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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository

University of Mississippi Libraries

Title

Freedom Riders' 40th Anniversary Oral History Project

ID

MUM00058

Extent

1 box (Annex)

Location:

Visual Collections

Abstract:

The University of Mississippi's Freedom Riders oral history project includes interviews recorded in conjunction with the 40th anniversary held in Jackson, MS in the summer of 2001.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Freedom Riders were young civil rights activists who planned to ride interstate buses from Washington, D.C. to New Orleans, LA in the summer of 1961 to test the United States Court decision *Boynton v. Virginia*. The decision gave interstate travelers the legal right to disregard local

segregation laws regarding interstate transportation facilities. The first ride left Washington, D.C. on May 4, 1961 and was met with extreme amounts of violence in Alabama, so much in fact that most of the riders agreed to fly to New Orleans instead of continuing on. This did not stop the rides or the violence and on May 24th riders boarded buses for Jackson, MS. When they arrived, riders were arrested for using "whites-only" facilities and imprisoned in Parchman Penitentiary.

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ARRANGEMENT

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

Acquisition Information

Individuals involved in the taping, interviewing, and

overall success of the freedom riders 40th anniversary oral history project include: Prof. David Wharton, Joe York, Amy C. Evans, Tiffany Hamlin, Evan Hatch, Susan Glisson, April Grayson, Mary Beth Lasseater, Warren Ables, and Mary Hartwell Howorth.

University departments responsible: The Center for the Study of Southern Studies, the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, and the University of Mississippi Media & Documentary Productions.

Processing Information

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Subject(s)

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COLLECTION INVENTORY

Adams-Johnson, Frankye (34 min.)

Aelony, Zev (50 min.)

Armstrong, Thomas Madison III (20 min.)

Audain, Michael (20 min.)

Baum, Robert (42 min.)

Braun-Reinitz, Janet (44 min.)

Browning, Joan C. (36 min.)

Clark Fred (38 min.)

Davidoff, Marv (54 min.)

Dolan, John (22 min.)

Filner, Bob (36 min.)

Forman, James (42 min.); includes transcript

Freedman, Martin (48 min.)

Gaither, Thomas (26 min.)

Geddes, Frances (18 min.)

Gordon, Albert (26 min.); includes transcript

Green, Stephen (38 min.)

Hartmire, Wayne (28 min.)

Heller, Robert (18 min.)

Kale, Edward (28 min.)

Lansky, Lewis (26 min.)

Lee, Mary Harrison (12 min.)

Leonard, Margaret (26 min.)

Little-Vance, Mary (26 min.)

Maguire, John (28 min.)

McDew, Charles (60 min.)

Moody, John Jr; includes transcript

Mulholland, Joan (24 min.); includes transcript

Nelson, Frank (32 min.); includes transcript

Nixon, Sandra (20 min.); includes transcript

O'Connor, Claire (30 min.)

O'Neal-McCray, Helen (33 min.); includes transcript

O'Neal-McCray, Helen (24 min.); includes transcript

Person, Charles (38 min.); includes transcript

Petway, Alphonso & Krendelle Petway Dendy (54 min.)

Roy, Ralph (20 min.)

Silver, Carol Ruth (34 min.)

Singleton, Helen (40 min.); includes transcript

Singleton, Robert (30 min.); includes transcript

Smith, Woolcott (22 min.)

Stoner, Peter (26 min.)

Thomas, Clarence, Jr. (54 min.)

Washington, John (40 min.)
