and starting his television program "Like It Is." He discusses African Americans in the media, reporting on issues in Africa and ethics in journalism.
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Buck O'Neil oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-08-11
AFC 2004/007: 087
Buck O'Neil was a baseball player for the Kansas City Monarchs and the first African American coach in the major leagues. The interview includes Buck O'Neil's memories of growing up in Florida and attending Edward Waters College. He recalls playing baseball for barnstorming teams and facing discrimination in hotels and restaurants. He discusses meeting his wife, serving in the navy during World War II and his career in the Negro Leagues with the Kansas City Monarchs. He also discusses his friendships with Jackie Robinson and Satchel Paige and starting the RBI program for inner-city youth.
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Odetta oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-05-26

Odetta was a folk singer and civil rights activist. The interview includes Odetta's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama and Los Angeles, California, where she started to take voice lessons. She recalls performing in San Francisco, meeting other folk singers and dropping her last name. She discusses several albums and performances, and the importance of music to the civil rights movement.

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Gordon Parks oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2001-11-05

Gordon Parks was a photographer, writer and filmmaker. The interview includes Gordon Parks' memories of growing up in Fort Scott, Kansas, which was the basis for his novel and film The Learning Tree. He discusses moving to St. Paul, Minnesota where he met his wife and worked as a waiter. He recalls buying a camera, getting his first photography job at a department store and working as a documentary photographer for the Farm Security Administration. He also discusses his work in fashion photography, Life Magazine and documenting poverty in Brazil.

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Frank Petersen oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-05-16

Frank Petersen was the first African American aviator and general in the Marine Corps.
The interview includes Frank Petersen's memories of growing up in Topeka, Kansas and serving in the Navy during the Korean War. He recalls the Naval Aviation Cadet Program, discrimination in the military, and joining the Marine Corps as a career officer. He discusses serving in the Vietnam War, recruiting minorities for the marines and becoming the first African American general in the Marine Corps.

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Sidney Poitier oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-10-27

AFC 2004/007: 091

Sidney Poitier was an actor, director, producer and writer. The interview includes Sidney Poitier's memories of growing up in the Bahamas, dropping out of school as a child to work and moving to New York on his own. He recalls working as a dishwasher, serving in the army and his first unsuccessful auditions at the American Negro Theater. He discusses his success on Broadway, traveling to South Africa, and his more famous roles that broke down barriers in Hollywood for African Americans.

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Alvin Poussaint oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-05-19

AFC 2004/007: 092

Alvin Poussaint was a psychiatrist specializing in African American mental health. The interview includes Alvin Poussaint's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, his childhood illness and going to Camp Wochica for the children of leftists. He recalls attending Columbia University and Cornell University Medical School, his brother's drug addiction and mental illness, his efforts to desegregate hospitals and working in a medical clinic for civil rights workers in Mississippi. He discusses the march to support James Meredith, rifts within the civil rights movement, and his work as a consultant for the Cosby Show.

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Ernesta Procope oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-08
AFC 2004/007: 093
Ernesta Procope was an insurance agent, real estate broker and the first African American owner of a Wall Street business.

The interview includes Ernesta Procope's memories of growing up in Brooklyn, New York, taking piano lessons and meeting her husband. She recalls her start as a real estate agent, starting her own insurance company, E.G. Bowman and lobbying for a state law that barred insurance companies from denying coverage to minorities. She discusses working with the New York Housing Authority, moving her business to Wall Street, and her opinions on affirmative action.

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Charles Rangel oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-07
AFC 2004/007: 094
Charles Rangel was a lawyer and U.S. Congressman from New York.

The interview includes Charles Rangel's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York and his first jobs. He recalls his army service in Korea and later attending college and law school in New York. He discusses becoming a U.S. Attorney and running against Adam Clayton Powell for U.S. Congress. He also discusses the changes in New York City, passing the Empowerment Zone Act and his opposition to the Iraq War.

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Della Reese oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-05-21

AFC 2004/007: 095

Della Reese was an actress, singer and minister. The interview includes Della Reese's memories of growing up in Detroit, Michigan, and singing at the choir in her church and with the Meditation Singers. She recalls her mother's death, leaving her abusive first husband and her first major singing tour with Nat King Cole and Erskine Hawkins. She discusses adopting her niece, her acting career and becoming an ordained minister.

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Lloyd Richards oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-06

AFC 2004/007: 096

Lloyd Richards was a Broadway actor, director and drama professor. The interview includes Lloyd Richards' memories of growing up in Toronto, Canada and Detroit, Michigan where he attended Wayne State University and began to act in plays. He recalls serving as a Tuskegee Airman during World War II and moving to New York to take acting classes and start his theater career. He discusses meeting his wife Barbara and his friendship with Sidney Poitier. He also discusses becoming the first African American to direct a Broadway play, Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun," and his work with playwright August Wilson.

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Faith Ringgold oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-03-12

Faith Ringgold was an artist, quilter and writer. The interview includes Faith Ringgold's memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, attending the City College of New York and becoming an art teacher. She recalls quitting her teaching job to become a professional artist and the racism and sexism in the art world. She discusses her artwork with quilting, raising her daughters and writing the children's book, "Tar Beach."

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Amelia Boynton Robinson oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-12-16

Amelia Boynton Robinson was a civil rights activist in Alabama. She was also the vice president of the Schiller Institute. The interview includes Amelia Boynton Robinson's memories of growing up in Georgia and attending the Tuskegee Institute. She discusses working in Alabama for the U.S. Department of Agriculture with sharecroppers, which led to her involvement in the civil rights movement. She recalls working for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Selma, Alabama and being attacked at the Selma to Montgomery Rights March. She also discusses her memories of other civil rights leaders and her work with the Schiller Institute. Robinson was also interviewed separately by a National Visionary Leadership Fellow.

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Rachel Robinson oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-05-31
AFC 2004/007: 099
Rachel Robinson was a nurse and the wife of Jackie Robinson.
The interview includes Rachel Robinson's memories of growing up in Los Angeles and attending UCLA, where she met her husband, Jackie Robinson. She recalls his baseball career in the Negro Leagues and his recruitment to be the first African American to play in the Major Leagues. She discusses her career as a psychiatric nurse, starting a development company for low income housing and the Jackie Robinson Foundation.
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Dovey Roundtree oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-02-22
AFC 2004/007: 100
Dovey Roundtree was a civil rights and criminal defense lawyer who overturned interstate bus segregation with the case Sarah Keys v. Carolina Coach Company.
The interview includes Dovey Roundtree's memories of growing up in Charlotte, North Carolina, and attending Spelman College and Howard University Law School. She discusses meeting Mary McLeod Bethune, who encouraged her to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp during World War II. She recalls opening her law practice and winning the Sarah Keys v. Carolina Coach Company case and the Ray Crump murder trial in Washington, D.C.
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Bill Russell oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-10-19

AFC 2004/007: 101

Bill Russell was a basketball player for Boston Celtics and the first African American NBA head coach.

The interview includes Bill Russell's memories of growing up in Louisiana and Oakland, California, where he played basketball in high school. He recalls attending the University of San Francisco on a basketball scholarship. He discusses playing for the Boston Celtics, the influence of his coaches, and his relationship with his daughter.

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Betye Saar oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-10-21

AFC 2004/007: 102

Betye Saar was an artist known for her collages and assemblages of folk and stereotypical African American images.

The interview includes Betye Saar's memories of growing up in Los Angeles, taking art classes and attending the University of California, Los Angeles. She recalls raising her children, attending graduate school for printmaking and creating her most famous piece, "The Liberation of Aunt Jemima." She discusses the influence of mysticism on her work, teaching art at several universities and her daughters' art careers.

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Sonia Sanchez oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-05-24

AFC 2004/007: 103
Sonia Sanchez was a poet, playwright and civil rights activist. The interview includes Sonia Sanchez's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama and Harlem, New York. She recalls attending Hunter College, studying African American literature from the Schomburg Library and joining the civil rights movement. She discusses teaching her first class on African American women, writing poems and starting the first Black Studies program in the nation at San Francisco State University.

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**Fred Shuttlesworth oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2002-10-01**
AFC 2004/007: 104
Fred Shuttlesworth was the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and Greater New Light Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was also a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and organized the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) freedom rides in 1961.

The interview includes Fred Shuttlesworth's memories of his childhood in Alabama, marriage to his wife Ruby, and education at Selma University and Alabama State University. He discusses his early career, becoming pastor of Bethel Church in Birmingham, Alabama, and his participation in the civil rights movement through his church in the 1950s. He recalls his confrontations with Bull Conner, the Ku Klux Klan, the bombing of his house and several lawsuits. He also discusses his relationship with Martin Luther King, Jr. and his opinions on religion, racial discrimination, and politics.

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**Barbara Sizemore oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-26**
AFC 2004/007: 105
Barbara Sizemore was a teacher, principal and the first African American woman to be a superintendent of an urban school district.
The interview includes Barbara Sizemore's memories of growing up in Terre Haute, Indiana and Evanston, Illinois where she attended Northwestern University and faced racial discrimination. She recalls her early career teaching in segregated schools on Chicago's south side and becoming superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools. She discusses the problems she faced in this position and her firing in 1975. She also discusses her opinions on school testing and teaching African American history.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655496](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655496)

**Norma Sklarek oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-04-14**

Norma Sklarek was the first African American woman to be a licensed architect and a fellow at the American Institute of Architects. The interview includes Norma Sklarek's memories of growing up in New York City, attending Hunter High School and her parents' encouragement to pursue the sciences. She recalls earning her architecture degree at Columbia University, facing discrimination in her first jobs and her marriage to architect Rolf Sklarek. She discusses several buildings she designed, including the Los Angeles Airport terminal, and being appointed a fellow at the American Institute of Architects.

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**Percy Sutton oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2002-06-26**

Percy Sutton was a businessman and lawyer. He was a Tuskegee Airman, Malcolm X's attorney and Borough President of Manhattan. The interview includes Percy Sutton's memories of growing up in Texas and attending several colleges before joining the army air force as a Tuskegee Airman. He discusses moving to New York City, attending Brooklyn Law School and becoming the President of the New York branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He recalls working as Malcom X's attorney and meeting many civil rights leaders.
leaders. He also discusses his involvement in New York City politics and his later work with radio and television stations.

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Billy Taylor oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-03-16
AFC 2004/007: 108

Billy Taylor was a jazz pianist, teacher, television correspondent and director of jazz at the Kennedy Center.

The interview includes Billy Taylor's memories of growing up in North Carolina and Washington, D.C., learning to play the piano from his uncle and attending Virginia State University. He recalls moving to New York to play jazz in nightclubs, the influence of pianist Art Tatum, and becoming house pianist at the club Birdland. He discusses his work in radio and television, earning his doctorate in music at the University of Massachusetts and working as the director of jazz at the Kennedy Center.

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Gardner C. Taylor oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-04-09
AFC 2004/007: 109

Gardner Taylor was a Baptist minister and professor.

The interview includes Gardner Taylor's memories of growing up in Louisiana, the influence of his father, a minister, and his decision to become a minister after surviving a car accident. He recalls preaching at the Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, his connections with other ministers during the civil rights movement and founding the National Visionary Leadership Project Interviews and Conference Collection
Progressive National Baptist Convention. He also discusses AIDS in the African American community, sexism, and his relationship with his wife.

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**Clark Terry** oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2005-11-09

AFC 2004/007: 110

Clark Terry was a jazz trumpeter and flugelhornist. The interview includes Clark Terry's memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, learning to play the trumpet and serving in the Navy. He recalls playing jazz with many famous musicians, including Count Basie and Duke Ellington and leading his own band. He discusses learning to read music, performing around the world for the State Department and teaching jazz at William Paterson University.

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**C. DeLores Tucker** oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-03-04

AFC 2004/007: 111

C. DeLores Tucker was a political activist and the Secretary of State of Pennsylvania. The interview includes C. DeLores Tucker's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, attending Temple University and meeting her husband. She recalls joining the Kennedy campaign, her civil rights activism and supporting Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp, who appointed her Secretary of State. She also discusses creating the College for Teens program and her efforts against misogyny in rap music.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655497](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655497)
C. T. Vivian oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-03-24

C.T. Vivian was a minister and civil rights activist who worked with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

The interview includes C. T. Vivian's memories of growing up in Missouri and Illinois and attending American Baptist Theological Seminary. He discusses his involvement in several civil rights organizations in Nashville, Tennessee, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He also recalls organizing the Freedom Rides in 1961 and being arrested in Selma, Alabama.

