

Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Joaquina Rodríguez

Date 2000 May 31

Primary Maker Joaquina Rodríguez

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with Joaquina Rodríguez.

Interviewed by Ruth Glasser and Amanda Rivera-López on May 31, 2000. The interview was conducted in Spanish. A transcript of the interview is available in both English and Spanish. Joaquina Rodríguez, born Joaquina Vargas Torruellas, was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico in 1920. She came to the United States in 1950. Starting in 1975, she began working with the Community Renewal Team in Hartford and stayed there until retirement. She discusses her family and children. Her mother was a seamstress. Her father worked in agriculture as a sugar cane laborer. Her father was also a bomba musician and some of her cousins played plena. She discusses her impression of Hartford. She had graduated from high school in Puerto Rico, but she also attended Barnard Brown School and Hartford High School in Hartford. She discusses working at la chicken, how much money she made, and the good working conditions. Her brothers opened a bodega and restaurant in Hartford. She discusses politics and her work helping to register voters. 2013.27.7a-d: two digital files, J-card, and tape

Dimensions Duration (side 1): 47 Minutes, 27 Seconds Duration (side 2): 40

Minutes, 53 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 1 Hour, 28 Minutes, 20 Seconds