

Basic Detail Report



Title Interview with Egan Bovell

Date 2001 May 17

Primary Maker Egan Bovell

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description (a-d) Audio cassette tape of an interview with Egan Bovell, who was interviewed by Fiona Vernal on May 17, 2001. (e) Black and white portrait photograph of Egan Bovell. Topics discussed include Bovell's family and childhood in Barbados; being raised by his grandparents after his parents migrated to England; the logistics of his parents' migration to England, such as sponsorship and jobs; joining his parents in England at age 17 and living in

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England for nine years; extended family is an important support network;

education; the Methodist Church; traveling to St. Lucia; his typical day in

Barbados; school discipline; expectations about England and settling in;

returning to Barbados; coming to Connecticut; marriage; opportunities in

America versus Barbados; the changing immigration climate in England in the

1980s; Hartford's early Barbadian community; socializing with West Indians;

settling in, raising a family, buying a home, and finding a church in Hartford; the

broader West Indian identity versus a specific island identity; the importance of

respect an family; the importance of education; and music and Carnival.

2013.26.30a-d consists of two sides, the tape, and a J-card. 2013.26.30e:

photograph

Dimensions Duration (side 1): 47 Minutes, 31 Seconds Duration (side 2): 12

Minutes, 18 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 59 Minutes, 49 Seconds