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William Waddell oral history interview conducted by Nicole McGee, 2003-05-02

William Waddell was a veterinarian, teacher and the first African American member of the American Veterinary Medicine Association.

The interview includes William Waddell's memories of growing up in Virginia, attending an industrial school in Manassas and working at the Homestead Hotel. He recalls running in track meets, attending Lincoln University and the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. He discusses founding the veterinary school at Tuskegee Institute, serving in the Army in North Africa during World War II, and opening a veterinary practice in Morgantown, West Virginia.

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Wyatt T. Walker oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-08-30

Wyatt T. Walker was a minister and civil rights activist who helped found the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The interview includes Wyatt T. Walker's memories of growing up in New Jersey and attending Virginia Union University. He discusses ministering his first church in Petersburg, Virginia, and becoming involved in the civil rights movement. He recalls meeting Martin Luther King, Jr., who asked him to be on the board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and being arrested with him in Birmingham, Alabama. He also discusses his work with the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa.

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James "Bud" Ward oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2005-11-14

James "Bud" Ward was an entrepreneur and Senior Vice President at Marriott Corporation. The interview includes Bud Ward's memories of growing up in Worcester, Massachusetts, serving in the Navy during World War II and attending the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration. He recalls managing African American-owned hotels in Florida and starting his own company and consulting for diversity issues. He discusses his career as a vice president at Marriott, changing hiring and promotion practices and starting his own software company after retirement.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655158](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655158)
Walter Washington oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-08-14
AFC 2004/007: 116
Walter Washington was a lawyer and the first elected mayor of Washington, D.C. The interview includes Walter Washington's memories of growing up in Jamestown, New York and attending Howard University. He recalls segregation in Washington, D.C. and picketing drug stores that refused to serve African Americans. He discusses his appointment as Mayor-Commissioner by President Lyndon Johnson, Lady Bird Johnson's beautification programs and the 1968 riots in Washington, D.C.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655498

Clifton Wharton and Dolores Wharton oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2003-03-11
AFC 2004/007: 117a
Clifton Wharton was an economist, business executive, university president and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State. Dolores Wharton was an art historian and business executive. The interview includes Clifton Wharton's memories of growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, traveling around the world with his diplomat father, and attending Harvard University. He recalls joining the air force, working for the Rockefeller Foundation and becoming president of Michigan State University. With his wife Dolores, the two discuss how they met, their marriage, and moving to Chicago while Clifton attended the University of Chicago for his PhD in economics. They remember living in Asia, raising their children, the student demonstrations at Michigan State University, and Dolores' work on many corporate boards.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655555

L. Douglas Wilder oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2004-09-29
AFC 2004/007: 118
L. Douglas Wilder was a lawyer, Virginia State Senator and the first elected African American governor.

The interview includes L. Douglas Wilder’s memories of growing up in Richmond, Virginia, attending Virginia Union University and joining the navy during the Korean War. He recalls attending Howard University Law School, becoming a lawyer in Richmond and his successful run for the Virginia State Senate. He discusses campaigning for Governor of Virginia and becoming the first elected African American governor in the United States. He also discusses his accomplishments in office and founding the National Slavery Museum.

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Charles V. Willie oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2006-12-15

AFC 2004/007: 119

Charles V. Willie was a sociologist and professor of education.

The interview includes Charles V. Willie’s memories of growing up in Dallas, Texas, attending Morehouse College and earning his Ph.D. at Syracuse University. He recalls his positions as a professor and vice president of student affairs at Syracuse, researching mental health, and becoming a professor of education at Harvard University. He discusses his support of women priests in the Episcopal Church, researching the African American family and assisting school districts with desegregation plans.

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John Woodruff oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2006-10-05

AFC 2004/007: 120

John Woodruff was a sociologist and won a gold medal in the 800 meter event at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

The interview includes John Woodruff’s memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, running track in high school and attending the University of Pittsburgh. He recalls traveling to Berlin for the 1936 Olympics and winning the 800 meter race, and later facing
discrimination at races in the United States. He discusses attending New York University for a graduate degree in sociology, serving in the segregated army during World War II and Korea and his career as a social worker.

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**Samuel Yette oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2004-07-20**
AFC 2004/007: 121

Samuel Yette was a journalist, author and teacher.
The interview includes Samuel Yette's memories of growing up in Tennessee and attending Tennessee State University, where he founded the student newspaper. He recalls serving in the air force and attending the Indiana University Journalism School. He discusses reporting for the Afro-American, Ebony, Life Magazine and Newsweek, where he faced discrimination. He also discusses being fired from Newsweek for writing his book "The Choice" and teaching at Howard University.

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**Andrew Young oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 1998-06-21**
AFC 2004/007: 122

Andrew Young was a minister, civil rights activist, United Nations Ambassador, the mayor of Atlanta and U.S. Representative from Georgia.
The interview includes Andrew Young's memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana and attending Howard University. He discusses his religious conversion, his involvement in the civil rights movement and working for Martin Luther King, Jr. He also recalls visiting Africa as the United Nations Ambassador and his memories of Dorothy Height.

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Clara Adams oral history interview conducted by Leah Taylor, 2006-11-16
AFC 2004/007: 123
Clara Adams was a chemistry professor and administrator at Morgan State University. The interview includes Clara Adams' memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, attending Morgan State University and Iowa State University, where she held a fellowship at the Ames Laboratory. She recalls facing discrimination in Iowa and the civil rights movement. She remembers her career as a research chemist, becoming the first female faculty member in the chemistry department at Morgan State University and the changes at the university while she was vice president of academic affairs.
Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655559](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655559)

Sarah Lee Anderson oral history interview conducted by Gregory David Jackson, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 124
Sarah Lee Anderson was a teacher and minister. The interview includes Sarah Lee Anderson's memories of growing up in Georgia, attending Clark College and working as a domestic when her children were young. She recalls going back to school, becoming a special education teacher and being the president of her local PTA. She also discusses her faith, teaching Sunday school, attending Bible College in North Carolina and becoming an ordained minister.
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Amiri Baraka oral history interview conducted by Shannon Evans, 2005-10-17
AFC 2004/007: 125
Amiri Baraka was a poet, playwright, essayist and political activist. The interview includes Amiri Baraka's memories of growing up in Newark, New Jersey, attending Howard University and serving in the air force, where he was discharged and accused of being a communist. He recalls moving to New York, writing poetry with the Beat Poets and visiting Cuba. He also discusses his involvement in the civil rights and Black nationalist movements and the Million Man March.
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Rudolph Belisle oral history interview conducted by Byron R. Williams, 2002-10-17

AFC 2004/007: 126
Rudolph Belisle was an entrepreneur, community activist, and warden of Orleans Parish Prison.
The interview includes Rudolph Belisle's memories of growing up in New Orleans, attending Alabama A & M University and his first jobs. He recalls his involvement in local politics and reforming Orleans Parish Prison, where he was a warden. He discusses opening his bar and nightclub, jazz performances in New Orleans, and how integration ultimately hurt African American-owned businesses.

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Keter Betts oral history interview conducted by Oliver Albertini, 2002

AFC 2004/007: 127
William "Keter" Betts was a jazz bassist, composer and music teacher.
The interview includes Keter Betts' memories of playing bass for Dinah Washington and Ella Fitzgerald and teaching and performing in Washington, D.C. He discusses his opinions on jazz, writing music and playing drums as a child.

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Adolpho Birch oral history interview conducted by Akeia Morris, 2002-10-20

AFC 2004/007: 128
Adolpho Birch was a lawyer and the Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court.
The interview includes Adolpho Birch's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Lincoln University and Howard University Law School. He recalls joining the navy, opening his own law practice in Nashville, Tennessee and representing civil rights...
protesters. He discusses becoming a district attorney, teaching law at several universities in Nashville and serving as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Tennessee.

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**Van S. Bird oral history interview conducted by Donald Cook, 2005**

Van S. Bird was an Episcopal priest and professor of sociology. The interview includes Van S. Bird's memories of attending seminary at Northwestern University, marrying his wife and founding a parish in Baltimore, Maryland. He recalls earning his PhD in sociology at Temple University and teaching at LaSalle University. He also discusses studying at the Canterbury Cathedral in England and starting a church in the Virgin Islands.

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**Lillie Virginia Drake Bowman oral history interview conducted by Ernest Gibson, 2004-11-15**

Lillie Bowman was a teacher and guidance counselor in Nashville public schools. The interview includes Lillie Bowman's memories of growing up in Nashville and attending Tennessee State University and the University of Chicago. She recalls the integration of public schools, preparing African American students for college and becoming a guidance counselor. She also discusses her faith and offers advice to young African Americans.

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**Pecolia Boyles oral history interview conducted by Candice Goodwin, 2004**

Pecolia Boyles was a caregiver in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The interview includes Pecolia Boyles' memories of growing up in Mississippi, segregation and the Great Depression. She recalls moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the civil rights
movement and witnessing riots. She discusses her work caring for the elderly and for children.

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J. Robert Bradley oral history interview conducted by T. Ebony Turain, 2002-11-11
AFC 2004/007: 132

J. Robert Bradley was a gospel and opera singer.
The interview includes J. Robert Bradley’s memories of growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, attending the Baptist Church and singing in the choir. He recalls his voice teacher, Thomas Shelby, learning to sing in many different languages and to perform opera. He discusses his faith, performing around the world and becoming the director of music for the National Baptist Convention.

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William Brantley oral history interview conducted by Danielle Spanner, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 133

William Brantley was a principal and assistant superintendent.
The interview includes William Brantley’s memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and becoming a principal and assistant superintendent of West Chester, Pennsylvania schools. He recalls school desegregation, the civil rights movement and raising his children. He also discusses his opinions on education and the No Child Left Behind Act.

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Jerome Brooks oral history interview conducted by Ileana Simien, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 134

Jerome Brooks was a postal superintendent, businessman and real estate agent.
The interview includes Jerome Brooks' memories of growing up in Port Arthur, Texas, facing discrimination in his first jobs and attending Prairie View A & M University. He recalls moving to Detroit, Michigan, working in auto plants and moving to Memphis, Tennessee, where he started a business. He discusses moving back to Port Arthur where he worked as a superintendent of the post office, started a real estate and construction business, and integrated the local Boy Scouts as a scoutmaster.

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AFC 2004/007: 134.MV.006

Eleanor DeLoache Brown oral history interview conducted by Jessica Smith, 2005-10-21
AFC 2004/007: 135
Eleanor DeLoache Brown was a teacher, guidance counselor, civic leader and president of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
The interview includes Eleanor DeLoache Brown's memories of growing up in Texas and attending Prairie View A & M University, where she majored in home economics. She recalls teaching at several universities before marrying and having children, and returning to school for elementary school teacher certification in Ohio. She discusses her career as a guidance counselor, her teaching methods, and volunteer work with Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and the League of Women Voters.

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AFC 2004/007: 135.MV.002

Arthur Burnett oral history interview conducted by Rosa Combs, 2006-10-16
AFC 2004/007: 136
Arthur Burnett was an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Superior Court Judge.
The interview includes Arthur Burnett's memories of growing up in Virginia and attending Howard University. He recalls his rejection from the University of Virginia Law School because of his race, and his decision to attend New York University Law School. He discusses his army service and his career as a prosecutor at the U.S. Department of Justice, and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Superior Court Judge of the District of Columbia.

