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Title Interview with John Pontillo

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Primary Maker John Pontillo

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with John Pontillo. He was interviewed on January 17, 2007 by Bruce M. Stave and Sondra Astor Stave at his home in Manchester, Connecticut. John Pontillo was born in Manchester, Connecticut. He attended Manchester High School and New England College. In April 1965, John got a job at G. Fox & Co. after going to the State of Connecticut Personnel Department on Temple Street in Hartford. G. Fox would recruit staff through this office, which is how John received an interview with Jack Litter in G. Fox's Accounting Department. He was hired for an internal auditing position, which he held for three years from 1965-1968. John discusses the training he received after he was hired. At Christmastime, he would be on the sales floor as an escalator guard greeting customers and directing the flow of traffic. He discusses the Christmas displays at G. Fox and the tube room. He remembers Beatrice Fox Auerbach telling the staff that the store was being sold to the May Company. He discusses the changes that took place after BFA's death and when the May Company took over. In 1969, John left the Internal Auditing Department and moved to the Marking Room, where he stayed until 1982. He discusses the operations of how merchandise moved around the store. He talks about benefits and labor unions. John discusses the branch stores. After leaving G. Fox in 1982,

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John worked for Scandinavian Design as an Operation Manager. He stayed in that position for four years. He then worked at Sage-Allen after it merged with Addis & Dey's, a small regional department store chain in Syracuse, New York. He then operated a truck delivery company for four years with GE as the main delivery source. After he retired, he worked for the Connecticut Department of Revenue during tax season. He ends the interview discussing Hartford and colleagues he remembers.

Dimensions Duration: 1 Hour, 3 Minutes, 9 Seconds