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Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with David H. Cooke, who was interviewed by Fiona Vernal on February 8, 2001. Topics discussed include Cooke growing up on Chatham Farm, a 300-acre estate in Jamaica; a 1951 hurricane that destroyed Chatham Farm leaving the Cooke family financially strapped; banana farming; education; sugar boiling at the Hamden Sugar Estate; discovering a talent for chemistry; getting fired from the Hamden Sugar Estate; taking a job with the census; migrating to the United States; cutting sugar cane

# Basic Detail Report

in Florida; working at the commissary; discrimination, prejudice, and

segregation; marriage; his occupational history; moving to Connecticut in 1961;

networking with other Jamaicans in Hartford; working at Heublein Research

Laboratories as a bench chemist; the West Indian Social Club; becoming

president of the West Indian Social Club; the clique of power, known as The

Electoral College, at the Social Club in the 1970s; buying and renovating a

building on Main Street in Hartford for the Social Club; dealing with the issue of

resentment in the Social Club - rivalries amongst Jamaicans, rivalry between

Jamaicans and other Islanders, and resentments about playing cricket; women's

roles and full membership in the Social Club; diaspora and culture; working at

Ensign-Bickford; going into business for himself; resettling and retiring in

Jamaica; and challenges for retirees in Jamaica. Tape 1: 2013.26.21.1a-d

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two sides, the tape, and a J-card.

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side 2): 46 Minutes, 29 Seconds Duration (tape 2, side 1): 47 Minutes, 9 Seconds

Duration (tape 2, side 2): 47 Minutes, 9 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 3

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