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Calvin W. Burnett oral history interview conducted by Dareise Jones, 2004-11-20
AFC 2004/007: 137
Calvin Burnett was a psychologist and president of Coppin State University.
The interview includes Calvin Burnett's memories of growing up in Davenport, Iowa and
serving in the army. He recalls attending St. Louis University where he played basketball
and earned his Ph.D. in psychology. He discusses his heroes, his family and his
accomplishments as president of Coppin State University.
Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655575](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655575)

Margaret Burroughs oral history interview conducted by Nubia Henderson, 2003-10-04
AFC 2004/007: 138
Margaret Burroughs was an artist, poet, teacher and museum curator.
The interview includes Margaret Burroughs' memories of growing up in Louisiana and
Chicago, Illinois and attending Illinois Normal College. She recalls her career as an art
teacher, her rejection of white beauty standards, and living in Mexico on a sabbatical.
She discusses founding the South Side Community Art Center and DuSable Museum of
African-American History, the FBI investigation of her political activities, writing
poetry, and her friendship with Gwendolyn Brooks.
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Vada Butcher oral history interview conducted by Victoria Kirby, 2006-10-11
AFC 2004/007: 139
Vada E. Butcher was a professor of African American music.
The interview includes Vada Butcher's memories of growing up in St. Louis, Missouri,
learning to play the piano and attending Fisk University and Chicago Music College. She
discusses studying music in Europe, her career as a professor of ethnomusicology and
African American spirituals, and teaching at Howard University. She also recalls the
civil rights movement and segregation in Washington, D.C.
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### Earl Caldwell oral history interview conducted by Tiffany Shepard, 2006-06-26

AFC 2004/007: 140  
Earl Caldwell covered the civil rights movement as a journalist for several newspapers including the New York Times. He later became a professor of journalism. The interview includes Earl Caldwell's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania and his early career at local newspapers. He recalls covering the civil rights movement for the New York Times and being the only reporter at the scene when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. He also discusses reporting on the Black Panther Party and the resulting Supreme Court case United States v. Caldwell, which set precedent for reporters' rights.

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### James "Winky" Camphor oral history interview conducted by Adam Grant, 2004

AFC 2004/007: 141  
James Winky Camphor was a teacher who worked with boys in the juvenile justice system. The interview includes James Camphor's memories of growing up in Maryland and attending Coppin State University. He recalls the segregation in Maryland, becoming a teacher and working with boys in the Cheltenham Juvenile Justice Facility. He also discusses his faith and his opinions on politics.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655578](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655578)

### Ernestine Carreathers oral history interview conducted by Tiffany Balkaran, 2003

AFC 2004/007: 142  
Ernestine Carreathers was a teacher and bookstore owner. The interview includes Ernestine Carreathers' memories of growing up in Texas and attending Wiley College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She recalls meeting her husband, having children and opening a bookstore for African American writers in Prairie View, Texas. She discusses her teaching career, school desegregation, the civil rights movement and her involvement at church.

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Julia Carson oral history interview conducted by Brittany Baird, 2005-11-05
AFC 2004/007: 143

Julia Carson was a member of the Indiana House of Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives.

The interview includes Julia Carson's memories of her childhood, her mentor Andy Jacobs and her election to the Indiana House of Representatives. She recalls her efforts to pass minimum wage laws, end the legal classification of children as "illegitimate," and serving as a trustee for the Center Township, a welfare agency, and assisting victims of domestic violence. She also discusses her work as a U.S. Representative, her advocacy of women's rights and civil rights, and her health problems.

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Robert Churchwell oral history interview conducted by Jerrard A. Davis, 2002-10-30
AFC 2004/007: 144

Robert Churchwell was a journalist and the first African American reporter for the Nashville Banner.

The interview includes Robert Churchwell's memories of growing up in Tennessee, serving in the army during World War II, and attending Fisk University. He recalls meeting his wife, starting his own magazine and being recruited by the Nashville Banner to cover the local African American community. He discusses facing discrimination at the newspaper, covering school desegregation and the civil rights movement and his struggle with depression.

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Mildred Clarke oral history interview conducted by Rita Nicholson-Weaver, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 145

Mildred Clarke was a doctor specializing in gynecology and obstetrics.
The interview includes Mildred Clarke's memoires of growing up in Brooklyn, New York, attending Hunter College and Howard University Medical School. She recalls interning at several hospitals for her training in gynecology and obstetrics and her memories of the civil rights movement and John F. Kennedy's assassination. She also discusses her volunteer work with several Christian organizations and her involvement at Calvert Baptist Church.

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Margaret Washington Clifford oral history interview conducted by Anna Steed, 2004-10-16

Margaret Washington Clifford was a teacher, principal and the granddaughter of Booker T. Washington.

The interview includes Margaret Washington Clifford's memories of growing up in Tuskegee, Alabama, attending the Tuskegee Institute and marrying her husband, a Tuskegee Airman. She recalls moving to California, teaching at a junior high and becoming a guidance counselor and vice principal. She discusses her teaching methods, the influence of her grandfather, Booker T. Washington, and her candy business.

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Clinton McCord oral history interview conducted by Courtney Norman, 2006

Clinton McCord played baseball for several Negro League and Minor League teams.

The interview includes Clinton McCord's memories of growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, playing baseball, and serving in the navy during World War II. He recalls attending Tennessee State University and playing baseball in the Negro Leagues for the Nashville Cubs and Baltimore Elite Giants. He discusses playing for several integrated minor league teams, the influence of baseball on the civil rights movement and the racism that still exists in sports.

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Eugenia Collier oral history interview conducted by Zia Holder, 2006-10-06
AFC 2004/007: 148
Eugenia Collier was a writer, poet and professor of English.
The interview includes Eugenia Collier's memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland
and attending Howard University and Columbia University. She recalls raising her
family while still a student, working for the Department of Public Welfare, writing her
short story "Marigolds" and earning her Ph.D. She discusses the history of African
American literature, teaching at several universities and her advice to young African
Americans.
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Frances Cress Welsing oral history interview conducted by Nailah Banks, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 149
Frances Cress Welsing was a psychiatrist and racial theorist.
The interview includes Frances Cress Welsing's memories of growing up in Chicago, Illinois
and attending Antioch College and Howard Medical School. She recalls her career as a
psychiatrist, being denied tenure because of her racial theories, and meeting Malcolm X.
She discusses her theories of white supremacy, racism, and white genetic annihilation.
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Flora Crittenden oral history interview conducted by Chikara Kennedy, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 150
Flora Crittenden was a teacher and member of the Virginia House of Delegates.
The interview includes Flora Crittenden's memories of growing up in Brooklyn, New York
and Newport News, Virginia and attending Virginia State College. She recalls teaching
high school in Virginia, her teaching philosophy and school integration. She discusses
working for Congressman Bobby Scott, her election to the Newport News City Council
and the Virginia House of Delegates.
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Wendell Davis oral history interview conducted by Donna Pittman, 2003-01-06
AFC 2004/007: 151
Wendell Davis was a principal, professor, coach and Texas state education administrator. The interview includes Wendell Davis' memories of growing up in Texas, attending Prairie View A & M University and serving in the air force during the Korean War. He recalls his career as an elementary school principal, becoming a professor and coach at Prairie View and guiding the golf team to several championships. He also discusses his career with the Texas Education Agency and raising his family.
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Gerald Deas oral history interview conducted by Garrett Webster, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 152
Gerald Deas was a physician, health activist and writer. The interview includes Gerald Deas' memories of growing up in Brooklyn, New York, racist images in popular culture, serving in the army during the Korean War and attending medical school. He recalls his career as a family doctor in Queens, New York, making house calls and his service to the community. He also discusses his church involvement, writing poetry and his radio show, "House Call."
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Georgia Dickens oral history interview conducted by Daria Grayer, 2002-12-11
AFC 2004/007: 153
Georgia Dickens was a teacher and civic leader. The interview includes Georgia Dickens' memories of growing up in Atlanta, Georgia and attending Spelman College. She recalls her elementary school teaching career, serving on the boards of the Children's Theatre Guild and the High Museum of Art. She also discusses her faith, her relationships with her students and the importance of volunteering.
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Betty Jean Dobson oral history interview conducted by Kenneth Pardovani, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 154
Betty Jean Dobson was the communications director of the Harlem Hospital.
The interview includes Betty Jean Dobson’s memories of growing up in Ohio, working as a beautician and attending Queens College and Fordham University for her master’s degree. She recalls her career as the communications director of Harlem Hospital, promoting public health in New York and her firing over sexual harassment. She also discusses her memories of the civil rights movement and founding the organization Committee to Eliminate Media Offensive to African People.

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Shirley Douglas oral history interview conducted by Josephine Steadman, 2005

Shirley Douglas was a Department of Labor employee. The interview includes Shirley Douglas’ memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and Virginia, and facing segregation on public transportation. She recalls her career at the Department of Labor and racial discrimination in the workplace. She discusses her family, involvement at church and her opinions on the care of seniors.

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Elizabeth Edmonds oral history interview conducted by Dara Foster, 2005

Elizabeth Edmonds was a teacher, principal and professor. The interview includes Elizabeth Edmonds’ memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, her first jobs and attending Loyola College. She recalls facing discrimination at her first teaching position, her career as a principal who reformed several schools and earning her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. She discusses attending the March on Washington, women in the civil rights movement and the drawbacks of integration.

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Vivian Ann Ellis oral history interview conducted by Nikita Glenn, 2005-11-04

Vivian Ellis was a secretary for the deputy mayor of New York City. The interview includes Vivian Ellis’ memories of growing up in Wilmington, Delaware, playing several sports and meeting Jesse Owens. She recalls attending business school, moving to New York to pursue her career as a secretary and working for the deputy
Jeanne Hudgens oral history interview conducted by Joy Thompson, 2003

AFC 2004/007: 158

Jeanne Hudgens was a teacher and civic leader. The interview includes Jeanne Hudgens' memories of growing up in North Carolina, attending North Carolina Central University and Columbia University for her master's degree. She recalls teaching high school, her career at the University of Bridgeport, and working for several organizations related to education and child care. She discusses her work as head of education for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and directing the Greensboro, North Carolina Head Start program.

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Clay Evans oral history interview conducted by Leon Hendrix, 2006

AFC 2004/007: 159

Clay Evans was a civil rights activist and the minister of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois. The interview includes Clay Evans' memories of growing up in Tennessee, the influence of church, and moving to Chicago, Illinois. He recalls founding the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, participating in the civil rights movement with Operation Push, and his friendships with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jesse Jackson. He also discusses his faith and African American leadership.

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Bernice Fiest oral history interview conducted by DeAndrea Solomon, 2005

AFC 2004/007: 160

Bernice Fiest was a teacher, librarian and principal. The interview includes Bernice Fiest's memories of growing up in Tyler, Texas, attending Texas College and her first job teaching in school in West Texas. She recalls traveling on segregated buses, teaching in Houston, Texas and earning her master's degree at Prairie View A&M College. She discusses desegregation of schools, the elementary school that
Henry Foster oral history interview conducted by Kenneth Gilkes, 2005-10-21
AFC 2004/007: 161
Henry Foster was an obstetrician and gynecologist in Arkansas and Tennessee. The interview includes Henry Foster's memories of growing up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and attending Morehouse College and the University of Arkansas Medical School. He recalls the integration of Little Rock High School, meeting his wife, his career as a doctor and his nomination for U. S. Surgeon General. He also offers advice to young African Americans.

Norman C. Francis oral history interview conducted by Jeanine M. Price, 2002-10-02
AFC 2004/007: 162
Norman C. Francis was a lawyer and president of Xavier University. The interview includes Norman C. Francis' memories of growing up in Lafayette, Louisiana, attending Xavier University. He recalls becoming the first African American to attend Loyola University Law School and his friendships with Moon Landrieu and other future leaders of New Orleans. He discusses serving in the army during the Korean War, his participation in the civil rights movement as a lawyer, and becoming the first lay president of Xavier University.
Lafayette Frederick oral history interview conducted by Terrell Robinson, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 163
Lafayette Frederick was a professor of biology at Howard University. The interview includes Lafayette Frederick's memories of growing up in Missouri and attending Tuskegee Institute, where he studied botany and agriculture. He recalls serving in the navy at the end of World War II, earning his Ph.D. in botany at Washington State University and starting his teaching career at Southern University.
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Jesse Gooding oral history interview conducted by Jerry Walker, 2005-11-17
AFC 2004/007: 164
Jesse Gooding was the president of the Dayton, Ohio branch of the NAACP. The interview includes Jesse Gooding's memories of growing up in Louisiana, serving in the segregated military and attending Wilberforce University, where he majored in chemistry. He recalls job discrimination and his career at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He discusses joining the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), protesting job discrimination in Dayton, Ohio and leading the Dayton branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
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Marcus Gunter oral history interview conducted by Cheri Carter, 2002-09-30
AFC 2004/007: 165
Marcus Gunter was a music teacher, marching band director and saxophonist. The interview includes Marcus Gunter's memories of growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, attending Tuskegee Institute and playing saxophone with the Melody Barons. He recalls performing music while serving in the army during World War II, and teaching music at Pearl High School in Nashville. He discusses directing the Pearl marching band, taking over his family's funeral home business and supporting historically black colleges and universities.
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Arnett Bodenhamer was a businessman and the president of the Nashville, Tennessee branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The interview includes Arnett Bodenhammer's memories of growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, and serving in the army during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He recalls the segregation and discrimination in Nashville, starting his business and joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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Robert Hanna was a physician in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

The interview includes Robert Hanna's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, joining the Boy Scouts and attending Lincoln University. He recalls serving in the army with the Chemical Corps, attending medical school at Howard University and meeting his wife. He discusses his internship at a hospital, practicing medicine in West Chester, Pennsylvania and facing discrimination from white patients.

