

# 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