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Title Interview with José Negrón

Date 2000 May 6

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with José Negrón. Interviewed by Ruth Glasser and Amanda Rivera-López on May 6, 2000. The interview was conducted in Spanish. A transcript of the interview is available in both English and Spanish. José Negrón was born in Manati, Puerto Rico in 1914, and raised in Ciales, Puerto Rico. He describes his family and his family's origins. His father was a foreman in a shoemaking factory. José Negrón learned to make shoes from his father. He married Dorca Rosario. He joined the Army during World War II and was stationed in Hawaii for six months. After the war, he attended the Puerto Rican Evangelical Seminary and earned his high school diploma. He contracted malaria. He then worked as a pastor in Puerto Rico in the Ciales countryside. After one of his daughters became sick, he brought his family to the United States and settled in New York in 1954. He worked as an assistant to an evangelical pastor. He came to Connecticut when he was working with a pastor. Once in Connecticut, he studied auxiliary nursing in the veteran's hospital. He later moved to Bristol, Connecticut and retired at age 62. He decided to return to Puerto Rico in 1983 after his wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and she died in 1992. He returned to the United States after her death. José Negrón was one of the first Puerto Ricans in Hartford to be established to do ministerial work in 1958. He lived on Orange Street, then Charter Oak Terrace in Hartford. He served

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as an interpreter in the tobacco farm camps since he knew English. Many of the

Puerto Ricans in Hartford had a difficult time finding work. 2013.27.1a-d: two

digital files, J-card, and cassette tape

Dimensions Duration (side 1): 46 Minutes, 36 Seconds Duration (side 2): 29

Minutes, 50 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 1 Hour, 16 Minutes, 26 Seconds