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William Hargraves was a professor and air force officer who served in the Vietnam War. William Hargraves was interviewed in 2004 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Dominique Clemons, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, West Chester University.

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Charles Harris was a professor of political science at Howard University.
The interview includes Charles Harris' memories of growing up in Alabama and attending Morehouse College, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Wisconsin, where he earned his Ph.D. in political science. He recalls facing discrimination and segregation in the South, his teaching career at Howard University and the student protests there in the 1960s.

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Raymond Haysbert oral history interview conducted by Phillip Davis, 2004

Raymond Haysbert was a Tuskegee Airman and the CEO and chairman of the Parks Sausage Company.

The interview includes Raymond Haysbert's memories of growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio, attending Wilberforce University and serving in the army air force in Italy during World War II. He recalls working in a bookstore, teaching business courses and joining Henry Parks to start the Parks Sausage Company in Baltimore, Maryland. He discusses running a small business, discrimination against black businesses and the growth of Parks Sausage into a multi-million dollar company.

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Marion Henry oral history interview conducted by Kenneth Prosser, 2005

Marion Henry was a professor of education at Prairie View A & M University.

The interview includes Marion Henry's memories of growing up in Dallas, Texas, serving in the air force and attending Southern University. He recalls segregation in education, earning his Ph.D. from Syracuse University and his teaching career at Prairie View A & M University, where he became director of teacher certification.

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Jessie Lee Highsmith oral history interview conducted by Iris Jacobs, 2005

Jessie Lee Highsmith was a domestic worker and civic leader.
The interview includes Jessie Lee Highsmith's memories of growing up in North Carolina, working as a domestic in Connecticut and volunteering at her children's school. She recalls tutoring adults for a Title I program, volunteering at her church and raising her family. She also discusses serving on the local Housing Authority Board and the Legal Service Board.

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Asa Hilliard oral history interview conducted by Khaliah Fleming, 2004

Asa Hilliard was a professor of urban education and psychology at Georgia State University. The interview includes Asa Hilliard's memories of growing up in Texas and Denver, Colorado, serving in the Peace Corps in Liberia and working for the United States Agency for International Development. He recalls his teaching career at San Francisco State University and Georgia State University, and his work in forensic psychology. He discusses his opinions on standardized testing for African American children, teaching methods and race issues in education.

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Charlotte Holloman oral history interview conducted by Safiya Morgan, 2003-10-23

Charlotte Holloman was an opera singer, actress and music teacher. The interview includes Charlotte Holloman's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C. and attending Howard University and Columbia University for her degrees in music. She recalls learning opera at the Berkshire Music Center, marrying her husband and the death of her sister. She discusses performing at colleges before receiving a grant to study and perform opera in Europe and her long career as a voice teacher.

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Ola Hudson oral history interview conducted by Shyretta McCrackin, 2002-10-22

Ola Hudson was a teacher and civic leader. The interview includes Ola Hudson's memories of growing up in Nashville, Tennessee and attending Tennessee State University. She recalls teaching home economics, the effects of integration in public schools, and working as a diversity educator in the Nashville Public Schools. She also discusses starting a program for pregnant teenagers to finish high school and volunteering at her church.

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William Jackson oral history interview conducted by W. Dean Rutland, 2006

William Jackson was a teacher and university football coach. The interview includes William Jackson's memories of growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, attending North Carolina A & T University, and playing football for a Canadian team. He recalls serving in the army during the Korean War, teaching history and coaching football at several historically black colleges and universities and working for the Department of Health and Human Services. He discusses his opinions on the civil rights movements and the education of African Americans.

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Esther Cooper Jackson oral history interview conducted by Jamie Walker, 2002

Esther Cooper Jackson was a civil rights activist, social worker and editor of the journal Freedomways. The interview includes Esther Cooper Jackson's memories of growing up in Arlington, Virginia, attending Dunbar High School and studying sociology at Oberlin College and Fisk University. She recalls her work with the Southern Negro Youth Congress, founding the journal Freedomways and attending the March on Washington. She discusses women in the civil rights movement, the African American press and her support of the anti-war movement.

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Harry Johns oral history interview conducted by JacQuaye Jacobs, 2005
AFC 2004/007: 178
Harry Johns was an accountant, comptroller and Vice President of Financial Affairs at Central State University.
The interview includes Harry Johns' memories of growing up in Ohio and attending Wilberforce University and serving in the segregated army in France and Germany during World War II. He recalls earning a master's degree in accounting at Columbia University, job discrimination in accounting firms, and his career as comptroller and Vice President of Financial Affairs at Central State University. He discusses becoming the first African American member of the local Rotary Club, volunteering and serving on the boards of many organizations.
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Tobe Johnson oral history interview conducted by Quardricos Driskell, 2004-12-02
AFC 2004/007: 179
Tobe Johnson was a professor of political science at Morehouse College.
The interview includes Tobe Johnson's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, attending Morehouse College and serving in the air force during the Korean War. He recalls earning his Ph.D. in political science at Columbia University and teaching at Morehouse College. He recalls segregation on buses, funding for historically black colleges and serving on the boards of several organizations.
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Howard Jones oral history interview conducted by Imani Miller, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 180
Howard Jones was a minister, missionary and the first African American associate evangelist of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.
The interview includes Howard Jones' memories of growing up in, Ohio, meeting his wife, Wanda, and attending Nyack College. He recalls his early career as a minister at several churches in New York and Ohio, serving as a missionary in Africa where he started a
church radio program. He recalls working with the Billy Graham Evangelistic
Association, his wife's writings, and starting the Soldiers for Christ organization.

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Julia Gibson Jordan oral history interview conducted by Élan Moore, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 181

Julia Gibson Jordan was a teacher, guidance counselor and writer.
The interview includes Julia Gibson Jordan's memories of growing up in Waxahachie,
Texas, attending Wiley College and becoming a teacher in Dallas, Texas. She recalls
earning her master's degree at the University of Denver, becoming a guidance counselor
and working with troubled students. She discusses watching the parade for John F.
Kennedy when he was assassinated, the civil rights movement in Dallas, and writing a
biography of Frederica Chase Dodd, founder of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

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Del Jupiter oral history interview conducted by Brandi Lee, 2002
AFC 2004/007: 182

Del Jupiter was a librarian, writer and genealogist.
The interview includes Del Jupiter's memories of growing up in Pensacola, Florida,
attending Spelman College and becoming a librarian. She recalls researching and writing
about her family history and her interest in photography. She discusses assisting her
husband, a minister, at church and traveling after her retirement.

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Delores Kendrick oral history interview conducted by Adrienne Bailey, 2002-11-25
AFC 2004/007: 183
Delores Kendrick was a teacher and Poet Laureate of Washington, D.C. The interview includes Delores Kendrick's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., attending Georgetown University and her first job teaching junior high English. She recalls teaching at the alternative high school School Without Walls and the Phillips Exeter Academy, and publishing her first book of poetry. She discusses the influence of her favorite poets, her writing process and her appointment as Poet Laureate of Washington, D.C.

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**Matthew Kennedy oral history interview conducted by Victoria Hamilton, 2004-11-06**

AFC 2004/007: 184

Matthew Kennedy was a pianist, composer and director of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. The interview includes Matthew Kennedy's memories of growing up in Americus, Georgia, learning to play the piano and attending the Julliard School and Fisk University. He recalls meeting his wife, also a pianist, serving in the army during World War II and teaching piano at Fisk University. He discusses becoming the director of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, traveling around the world on tour, and the civil rights movement in Nashville, Tennessee.

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**Charles Kimbrough oral history interview conducted by Lauren Parker, 2004-12-03**

AFC 2004/007: 185

Charles Kimbrough was a veterinarian, minister and civil rights activist. The interview includes Charles Kimbrough's memories of growing up in rural Tennessee and his army service in Korea. He recalls attending Tennessee State A & I College, veterinary school at Tuskegee University and becoming the first licensed African American veterinarian in Tennessee. He also discusses his involvement in local branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Tennessee and Illinois and the role of religion in the civil rights movement.

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**Melvin King oral history interview conducted by Janine Quarles, 2006**  
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Melvin King was a teacher, civic leader, activist and Massachusetts State Representative. The interview includes Melvin King's memories of growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, attending Clafin College and working as a teacher. He recalls joining many civil rights, community and youth organizations, school busing and desegregation in Boston, and serving as a state representative in Massachusetts. He discusses his unsuccessful run for mayor of Boston, advocating for the homeless and affordable housing, and protesting against urban renewal projects that displaced lower income residents.  
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**Frankie Ledbetter oral history interview conducted by Artruh Fleming, 2005**  
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Frankie Ledbetter was a teacher and judge. The interview includes Frankie Ledbetter's memories of growing up in Texas, attending Bishop College and teaching in public schools in Prairie View, Texas. She recalls her career as a professor at Prairie View A & M University and her appointment as a municipal court judge. She discusses her opinions on race and the criminal justice system and the education of African Americans.  
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**Thomas Logan oral history interview conducted by Ashley Henderson, 2005**  
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Thomas Logan was an Episcopalian minister and civil rights activist. The interview includes Thomas Logan's memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, attending Lincoln University and the Philadelphia Divinity School and his first position as a minister. He recalls his career at Calvary Monumental Church, the influence of his father-in-law and his involvement in the civil rights movement. He discusses the history of the black church, his membership in Alpha Phi Alpha and his friendship with activist Delores Tucker.  
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Thaddeus Lott oral history interview conducted by Kellie C. Carter, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 190
Thaddeus Lott was a teacher, principal and educational reformer. The interview includes Thaddeus Lott's memories of growing up in Acres Homes, Texas, attending Texas Southern University and becoming a teacher. He recalls his career as a principal at Wesley Elementary School in Houston, Texas, where he dramatically improved test scores for minority children. He discusses his opinions on teaching methods, educational reform and the difficulties of school integration.
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Leo Lucas oral history interview conducted by Nia Davis, 2004
AFC 2004/007: 191
Leo Lucas was a teacher, accountant and member of the Dayton School Board. The interview includes Leo Lucas' memories of growing up in Georgia, attending Florida A&M University and becoming a teacher. He recalls teaching in the Dayton, Ohio public schools and joining the board of education. He discusses the problems with desegregating public schools, starting his accounting firm and founding the National Caucus of Black School Board Members and the Dayton Minority Enterprises Small Business Investment Corporation.
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Barbara Mann oral history interview conducted by Iyana Mason, 2003-11-26
AFC 2004/007: 192
Barbara Mann was a teacher, guidance counselor and Nashville School Board member. The interview includes Barbara Mann's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C., attending Howard University and becoming a teacher in Nashville, Tennessee. She recalls her career as a guidance counselor at Fisk University and Tennessee State University and serving on the Nashville School Board. She discusses the importance of historically black college and universities and the desegregation of Nashville schools.
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Edward Martin oral history interview conducted by Cleandria Chevalier, 2005-10-20
AFC 2004/007: 193
Edward Martin was a professor of biology and dean at Prairie View A & M University. The interview includes Edward Martin's memories of growing up in South Carolina, attending Fisk University and earning his Ph.D. in biology at the University of Iowa. He recalls his career as a professor and dean at Prairie View A & M University and serving on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Office of Civil Rights. He discusses his family and changes in higher education and funding for historically black colleges and universities.
Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655277](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655277)

Gladys Mayo oral history interview conducted by Afra Muhammad, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 194
Gladys Mayo was a cook, restaurant owner and civic leader. The interview includes Gladys Mayo's memories of growing up in North Carolina, moving to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and working as a cook. She recalls opening her own restaurant called Granny's Place, starting a community garden and opening a mini-mall for small minority-owned businesses. She discusses her volunteer work with women in prison, raising foster children and starting a food pantry.
Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655278](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655278)

Mary McEwan oral history interview conducted by Jocelyn I. Cole, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 195
Mary McEwan was a caterer, restaurant owner and cookbook writer. The interview includes Mary McEwan's memories of growing up in Alabama and Nashville, Tennessee, attending Tennessee State University and marrying her husband. She recalls starting her catering business and barbeque restaurant, and cooking at several universities in Nashville. She discusses writing poetry and cookbooks, her involvement at the Spruce Street Baptist Church and volunteering with the Bethlehem Center.
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Sara McKissick oral history interview conducted by Eric Majette, Jr, 2005-09-23

Sara McKissick was a gospel singer who performed with the Lucy Smith Singers. The interview includes Sara McKissick's memories of growing up in Atlanta, Georgia, attending Clark University and moving to Chicago, Illinois. She recalls learning gospel music at church and performing with the Lucy Smith Singers and the Caravans. She discusses her friendship with Roberta Martin, the influence of other gospel singers on her work and the future of gospel music.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655281

Stanley McMullen oral history interview conducted by Lakisha May, 2003

Stanley McMullen was a teacher and civic leader. The interview includes Stanley McMullen's memories of attending the Tuskegee Institute, working with a farm training program, and becoming a high school teacher in Gloucester, Virginia. He recalls teaching vocational courses, sponsoring the Future Farmers of America club, and the integration of public schools. He discusses serving on Gloucester's Equalization Board and Planning Commission and as president of the Middle Peninsula Relief Society.

