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Title Interview with Fanny Raptopoulos

Date 2008 April 10

Primary Maker Fanny Raptopoulos

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with Fanny Raptopoulos. She was interviewed on April 10, 2008 by Bruce M. Stave and Sondra Astor Stave at her home in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Fanny was born on November 21, 1919 in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Her parents were born in Smyrna, Turkey. The family first moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, then moved to Hartford, Connecticut. Fanny graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1938. In 1939, she applied for a job at G. Fox & Co. during the Christmas season, but was not hired. She applied again the next year and was hired as a cashier. She then moved into a position in the Tube Room. She describes how the pneumatic tube sales system worked. She was a member of the Moses Fox Club, having worked at G. Fox for 40 years. She worked in the Tube Room for about 25 years before being promoted to the Manager of the Cashier's Office. She discusses the changes that occurred at the store after it was purchased by the May Company. She describes Centinel Hill Hall and the events held there. She describes her interactions with Beatrice Fox Auerbach and the dress code. The Seventh Floor Tube Room was closed on July 20, 1970, and Fanny reads a notice about its closure. She shares her memories of Hartford. She discusses labor unions, some of the Black employees she remembers, and the women employees. After retiring from G. Fox, Fanny

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worked part-time at Sage, Allen & Co. for nine years. She compares working for the two stores. She talks about thefts at G. Fox. She reads the "Ten Commandments of Human Relations" issued by G. Fox. She ends the interview discussing the Moses Fox Club and photos and memorabilia she has in a scrapbook.

Dimensions Duration: 1 Hour, 33 Minutes, 27 Seconds