

# Basic Detail Report

## **Title Interview with Mariano Cortéz**

Date 2000 May 23

Primary Maker Mariano Cortez

Medium digitized audio cassette tape

Description Audio cassette tape of an interview with Mariano Cortéz.

Interviewed by Ruth Glasser and Amanda Rivera-López on May 23, 2000. The interview is conducted in Spanish. Mariano Cortez was born in Cidra, Puerto Rico and left home when he was 13 to work in restaurants in San Juan. He then went to New Jersey and returned to Puerto Rico in 1952, then in 1953, he returned to Connecticut to work on the tobacco farms in Windsor. He only worked on the tobacco farms for a few months before looking for other opportunities. He worked washing dishes and in construction before working at both the Underwood Typewriter and Royal Typewriter factories. In 1962, he opened a clothing store at 1335 Main Street in Hartford primarily serving the Puerto Rican community. He was involved with the creation of the Puerto Rican Parade in Hartford. He discusses politics in the Puerto Rican community. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church. He describes changes that occurred in Hartford over the years. He was involved with local baseball teams.

Dimensions Duration (side 1): 44 Minutes, 59 Seconds Duration (side 2): 16 Minutes, 4 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 1 Hour, 1 Minute, 3 Seconds