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Bennie McRae oral history interview conducted by Yael Yisrael, 2006-10-15

Bennie McRae was a historian and employee of the Federal Aviation Administration. The interview includes Bennie McRae's memories of growing up in Alabama, experiencing discrimination and segregation, and attending the Tuskegee Institute. He recalls serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and his career with the Federal Aviation Administration. He discusses his interest in African American history and genealogy and starting his website "Lest We Forget" about African Americans who served in the military.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655283
**Samuel Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Joshua Mitchell, 2006-10-12**

AFC 2004/007: 199

Samuel Mitchell was a minister at the Rising Sun Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. The interview includes Samuel Mitchell's memories of growing up in Edgefield, South Carolina, moving to Washington, D.C. and working as a crane operator. He recalls joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), attending the Washington Baptist Seminary after his retirement and becoming a minister. He discusses his work at the Rising Sun Baptist Church and working with young people.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655286](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655286)

**Henry Mitchell oral history interview conducted by Lindsay Alexis Young, 2002**

AFC 2004/007: 200

Henry Mitchell was a Baptist minister, writer and professor of theology. The interview includes Henry Mitchell's memories of growing up in Columbus, Ohio, attending Ohio State University and his decision to become a minister. He recalls attending Union Seminary where he met his wife, Reverend Ella Mitchell, and serving as chaplain at North Carolina Central University. He discusses his work as a district missionary in California, raising his children, and starting many Christian youth programs.

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**LaVerne Jackson Moore oral history interview conducted by Bianca Robinson, 2006**

AFC 2004/007: 201

LaVerne Jackson Moore was a professor of physical education at Florida A & M University. The interview includes LaVerne Jackson Moore's memories of growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio, attending the University of Cincinnati and her first job as a physical education teacher at St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute in Virginia. She recalls meeting her husband, earning her master's degree at Boston University and teaching physical education at
Florida A & M University. She also discusses raising her daughter and traveling to Africa.

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**Samuel Myers oral history interview conducted by Sean Crump, 2006**

AFC 2004/007: 202

Samuel Myers was an economist, professor and president of Bowie State University. The interview includes Samuel Myers' memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, attending Morgan State University and serving in the army during World War II. He recalls earning his graduate degrees in economics at Boston University and Harvard University. He recalls working as an economist for the State Department, teaching at Morgan State University and becoming president of Bowie State University. He discusses the university's integration, increasing funding and expanding business education programs.

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**Barbara Oldwine oral history interview conducted by Megan Lollie, 2006-10-16**

AFC 2004/007: 203

Barbara Oldwine was a social worker and civic leader. The interview includes Barbara Oldwine's memories of growing up in Binghamton, New York, attending Fisk University and marrying her husband. She recalls moving to Washington, D.C., working at the Pentagon and moving back to Binghamton. She discusses her career at Medicaid, volunteering for the Girl Scouts and the YWCA and her community radio show.

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**Anyim Palmer oral history interview conducted by Naomi Young, 2003**

AFC 2004/007: 204

Anyim Palmer was a teacher, principal and the founder of the Marcus Garvey School. The interview includes Anyim Palmer's memories of growing up in Texas, serving in the army during World War II and working at the shipyards in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
He recalls moving to Los Angeles, California, attending Los Angeles City College and his conversion to Islam. He discusses founding the Marcus Garvey School and his opinions on educating African American children.

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**Essie Kathryn Payne oral history interview conducted by Reniesha Williams, 2004**

AFC 2004/007: 205

Essie Kathryn Payne was a writer and professor of English at Central State University. Essie Kathryn Payne was interviewed in 2004 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Reniesha Williams, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Central State University, in Ohio.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655243](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655243)

**Margaret Peters oral history interview conducted by Dominique Squires, 2006**

AFC 2004/007: 206

Margaret Peters was a teacher, historian and civic leader. The interview includes Margaret Peters' memories of growing up in Dayton, Ohio, attending the University of Dayton and becoming a teacher. She recalls her efforts to include black history in the Dayton school district's social studies curriculum, her work at the Aviation Heritage Foundation and writing books on African American history. She discusses Dayton's African American history, her volunteer work and her love of poetry.

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**Frances Pratt oral history interview conducted by Schoquilla Coleman, 2005**

AFC 2004/007: 207

Frances Pratt was a nurse and civil rights activist. The interview includes Frances Pratt's memories of growing up in South Carolina, attending Barber-Scotia College and becoming a Seventh Day Adventist. She recalls moving to Nyack, New York, attending nursing school and working at the Nyack Hospital for 46 years. She discusses joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), becoming president of its Nyack branch and volunteering at her church.

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Bernard Proctor oral history interview conducted by Samira Harris, 2003

Bernard Proctor was a Tuskegee Airman, professor and Vice President of Cheyney University.

The interview includes Bernard Proctor's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania and attending Wilberforce University where he played baseball and football. He recalls serving in the army air force during World War II and flying missions in North Africa and Italy. He discusses returning to Wilberforce to coach, attending Ohio State University for graduate school and teaching industrial arts at several historically black colleges and universities.

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Norman Rates oral history interview conducted by Shayla Griffin, 2002

Norman Rates was a minister and professor of religion at Spelman College.

The interview includes Norman Rates' memories of growing up in Kentucky, his participation in church and attending Kentucky State College. He recalls attending seminary at Lincoln University and Oberlin Divinity School and becoming the minister of Sisters Chapel at Spelman College. He recalls the changes at Spelman College in the 1960s, teaching classes on women and the Bible, and visiting Africa.

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Robert Rivers oral history interview conducted by Jessica Dalton, 2006

Robert Rivers was a police officer and detective in New York City.

The interview includes Robert Rivers' memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, serving in the air force and attending Fordham University. He recalls supporting the Schomburg Library, working many odd jobs and meeting his wife. He discusses his
career as a police officer in New York, becoming a detective in the street crime unit and his faith.

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### Willieboyd Saddler oral history interview conducted by Jeffrey McLeod, 2006-10-17

AFC 2004/007: 211

Willieboyd Saddler was an accountant for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

The interview includes Willieboyd Saddler's memories of growing up in Georgia and attending Fort Valley State College. She discusses her early career in finance and insurance and meeting her husband. She recalls meeting Martin Luther King, Jr., her work as an accountant for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and several events of the civil rights movement.

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### Blanche Scott oral history interview conducted by Mark Hanna, 2003-10-19

AFC 2004/007: 212

Blanche Scott was a nursing assistant and Jamaican immigrant.

The interview includes Blanche Scott's memories of growing up in Jamaica, moving to England and New York and becoming a nursing assistant. She recalls the death of her husband, raising her children and her work serving the homeless. She discusses her faith and offers advice to young African Americans.

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### Jessie Carney Smith oral history interview conducted by Karly Campbell, 2005-10-11

AFC 2004/007: 213

Jessie Carney Smith was a professor, historian and the University Librarian at Fisk University.

The interview includes Jessie Carney Smith's memories of growing up in North Carolina and attending North Carolina A & T University. She recalls moving to Nashville, Tennessee,
working at Fisk University and earning her master's and Ph.D. in library science. She discusses her career as a librarian and professor, writing books on African American history, literature and genealogy and her involvement with United Methodist Women.

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**Charles Snyder oral history interview conducted by Elizabeth Craig, 2005**

**AFC 2004/007: 214**

Charles Snyder was an employee of the Albion Housing Commission, president of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, and county commissioner in Albion, Michigan.

Charles Snyder was interviewed for the National Visionary Leadership Project, by Elizabeth Craig, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Central State University.

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**Barbara Peek Sternick oral history interview conducted by Qrescent Mali Mason, 2004**

**AFC 2004/007: 215**

Barbara Peek Sternick was interviewed in 2004 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Qrescent Mali Mason, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Spelman College, in Atlanta, Georgia.

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**Edward S. Temple oral history interview conducted by Kenneth Thompson, 2002-10-16**

**AFC 2004/007: 216**

Edward Temple was a track coach for the U.S. women's Olympic team and at Tennessee State University.

The interview includes Edward Temple's memories of growing up in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, playing sports and attending Tennessee State University where he ran track. He recalls meeting his wife, coaching the Tennessee State University women's track team and urging the university to award scholarships for women athletes. He discusses segregation in sports, coaching the women's Olympic track team and the results of Title IX to increase funding for women's sports.

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Delores Tillman oral history interview conducted by Christopher Carr, 2005-11-02
AFC 2004/007: 217
Delores Tillman was a nursing assistant and hospice care worker.
The interview includes Delores Tillman's memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, working as an elevator operator and raising her family. She recalls the riots of 1968, her career as a nursing assistant at St. Agnes Hospital and facing discrimination from supervisors. She discusses her work in hospice home care and her involvement with the Faith Tabernacle Church.
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Billye Von Blasingame oral history interview conducted by Alondra Young, 2006-10-28
AFC 2004/007: 218
Billye Von Blasingame was a teacher, counselor and the dean of students at the University of the District of Columbia.
The interview includes Billye Von Blasingame's memories of growing up in Alabama, attending Spelman College and becoming a teacher. She recalls moving to California, her struggles to find a job as a teacher, and becoming a guidance counselor. She discusses her involvement in the civil rights movement and the Mississippi freedom rides.
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Frances Walker-Slocum oral history interview conducted by Heather Griffin, 2002-11-02
AFC 2004/007: 219
Frances Walker-Slocum was a pianist and music professor at Oberlin College.
Frances Walker-Slocum was interviewed on November 2, 2002 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Heather Griffin, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Oberlin College, in Oberlin, Ohio.
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DeLois Wilkinson oral history interview conducted by Kenny L. Robinson, Jr, 2003
AFC 2004/007: 220
DeLois Wilkinson was a physical therapist, teacher and civil rights activist. The interview includes DeLois Wilkinson's memories of growing up in Arkansas, attending LeMoyne College and Northwestern University, and becoming a physical therapist. She recalls joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), working with disabled children and the integration of Nashville, Tennessee public schools. She discusses serving on the Nashville school board, her opinions on the education of African American children and her memories of civil rights protests in Nashville.
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Frances Williams oral history interview conducted by Kristian Ali, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 221
Frances Williams was a teacher and guidance counselor. The interview includes Frances Williams' memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, attending West Chester University and raising her daughter. She recalls teaching in West Chester, Pennsylvania and Wilmington, Delaware, earning her master's degree at Villanova University and becoming a guidance counselor. She discusses desegregation of public schools, attending an institute for teachers of disadvantaged children and her advice for young African Americans.
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Grant Williams oral history interview conducted by Christina Tilghman, 2006
AFC 2004/007: 222
Grant Williams was a chief master sergeant in the air force. The interview includes Grant Williams' memories of growing up in Virginia, working as a housepainter and serving in the army air force during World War II. He recalls training
at Tuskegee Airfield, serving in Italy and becoming a sergeant. He discusses serving in
the Korean and Vietnam Wars and receiving two bronze stars for his service.
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McDonald Williams and Jamye Coleman Williams oral history interview conducted by
Crystal de Gregory, 2002-10-28
AFC 2004/007: 223
McDonald Williams and Jamye Coleman Williams were professors at Tennessee State
University.
The interview includes McDonald Williams' memories of growing up in Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania and attending University of Pittsburgh, and Jamye Williams' memories of
growing up in Kentucky and attending Wilberforce University. They recall meeting, their
marriage, and attending Ohio State University where they both earned PhD's. They
discuss teaching at Tennessee State University, joining the civil rights movement in
Nashville, Tennessee, and their involvement in the AME Church.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655516

Ruth Williams oral history interview conducted by Misa Dayson, 2003-10-21
AFC 2004/007: 224
Ruth Williams was a dancer, teacher and founder of the Ruth Williams Dance Studio.
The interview includes Ruth Williams' memories of growing up in Harlem, New York,
taking dance classes and performing in the broadway show "Porgy and Bess" in London
at age 7. She recalls being the first African American student to graduate from Cathedral
High School, attending Hunter College and working as a teacher. She discusses working
as a radio operator in the Signal Corps during World War II and opening the Ruth
Williams Dance Studio, which has been in operation for over 60 years.
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Floyd N. Williams oral history interview conducted by Krislynn Thompson, 2003-11-08

AFC 2004/007: 225

Floyd N. Williams was the pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church in Acres Homes, Texas. Floyd N. Williams was interviewed on November 8, 2003 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Krislynn, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Spelman College, in Houston, Texas.

