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## **Title Interview with Carmelo J. Brutto**

Date 2007 January 19

Primary Maker Carmelo J. Brutto

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with Carmelo J. Brutto. He was interviewed on January 19, 2007 by Bruce M. Stave and Sondra Astor Stave at his home in Enfield, Connecticut. Carmelo Brutto was born on May 22, 1922 in Sicily. His father immigrated to the United States when he was 18 months old. Carmelo and his mother followed in 1930, after his father became a U.S. citizen. His father worked at a mill in Enfield, and his mother stayed home. After he graduated high school, Carmelo got a job at G. Fox & Co. in 1941. In 1942, he served in the U.S. Army in the Infantry 88th Division for three years. He was stationed in Italy. He stayed at G. Fox until his retirement in 1987. He worked at G. Fox with his two cousins, Charlie Vella and Charlie Brutto. Carmelo worked in Maintenance, Charlie Vella worked in Delivery, and Charlie Brutto worked in Women's Shoes. He discusses his training in the Maintenance Department for working with the business machines. The Maintenance Department consisted of electricians, workers for the escalators and elevators, plumbers, workers with business machines, oiling, and other tasks. Carmelo was initiated as a member of the Moses Fox Club in 1966. He discusses the events he attended. He describes his interactions with Beatrice Fox Auerbach. He describes Hartford in the 1940s. He discusses changes that took place after the store was sold to the May Company

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and the branch stores. He talks about the attempts to unionize. He ends the

interview talking about the closure of G. Fox and his friendships with colleagues.

Dimensions Duration: 57 Minutes, 49 Seconds