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Title Interview with Raymond H. Davis

Date 2001 May 2

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with Raymond H. Davis, who was interviewed by Fiona Vernal on May 2, 2001. Topics discussed include Davis' childhood in Jamaica; reasons for migrating; education; playing cricket as a young boy and working in the Income Tax Department before emigrating; emigrating to pursue other goals besides becoming a teacher; his father's occupation as a carpenter and contractor and his mother staying at home; buying time with his parents until he figured out what career to pursue; his decision to stay in the United States; race relations in the U.S. and Jamaica; distinguishing between West Indians and African Americans; farm workers paving the way for the next generation; generational differences; generational differences in migration opportunities; the prospects of returning to Jamaica; difficulties of adjusting to the slower pace of life in Jamaica; the values and value of West Indian culture; the generation of the 1980s and increasing Americanization; his occupational history; reflections on women's independence and its abuses; the West Indian Social Club; the decline of discipline; lending his financial expertise to the West Indian Social Club; his activities as president of the Club; the problem of internal unity; anti-West

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Indian sentiments; bringing all West Indian organizations together; West Indian

camaraderie; making celebrations more Carnivalesque; and West Indian sayings.

2013.26.27a-d consists of two sides, the tape, and a J-card.

Dimensions Duration (side 1): 44 Minutes, 24 Seconds Duration (side 2): 29

Minutes, 3 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 1 Hour, 13 Minutes, 28 Seconds