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Roberta Hughes Wright oral history interview conducted by Adrienne Smith, 2003

AFC 2004/007: 226

Roberta Hughes Wright was a teacher, lawyer and historian in Detroit, Michigan. Roberta Hughes Wright was interviewed in 2003 for the National Visionary Leadership Project by Adrienne Smith, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Prairie View A & M University, in Troy, Michigan.

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Harvey Zeigler oral history interview conducted by T. J. Turner, 2006

AFC 2004/007: 228

Harvey Zeigler was a custodian and civil rights activist. The interview includes Harvey Ziegler's memories of growing up in Damascus, Maryland and serving in the army in Europe during World War II. He recalls starting his own local veterans' association after facing discrimination from the American Legion and starting his trucking business. He discusses his career as a mechanic at the Atomic Energy Commission, filing complaints on racial discrimination in the workplace and his work as youth director for the Damascus National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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Eyewitness - Tulsa riots interviews conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2003-05-14

AFC 2004/007: 229

A series of three interviews conducted on May 14, 2003, by Camille O.Cosby for the National Visionary Leadership Project on the subject of the 1921 Tulsa, Oklahoma race riot.

The interviews include the memories of John Melvin Alexander, Kinney Ivis Booker, Joe Ira Burns, Otis G. Clark and Genevieve E. Jackson, who were children during the 1921
**Tulsa Riot**

They recall growing up in the African American neighborhood Greenwood, race relations in Tulsa, and the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma. They discuss the bombing and burning of Greenwood, fleeing Tulsa and the rebuilding of the neighborhood. James O. Goodwin, attorney for Tulsa Riot victims in the 2003 court case Alexander, et al., v. Oklahoma, et al., is interviewed about the case.

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**Lucy Allen oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-09-20**

Lucy Allen was an African American Cherokee activist who successfully sued to gain Cherokee citizenship.

The interview includes Lucy Allen's memories of growing up in Vinita, Oklahoma, and her family's African American and Cherokee heritage. She recalls her parents' property disputes and being denied Cherokee citizenship based on her color. She discusses the lawsuit she successfully won to gain citizenship and the rejection of her application for a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood.

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**Ron Dellums oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-02-12**

Ron Dellums was a U.S. Representative from California, mayor of Oakland, California, and peace activist.

The interview includes Ron Dellums' memories of growing up in Oakland, California, joining the marines and attending San Francisco State University and the University of California at Berkeley. He recalls his career as a psychiatric social worker, his involvement in the civil rights and anti-war movements and his election to the Berkeley city council. He discusses serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, founding the Congressional Black Caucus, and his commitment to peace and human rights. He also discusses his election as mayor of Oakland.

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**Dolores Robinson oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-02-20**  
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Dolores Robinson was a talent agent, manager and producer in Hollywood.  
The interview includes Dolores Robinson's memories of growing up in Pennsylvania,  
attending West Chester University and working as an elementary school teacher. She  
recalls her marriage to television writer Matt Robinson, hosting a children's television  
show in Philadelphia and moving to California where she became a Hollywood agent,  
manager and producer. She discusses working with her clients, racism in the  
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**Wesley Brown oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-03-27**  
AFC 2004/007: 233  
Wesley Brown was an engineer, naval officer and the first African American graduate of the  
Naval Academy.  
The interview includes Wesley Brown's memories of growing up in Washington, D.C.,  
attending Dunbar High School and Howard University. He recalls his appointment to the  
Naval Academy, his career with the Navy Civil Engineering Corps and earning the rank  
of lieutenant commander. He discusses working as an engineer at Howard University and  
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Mamie "Peanut" Johnson oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-04-20

Mamie "Peanut" Johnson was a pitcher with the Indianapolis Clowns, a Negro Leagues team.

The interview includes Mamie "Peanut" Johnson's memories of growing up in South Carolina and Washington, D.C., playing baseball with boys and her rejection from an all-white women's team. She recalls becoming one of three women to play in the Negro Leagues as a pitcher with the Indianapolis Clowns and her friendships with players Buck O'Neal and Satchel Paige. She also discusses raising her son and her later career as a nurse.

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Diáhann Carroll oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-06-12

Diáhann Carroll was a singer, model, actress and one of the first African American women to star in a television show.

The interview includes Diáhann Carroll's memories of growing up in New York, attending the High School of Music and Art, working as a model and singing on the Arthur Godfrey Radio Show. She recalls performing in Broadway musicals and plays and moving to Los Angeles to star in the television show "Julia." She discusses her movie career, the opportunities available for African American actors, and her nomination for an academy award for "Claudine."

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Julius Chambers oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-06-20

Julius Chambers was a civil rights lawyer, law professor and Chancellor of North Carolina State University.
The interview includes Julius Chambers' memories of growing up in Mt. Gilead, North Carolina, attending North Carolina Central University, and protesting discrimination on buses. He recalls attending the University of North Carolina Law School, becoming the first African American editor of the Law Review, and interning for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense Fund. He discusses starting his own law firm in North Carolina, facing bomb threats for working on civil rights cases, and becoming president of the Legal Defense Fund and Chancellor of North Carolina State University.

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### Marva Collins oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-06-21

AFC 2004/007: 237

Marva Collins was a teacher and founder of Westside Preparatory School. The interview includes Marva Collins' memories of growing up in Alabama, attending Clark College and teaching in Alabama. She recalls moving to Chicago, Illinois and teaching in public schools, where she began to use the Socratic Method with her students. She discusses problems with public schools and starting her own private school, the Westside Preparatory School, and a teacher training program.

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### James Comer oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-06-27

AFC 2004/007: 238

James Comer was a child psychiatrist, education reformer and professor at Yale University. The interview includes James Comer's memories of growing up in East Chicago, Indiana and attending Indiana University and Howard University Medical School. He recalls his career as a child psychiatrist and professor at Yale University's Child Study Center and researching the achievement gap among African Americans and whites in public schools. He discusses implementing new school reform programs in New Haven, Connecticut and other issues with improving education for minorities.

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**Chuck Brown oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-08-08**
AFC 2004/007: 239
Chuck Brown was a guitarist, singer and the father of Go-Go music.  
The interview includes Chuck Brown's memories of growing up in Virginia and Washington, D.C., learning to play the piano, and working many odd jobs. He recalls learning to play guitar and earning his high school diploma in prison, starting his band The Soul Searchers and developing the genre of Go-Go. He discusses the Washington, D.C. music scene, the influence of gospel on his music, and the success of his single "Bustin' Loose."
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**Roger Wilkins oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-08-15**
AFC 2004/007: 240
Roger Wilkins was a lawyer, civil rights activist, journalist and the first African American Assistant Attorney General.  
The interview includes Roger Wilkins' memories of growing up in Kansas City, Missouri and Grand Rapids, Michigan and assisting his uncle Roy Wilkins during the civil rights movement. He recalls attending the University of Michigan for college and law school, working for the Agency for International Development and becoming Assistant Attorney General under President Johnson. He discusses working at the Ford Foundation, becoming a reporter at the Washington Post and the New York Times, and his support of the gay rights movement.
Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655222](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655222)
John Conyers oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-08-20

John Conyers was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (D-MI), Chairman of House Judiciary Committee and co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The interview includes John Conyers' memories of growing up in Detroit, his father's involvement in the United Auto Workers union, his military service in Korea, and his education at Wayne State University. He discusses his involvement in the civil rights movement, including meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. He also discusses his election to congress and many events during his long career, including his work on the Voting Rights Act of 1965, founding the Black Congressional Caucus and the Nixon impeachment.

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Vivian Ayers Allen oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2008-09-23

Vivian Ayers Allen was a poet, artist and playwright.

The interview includes Vivian Ayers Allen's memories of growing up in Chester, South Carolina and attending the Brainerd Institute, a former Presbyterian freedmen school, and Bennett College. She recalls marrying and divorcing her husband, her start at writing poetry, and raising her children. She discusses living in Mexico, starting community arts programs in Houston, Texas and Chester, South Carolina, and buying the Brainerd Institute with her daughters, Debbie Allen and Phylicia Rashad.

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Earl Barthé oral history interview conducted by Dale Mason Cochran, 2008-08-22

Earl Barthé was a plasterer, plasterwork historian and labor union leader.

The interview includes Earl Barthé's memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana, his family's plaster business and his Uncle Peter's success at integrating the Plasterer's Union. He recalls his work on many historic buildings, churches and houses in New Orleans, including the Superdome, Luling Mansion and Xavier University. He discusses
his involvement in the labor movement, local politics and the civil rights movement and
his exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution.

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**Simeon Booker oral history interview conducted by Cheryl S. Clarke, 2009-10-29**
AFC 2004/007: 247
Simeon Booker was a journalist and the first African American employee of the Washington Post.
Simeon Booker was interviewed by Cheryl S. Clarke on October 29, 2009 for the National Visionary Leadership Project in Washington, D.C.

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**Leo Branton interview conducted by Dale Mason Cochran, 2008-07-29**
AFC 2004/007: 248
Leo Branton was a criminal defense and civil rights lawyer.
The interview includes Leo Branton's memories of growing up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, attending Tennessee State University and serving in the army during World War II. He recalls attending law school at Northwestern University, moving to Los Angeles, California and starting his own criminal defense law practice. He discusses his Hollywood clients and his well known cases defending the Black Panthers and Angela Davis.

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Mary T. Christian oral history interview conducted by Courtney Ward, 2007-10-19
AFC 2004/007: 249
Mary Christian was a teacher, professor of education at Hampton University and Delegate of the Virginia House.
The interview includes Mary Christian's memories of growing up in Hampton, Virginia, teaching at Hampton public schools and encouraging her students' involvement in the civil rights movement. She recalls the desegregation of public schools, serving on the school board and earning her Ph. D. She discusses her career teaching at Hampton University, her involvement in local politics and her election to the Virginia House of Delegates.
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Moses Cobb oral history interview conducted by Mary Brooks, 2007-12-01
AFC 2004/007: 250
Moses Cobb was a janitor and skycap for American Airlines.
The interview includes Moses Cobb's memories of growing up in Athens, Georgia, moving to Baltimore, Maryland and working as an airport janitor. He recalls his career as a skycap with American Airlines and serving in the army. He discusses his involvement at his church and offers advice for young African Americans.
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Vernon Coffey oral history interview conducted by Tiffany Tucker, 2007
AFC 2004/007: 251
Vernon Coffey was a Lieutenant Colonel in the army and a corporate executive.
The interview includes Vernon Coffey's memories of growing up in Kansas City, Kansas, working as a train waiter and joining in the army. He recalls attending Officer Candidate School, serving in the Korean War, and becoming a paratrooper. He discusses the Vietnam War, serving as an army aid to the President, and his work as a corporate executive for General Mills and several other companies.
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Maria Cole oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2009-02-05

Maria Cole was a jazz singer and the wife of Nat King Cole. The interview includes Maria Cole's memories of growing up in Massachusetts and attending the Palmer Memorial Institute founded by her aunt, Charlotte Hawkins Brown. She recalls singing as a child and starting her career as a jazz vocalist as a teenager performing with Duke Ellington. She discusses meeting Nat King Cole, their marriage and facing discrimination in housing, the entertainment world and public accommodations.

