

Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Sydney Barnett

Date 2000 October 15

Primary Maker Sydney Barnett

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description (.1-.3) Three audio cassette tapes of an interview with Sydney Barnett who was interviewed by Fiona Vernal on October 15, 2000. (.4) Black and white portrait photograph of Sydney Barnett. Topics discussed include Barnett's family, his childhood in Jamaica; working in Panama; his experiences on the ship to Panama; class and color prejudice in Jamaica and Panama; preparing to go to the United States after his return from Panama; the story of the starvation ship in 1943; racial discrimination; heading north in the U.S. to avoid work in sugarcane in Florida; employment as a tobacco driver; West Indian residency opportunities; Attorney L. Podorowsky's work with West Indians; the threat of repatriation to Jamaica; a singing group; finding a home in Hartford; the West Indian Social Club; cricket; attitudes toward American Blacks; West Indian generations; generational changes in the transmission of culture; and the problem of law, order, and respect in Jamaica. Tape 1: 2013.26.1.1a-d consisting of two sides, the tape, and a J-card. Tape 2: 2013.26.1.2a-d consisting of two sides, the tape, and a J-card. Tape 3: 2013.26.1.3a-d consisting of two sides, the tape, and a J-card. 2013.26.1.4: photograph

Dimensions Duration (tape 1, side 1): 31 Minutes, 36 Seconds Duration (tape 1, side 2): 31 Minutes, 37 Seconds Duration (tape 2, side 1): 31 Minutes, 36 Seconds

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Duration (tape 2, side 2): 30 Minutes, 20 Seconds Duration (tape 3, side 1): 31

Minutes, 34 Seconds Duration (tape 3, side 2): 9 Minutes, 22 Seconds Duration

(total runtime): 2 Hours, 46 Minutes, 8 Seconds