

Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Olga Mele

Date 2000 June 26

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with Olga Mele. Interviewed by Ruth Glasser and Amanda Rivera-López on June 26, 2000. Olga Mele was born in Guayama, Puerto Rico. She moved to the United States in 1941. She describes how she met her husband in Puerto Rico in 1938, and they married in 1940. In 1941, the couple first lived in Vermont and Olga worked at the American Woolen Company. They then moved to Connecticut, and she worked at Pratt and Whitney running a milling machine. Her husband worked at Colt. She describes her work history during World War II. She describes the migration of Puerto Rican workers to Connecticut in the 1950s, who came to work on the tobacco farms. She describes the discrimination and racism Puerto Ricans endured. She describes how people needed to be bilingual. She describes her involvement with the church and various social programs she was involved with. Olga Mele worked at Community Renewal Team (CRT) and describes the anti-poverty programs she worked with and the San Juan Catholic Center. She describes her work in the political field, recruiting voters and volunteering for campaigns. She describes her relationship with Maria Sanchez.

Dimensions Duration (side 1): 46 Minutes, 5 Seconds Duration (side 2): 22

Minutes, 27 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 1 Hour, 8 Minutes, 33 Seconds