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Calvin Coleman oral history interview conducted by Steven M. Page, 2007-09-29

Calvin Coleman was a mechanic, bus driver and trainer for Capital Transit in Washington, D.C. The interview includes Calvin Coleman's memories of growing up in Spotsylvania, Virginia and serving in the army during World War II in Italy. He recalls moving to Washington, D.C. and his career as a mechanic, bus driver and trainer for the Capital Transit Company. He discusses the 1968 riots, becoming a deacon at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church and raising his family.

Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655175

Herbert Daughtry oral history interview conducted by Christopher Smith, 2007-10-09

Herbert Daughtry was a civil rights activist and minister with the House of the Lord denomination. The interview includes Herbert Daughtry's memories of growing up in Georgia, moving to Brooklyn and his family's history of ministry. He recalls his drug addiction and incarceration, founding his church in a storefront and joining the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Operation Breadbasket. He discusses founding the organization National Black United Front, his work with the Atlantic Yards development in Brooklyn and his work with refugees from Darfur.

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Maggie Dews oral history interview conducted by Brandon D. Jackson, 2007
AFC 2004/007: 255
Maggie Dews was a farmer and domestic worker.
The interview includes Maggie Dews' memories of growing up in Brownsville, Texas, marrying her husband and working as a farmer. She recalls raising her children, working as a domestic and her involvement in church.
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Thornton Dial oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-06-26
AFC 2004/007: 256
Thornton Dial was a vernacular artist known for his assemblages and sculpture.
The interview includes Thornton Dial's memories of growing up in Bessemer, Alabama, living with his grandmother and aunt and dropping out of school at age 13. He recalls working many odd jobs, his career as a machine operator and welder at Pullman-Standard and starting a furniture company with his son. He discusses his process of creating sculpture and assemblages from found objects, his friendships with artist Lonnie Holley and art collector Bill Arnett, and his major exhibitions.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655180

Joyce Dixon oral history interview conducted by Eryn V. Reid, 2007-10-18
AFC 2004/007: 257
Joyce Dixon was a civic leader and the founder of Creative Management Technology.
The interview includes Joyce Dixon's memories of growing up in Greensboro, North Carolina, attending Bennett College, and marrying her husband Jacob Dixon, an air force officer. She recalls the deaths of her two children, returning to college and moving to Florida. She discusses founding Creative Management Technology with her husband, her volunteer work with Links, Inc. and fundraising for Bennett College.
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Roosevelt Dorn oral history interview conducted by Krystle A. Evans, 2007-11-07
AFC 2004/007: 258
Roosevelt Dorn was the mayor of Inglewood, California.
The interview includes Roosevelt Dorn's memories of growing up in Checotah, Oklahoma, serving in the air force and working as a bailiff while he attended law school in California. He recalls serving as a juvenile court judge and his election as mayor of Inglewood, California. He discusses his accomplishments as mayor including bringing new development in Inglewood and lowering the crime rate.
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Julian Dugas oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-10-04
AFC 2004/007: 259
Julian Dugas was a civil rights lawyer and law professor at Howard University.
The interview includes Julian Dugas' memories of growing up in Augusta, Georgia and attending South Carolina State University and Howard University Law School. He recalls serving in the navy during World War II and working on the school desegregation case Bolling v. Sharpe and other civil rights cases. He discusses teaching law at Howard University, starting the Neighborhood Legal Services organization and working as the District of Columbia city administrator.
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Ovide Duncantell oral history interview conducted by Terri Mason, 2007-10-11
AFC 2004/007: 260
Ovide Duncantell was a civic leader and founder of the Black Heritage Society.
The interview includes Ovide Duncantell's memories of growing up in Louisiana, serving in the air force and moving to Houston, Texas. He recalls working as an insurance agent and his position with the Houston Community Action Association, an anti-poverty program. He discusses starting a free breakfast program for children, running for city council and founding the Black Heritage Society.
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Louis Farrakhan oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2008-05-07
AFC 2004/007: 261
Louis Farrakhan was the head of the Nation of Islam. Louis Farrakhan was interviewed by Camille O. Cosby on May 7, 2008 for the National Visionary Leadership Project in Chicago, Illinois.
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Clarence Faulcon oral history interview conducted by Matthew Frazier, 2007-10-17
AFC 2004/007: 262
Clarence Faulcon was a pianist, conductor and professor of music. The interview includes Clarence Faulcon's memories of growing up in Philadelphia, learning to play piano, and attending Lincoln University and the University of Pennsylvania. He recalls teaching music to junior high students, earning his Ph.D. in music and conducting the Philadelphia Concert Orchestra. He discusses teaching at Cazenovia College, performing with his wife, Jacqueline, and starting a program to showcase the works of African American composers.
Catalog Record: http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655185

Jacqueline Faulcon oral history interview conducted by Matthew Frazier, 2007-10-20
AFC 2004/007: 263
Jacqueline Faulcon was a pianist, singer and music teacher. The interview includes Jacqueline Faulcon's memories of growing up in Kingston, New York, her career as a music teacher and raising her son. She discusses her work with the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia, teaching in public schools and colleges, and performing with her husband Clarence.
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Anna and Fred Franklin oral history interview conducted by Shaneka Roberts, 2007-10-17

Fred Franklin was an air force officer and corporate manager. Anna Franklin was a school secretary and homemaker.

The interview includes Fred Franklin's memories of growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, attending West Virginia State College and serving in the air force. Anna Franklin recalls growing up in North Carolina, moving to Alexandria, Virginia and working as a school secretary. Fred Franklin discusses his career as an air force officer, working as a manager at Control Data Corporation and owning a McDonald's franchise.

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Mary Lee Bendolph oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-07-31

Mary Lee Bendolph was a member of the Gee's Bend Quilters Collective.

The interview includes Mary Lee Bendolph's memories of growing up in Gee's Bend, Alabama, becoming a teenage mother and learning to make quilts from her mother. She recalls meeting art dealer Bill Arnett, learning more about the artistic quality of quilts and the first showing of the quilts in Houston, Texas. She discusses registering to vote during the civil rights movement, her involvement at church and raising her family.

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Gee's Bend Quiltmakers Mary Lee Bendolph, Lucy Mingo, Nettie Young, Essie Pettway, and China Pettway interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-07-31

The interview includes footage of an intergenerational group of women working on a quilt together.

Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655240](http://lccn.loc.gov/2011655240)
Nettie Young oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-07-31
AFC 2004/007: 266
Nettie Young was a sharecropper and member of the Gee's Bend Quilters Collective. The interview includes Nettie Young's memories of growing up in Rehoboth, Alabama, working as a sharecropper and moving to Gee's Bend. She recalls her religious conversion, making her first quilt, and joining the Freedom Quilting Bee. She discusses her involvement in the civil rights movement, meeting art dealer Bill Arnett and displaying her quilts in museums.
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Lucy Mingo oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-07-31
AFC 2004/007: 267
Lucy Mingo was a cook and member of the Gee's Bend Quilters Collective. The interview includes Lucy Mingo's memories of growing up in Rehoboth, Alabama, raising ten children and her involvement at church. She recalls learning to sew, making her first quilt and joining the Freedom Quilting Bee. She discusses her participation in the civil rights movement, working as a school cook, meeting art dealer Bill Arnett and selling her quilts.
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Sam Gilliam oral history interview conducted by Maxine Baker, 2008-10-10
AFC 2004/007: 269
Sam Gilliam was an abstract artist and member of the Washington Color School. The interview includes Sam Gilliam's memories of growing up in Tupelo, Mississippi and Louisville, Kentucky and attending the University of Louisville where he majored in art. He recalls serving in the army, teaching art in public schools and moving to Washington, D.C. He discusses the Washington Color School, his success in New York and his methods for creating art.
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Ulysses S. Griggs oral history interview conducted by Jessica E. Kellog, 2007-10-17
AFC 2004/007: 270
Ulysses S. Griggs was a social worker and civic leader.
The interview includes Ulysses S. Griggs' memories of growing up in California, attending the University of California, Los Angeles and serving in the army. He recalls his career as a disability advocate with Community Rehabilitation Services, volunteering at Children's Hospital and donating blood. He discusses raising his daughters and his service with Kappa Alpha Psi.
Catalog Record: [http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655189](http://lccn.loc.gov/2010655189)

Grace Hampton oral history interview conducted by Wanda Timms, 2007-10-22
AFC 2004/007: 271
Grace Hampton was an artist, professor and assistant director of the National Endowment for the Arts.
The interview includes Grace Hampton's memories of growing up in Alabama and Chicago, Illinois, taking art classes and attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She recalls teaching at elementary schools and the Southside Community Art Center and developing her specialty in African art. She discusses earning her Ph.D. at Arizona State University, teaching at several universities and her position at the National Endowment for the Arts.
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Gertrude Jeannette oral history interview conducted by Patrick Senat, 2007-10-16
AFC 2004/007: 272
Gertrude Jeannette was an actress, director and the founder of the H.A.D.L.E.Y. Players.
The interview includes Gertrude Jeannette's memories of growing up in Arkansas, meeting her husband, boxer Joe Jeannette, and moving to New York. She recalls becoming the first female cab driver in New York, acting with the American Negro Theater and on Broadway, and writing plays. She discusses founding the H.A.D.L.E.Y. Players, the Harlem theater community and arts funding.

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**Tobe Johnson oral history interview conducted by Derrick Johnson, 2007**  
AFC 2004/007: 273  
Tobe Johnson was a professor of political science at Morehouse College.  
The interview includes Tobe Johnson's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, attending Morehouse College and earning his Ph.D. in political science at Columbia University. He discusses his marriage, his career as a professor at Morehouse College, and the influence of Morehouse students on the civil rights movement.  
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**Kenneth Lavon Johnson oral history interview conducted by Ruth Mathenge, 2007-10-12**  
AFC 2004/007: 274  
Kenneth Lavon Johnson was a civil rights lawyer and district court judge.  
The interview includes Kenneth Lavon Johnson's memories of growing up in Mississippi, attending Southern University and participating in restaurant sit-ins. He recalls attending Howard University Law School and serving in the army during the Korean War as a JAG officer. He discusses his career at the Department of Justice, where he served as a lawyer in the South for many civil rights cases, and becoming a district court judge in Baltimore, Maryland.  
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**Colonel Stone Johnson oral history interview conducted by Kintisha Matthews, 2007-10-07**  
AFC 2004/007: 275  
Colonel Stone Johnson was a railroad clerk, union leader and civil rights activist.  
The interview includes Colonel Stone Johnson's memories of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, working as a railroad clerk and as a union representative for the Brotherhood
of Railway Clerks. He recalls labor disputes, his involvement in the civil rights movement in Alabama, and joining the Southern Christian Leadership Coalition (SCLC). He discusses serving as Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth's bodyguard, facing harassment and violence, and the bombing of the Bethel Baptist Church.

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**Clarence B. Jones oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2008-03-26**

AFC 2004/007: 276

Clarence B. Jones was a lawyer who defended Martin Luther King, Jr. The interview includes Clarence B. Jones' memories of growing up in Pennsylvania, attending Columbia University and joining the Young Progressives of America. He recalls attending Boston University Law School, meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. and becoming his lawyer. He discusses defending King in many lawsuits, FBI wiretappings and accusations of communism, and assisting him with speechwriting.

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**Carrolena Key oral history interview conducted by Rachel DiNardo, 2007-10-19**

AFC 2004/007: 277

Carrolena Key was a civil service worker and civic leader. The interview includes Carrolena Key's memories of growing up in Saginaw, Michigan, attending West Virginia State College and serving in the air force. She recalls marrying her husband and moving to Washington, D.C., where she worked at the Pentagon and the National Park Service. She discusses the 1968 riots, serving on the D.C. Commission for Women and working at public health clinics after her retirement.

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John Levy oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2009-04-07
AFC 2004/007: 278

John Levy was a jazz bassist and talent manager. The interview includes John Levy's memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana and Chicago, Illinois and learning to play the bass. He recalls playing in nightclubs in Chicago, joining the black musician's union and moving to New York to perform with the Stuff Smith Trio. He discusses playing with Billy Holiday, becoming a talent manager and touring Ghana.

