



*Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid*

**ACCESSION No:** HRHS-185

**COLLECTION TITLE:** African-American Oral History Collection

**DATES:** 2002

**SIZE:** 4 folders

**DONOR:** Unknown

**PROCESSED:** Processed August 4, 2016 by K. Craun

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

In 2002, interviews were conducted with the African American community in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County by Lawrence D. Bowers, Donna R. Brock, Gloria H. Carter, Lowell Toliver and Ruth Toliver. These interviews were published by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in a book titled *2002 African-American Oral History Program in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County*. This publication was made possible by a grant administered by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.

The majority of the interviews were conducted by Ruth Toliver, an African-American historian and author who is from Harrisonburg's historic Black neighborhood.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The publication titled *2002 African-American Oral History Program in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County* is available in the genealogy library of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in Dayton, Virginia. This collection is the typed copies of the interviews used in the publication.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY:**

**Folder 1:**

- Interview of Carlotta Harris, by Ruth Toliver
- Interview of Betty Frakes, by Ruth Toliver
- Interview of Elon W. and Edna T. Rhodes, by Donna R. Brock
- Interview of Darnell Vickers, by Ruth Toliver

**Folder 2:**

- Interview of Weldon W. Bundy, by Donna R. Brock
- Interview of Carlyle Whitelow, by Gloria H. Carter
- Interview of Eva Barnes, by Ruth Toliver

-Interview of Mary Woodfolk, by Ruth Toliver

**Folder 3:**

-Interview of Lowell Toliver, by Ruth Toliver

-Interview of Andrew Toliver, by Ruth Toliver

-Interview of Barbara Toliver, by Ruth Toliver

-Interview of Charles Strother, by Ruth Toliver

**Folder 4:**

-Interview of Helen Washington, by Ruth Toliver

-Interview of Mary Fairfax, by Larry Bowers

-Interview of Doris Allen, by Ruth Toliver

-Interview of Rev. Henry C. Dorcas and Lillie Ann Dorcas, by Gloria H. Carter