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Title Interview with Edwin W. Carty

Date 2001 May 14

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with Edwin W. Carty, who was interviewed by Fiona Vernal on May 14, 2001. Topics discussed include Carty's family and childhood in Jamaica; why he lived with his brother for three years; his father's job as a carpenter and his mother a housewife; getting a job in 1948 at a bakery as a clerk; going to Kingston, Jamaica and joining the police force in 1950; memories of his community; having strict parents; school and church; ideas about America as a rich place; Jamaica's affinity to England and Carty seeing Queen Elizabeth when she visited Jamaica; Carty's brother continuing his career in education; learning about contract farm work in the U.S. and the recruitment process; what the farm worker said about American and their experiences; social activities, such as cricket; his wife's story, Eileen Morgan; his catalyst for migration and marriage; the rarity of migration opportunities in the 1950s; his wife's Cuban brother; Carty's first job as a stock clerk at Royal Typewriter; Eileen Carty's job as a nurse at the Institute of Living; their residential history; real estate discrimination; connections to Cuba; Carty's impressions of America; his employment at Dunham-Bush in West Hartford; the West Indian community and Hartford in the 1950s; the Caribbean American Society; his presidency of the Caribbean American Society; the West Indian Social Club; generational differences and the decline of the Caribbean American

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Society; other West Indian organizations; raising children in America; migration

and generational differences; changes and problems in Jamaica after

independence; Carty's role in the West Indian Foundation; home ownership; and

an organization of Ex-Jamaican policemen in Hartford. 2013.26.29a-d consists of

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

Dimensions Duration (side 1): 47 Minutes, 18 Seconds Duration (side 2): 36

Minutes, 18 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 1 Hour, 23 Minutes, 37 Seconds