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Jerome Long oral history interview conducted by Melanie C. Nelson, 2007
AFC 2004/007: 279

Jerome Long was a professor of religion at Wesleyan University. The interview includes Jerome Long's memories of growing up in Little Rock, Arkansas, serving in the army and attending Knox College. He recalls earning his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, teaching religion at Western Michigan University and Wesleyan University. He discusses his interest in African American religion, the history of World War II and increasing diversity at Wesleyan University.

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John E. Mann oral history interview conducted by Cheryl Clarke, 2008-07-16
AFC 2004/007: 280

John Mann was a lieutenant colonel in the army and mystery writer. The interview includes John Mann's memories of growing up in Camden, South Carolina, attending the Mather Academy and joining the army during World War II. He recalls the segregation of the military, training to join the all-black paratrooper unit called the "Triple Nickles," and serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He discusses the integration of his unit, working at the Defense Intelligence Agency and his later career as a mystery writer.

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Ellis Marsalis oral history interview conducted by Dale Mason Cochran, 2008-08-26
AFC 2004/007: 281
Ellis Marsalis was a jazz pianist, saxophonist and music teacher.
The interview includes Ellis Marsalis' memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana, taking piano lessons and attending Dillard University. He recalls going to jazz concerts in New Orleans, starting his first band and performing on radio and television with the Marine Corps. He discusses meeting his wife, teaching at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, and his sons' jazz careers.
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Susie McClure oral history interview conducted by Ashley Payne, 2007-09-25
AFC 2004/007: 282
Susie McClure was a nurse, missionary and civic leader.
The interview includes Susie McClure's memories of growing up in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, attending West Kentucky College and working in military equipment factories during World War II. She recalls becoming a nurse, raising her stepsons and participating in the civil rights movement in Nashville, Tennessee. She discusses attending American Baptist Seminary, her work as a missionary in Africa and starting the Love Kitchen for the homeless in Nashville.
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Dorothy Layne McIntyre oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-09-25
AFC 2004/007: 283
Dorothy Layne McIntyre was a pilot and teacher.
The interview includes Dorothy Layne McIntyre's memories of growing up in LeRoy, New York, attending West Virginia State University and joining the Civil Aeronautics Authority. She recalls becoming a pilot, teaching aircraft mechanics during World War II and facing racial discrimination from the Women Airforce Service Pilots. She discusses moving to Cleveland, Ohio, becoming a teacher and raising her daughters.

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Dan Moore oral history interview conducted by Jessica Nwokocha, 2007

AFC 2004/007: 284

Dan Moore was a documentary filmmaker and the founder of the African-American Panoramic Experience (APEX) Museum. The interview includes Dan Moore's memories of growing up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, attending the Bok Vocational School and working several odd jobs. He recalls his interest in film, visiting Africa and making his first documentary film about Liberia. He discusses his work as a producer of educational television shows, his interest in African American history and founding the African-American Panoramic Experience (APEX) Museum in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Camay Calloway Murphy oral history interview conducted by Johnnetta Cole, 2008-10-02

AFC 2004/007: 285

Camay Calloway Murphy was a teacher, principal and school board member. The interview includes Camay Calloway Murphy's memories of her father, Cab Calloway, growing up in New York and Baltimore, Maryland, and becoming an elementary school teacher. She recalls teaching in Nigeria and working as a principal and administrator in Arlington, Virginia. She discusses starting music and arts programs in schools, teaching at Coppin State University and serving on the Baltimore School Board.

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John H. Murphy oral history interview conducted by Maxine Baker, 2009-04-22

John H. Murphy was the chairman and president of the newspaper, “The Afro-American.” The interview includes John H. Murphy's memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, attending Temple University and working for the newspaper, “The Afro-American,” founded by his grandfather. He recalls managing the business office of the newspaper, expanding circulation and becoming the chairman. He discusses the history of African American newspapers, founding "Dawn Magazine" and meeting his wife, Camay Calloway Murphy.

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Cecil Murray oral history interview conducted by Cori Tucker, 2007-10-15

Cecil Murray was a minister and professor of religion. The interview includes Cecil Murray's memories of growing up in Florida, attending Florida A & M University and serving in the air force. He recalls becoming an air force officer, earning his Ph.D. in religion at the University of Southern California and his career as a minister in the First African Methodist Episcopcal Church. He discusses the civil rights movement, starting the Beyond the Walls program at his church, and the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

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Hazel O'Leary oral history interview conducted by Victoria Trice, 2007-10-15

Hazel O'Leary was a lawyer, Secretary of Energy and president of Fisk University. The interview includes Hazel O'Leary's memories of growing up in Newport News, Virginia, and attending Fisk University and Rutgers University Law School. She recalls working as a lawyer in New Jersey, her appointment as Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Environment in the Carter Administration and her career as a utility company executive. She discusses becoming Secretary of Energy under President Clinton and her accomplishments as president of Fisk University.

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**George L. Russell oral history interview conducted by Vanessa Wachira, 2007-10-31**  
AFC 2004/007: 289  
George L. Russell was a lawyer, judge and city solicitor of Baltimore, Maryland. The interview includes George L. Russell's memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland and attending Lincoln University and the University of Maryland Law School. He recalls serving in the army, working at a law firm in Baltimore and his appointment as a judge for the Circuit Court of Maryland. He discusses becoming the first African American city solicitor, serving as president of the Maryland Bar Association and starting his own law firm.  
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**Frederick Scott oral history interview conducted by Eddie Holiday, 2007-10-16**  
AFC 2004/007: 290  
Frederick Scott was a chemical engineer and the first African American student at Johns Hopkins University. The interview includes Frederick Scott's memories of growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, becoming the first African American student at Johns Hopkins University and majoring in chemical engineering. He recalls serving in the army, meeting his wife and working as an engineer for RCA. He discusses working in advertising and as an editor for scientific journals and the effects of the civil rights movement.  
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**Marion Coles oral history interview conducted by Racquel Oden, 2009-05-30**  
AFC 2004/007: 291  
Marion Coles was a dancer and member of the Silver Belles dance group. The interview includes Marion Coles' memories of growing up in Harlem, New York, learning to dance from her mother, and becoming a chorus line dancer. She recalls working with Jimmy Lunceford, striking at the Apollo Theater and her friendships with other dancers. She discusses raising her family, teaching tap dance and joining the Silver Belles dance group.  

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Marion Coles and Cleo Hayes oral history interview conducted by Racquel Oden, 2009-05-30

Marion Coles and Cleo Hayes were dancers and members of the Silver Belles dance group. The interview includes Marion Coles' and Cleo Hayes' memories of dancing in nightclubs in Harlem, New York. They recall striking for better wages at the Apollo Theater, their friendship with dancer Bertye Lou Wood and performing with the U.S.O. during World War II. They discuss forming the Silver Belles dance group and performing at tap dance festivals.

Elaine Ellis oral history interview conducted by Cynthia Dinkins, 2009-07-31

Elaine Ellis was a dancer and member of the Silver Belles dance group. The interview includes Elaine Ellis' memories of growing up in Panama, moving to New York and working as a bartender and dancer. She recalls meeting other dancers and performing at the Cotton Club, the Zanzibar and in Atlantic City. She discusses forming the Silver Belles dance group, performing for the elderly and making the movie "Been Rich All My Life."

Cleo Hayes with Elaine Ellis oral history interview conducted by Cynthia Dinkins, 2009-07-31

Cleo Hayes and Elaine Ellis were dancers and members of the Silver Belles dance group. The interview includes Cleo Hayes' and Elaine Ellis' memories of dancing in nightclubs in Harlem, New York.
Cleo Hayes and Elaine Ellis were dancers who founded the Silver Belles dance group. The interview includes Cleo Hayes' memories of growing up in Mississippi, moving to Chicago, Illinois, dancing in nightclubs and appearing in the movie "Stormy Weather." With Elaine Ellis, the two recall dancing at the Apollo Theater, joining a union and striking for better pay. They discuss performing at other clubs in New York and their memories of starting the Silver Belles dance group.

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John B. Slaughter oral history interview conducted by Racquel Oden, 2009-01-23
AFC 2004/007: 296
John B. Slaughter was an engineer and president of the University of Maryland. The interview includes John B. Slaughter's memories of growing up in Topeka, Kansas, repairing radios and attending Washburn University and Kansas State University. He recalls protesting discrimination in Manhattan, Kansas, meeting his wife and working as an engineer for Convair and the Navy Electronics Laboratory in San Diego, California. He discusses earning his master's degree, working at the National Science Foundation and becoming president of the University of Maryland.

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Louis Stokes oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2007-09-24
AFC 2004/007: 297
The interview includes Louis Stokes' memories of growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, serving in the army during World War II and attending Case Western Reserve University. He recalls opening a criminal law practice with his brother, Carl Stokes, working on the Terry v. Ohio Supreme Court case, and defending civil rights demonstrators in Cleveland. He discusses his brother's election as mayor of Cleveland and serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for thirty years. Louis Stokes was a lawyer and U.S. Representative from Ohio.

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Bernice Sumlin oral history interview conducted by Knetra Nelson, 2007-11-01
AFC 2004/007: 298
Bernice Sumlin was a teacher, school administrator and the supreme basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.
The interview includes Bernice Sumlin's memories of growing up in Dayton, Ohio, attending Wilberforce University and Miami University. She recalls becoming a teacher and school administrator in Dayton and serving as supreme basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She discusses fundraising for the United Negro College Fund and traveling to Africa.
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Allen Toussaint oral history interview conducted by Dale Mason Cochran, 2008-08-27
AFC 2004/007: 299
Allen Toussaint was a pianist, songwriter and record producer.
The interview includes Allen Toussaint's memories of growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana, learning to play the piano and playing in his first band, the Flamingoes. He recalls playing at the club Dew Drop, writing his first songs and becoming a record producer. He discusses serving in the Army, experimenting with new styles of music and surviving Hurricane Katrina.
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Melvin Van Peebles oral history interview conducted by Renee Poussaint, 2008-03-25
AFC 2004/007: 300
Melvin Van Peebles was an actor, writer and filmmaker.
The interview includes Melvin Van Peebles' memories of growing up in Chicago, Illinois, attending Ohio Wesleyan University and serving in the air force. He recalls living in Mexico and San Francisco, California, making his first short film, and living in Europe where he wrote novels, worked as a translator and made films. He discusses moving back to the United States, the success of his feature films and his son Mario's film career.
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Nancy Wilson oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2009-04-03

Nancy Wilson was a jazz and pop singer. The interview includes Nancy Wilson's memories of growing up in Columbus, Ohio, singing in church and appearing on the television show "Skyline Melodies" as a teenager. She recalls singing with several local bands, moving to New York and working with talent agent John Levy. She discusses recording albums for Capitol Records, her involvement with the civil rights movement and raising her family.

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Fred Gray oral history interview conducted by Celia Carey Meyer, 2008-06-27

Fred Gray was a civil rights lawyer who defended Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. Fred Gray was interviewed by Celia Carey Meyer on June 27, 2008 for the National Visionary Leadership Project in Tuskegee, Alabama.

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Nebraska Mays oral history interview conducted by Shanna Lewis, 2002-10-24

Nebraska Mays was a professor of education and administrator at Fisk University and Tennessee State University.

Nebraska Mays was interviewed on October 24, 2002 for the National Visionary Leadership Project, by Shanna Lewis, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, Fisk University, in Nashville, Tennessee.
Irma Carson oral history interview conducted by Cori Tucker, 2007-10-21
AFC 2004/007: 304
Irma Carson was a city council member in Bakersfield, California.
Irma Carson was interviewed on October 21, 2007 for the National Visionary Leadership Project, by Cori Tucker, a National Visionary Heritage Fellow, UCLA, in Los Angeles, California.
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H. Carl McCall oral history interview conducted by Camille O. Cosby, 2007-01-22
AFC 2004/007: 305
H. Carl McCall was a New York State Senator, State Comptroller and civic leader.
The interview includes Carl McCall's memories of growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, attending Dartmouth College and serving in the army. He recalls attending the University of Edinburgh for his degree in theology, his position as chairman of the Council Against Poverty and his election to the New York State Senate. He discusses serving on the New York City Department of Education, his election as New York State Comptroller and his career at Citibank.
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