

Oral History Interviews of the Nashville Business Leaders Oral History Project, 2006-[ongoing]

Collection Summary

Creator: Nashville Business Leaders Oral History Project

Title: Oral History Interviews of the Nashville Business Leaders Oral History Project

Inclusive Dates: 2006-[ongoing]

Summary/Abstract: Interviews with Nashville business and civic leaders conducted as part of the Nashville Public Library's Nashville Business Leaders Oral History Project.

Physical Description/Extent: sound discs : digital ; ¾ in.

Series: Three series:

- I. Southern Foodways Nashville Eats Interviews
- II. The Turner Interviews
- III. Library Interviews

Language: In English

Stack Location: Closed stacks workroom; Closed stacks SCC oral histories

Repository: Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Chronology

Date	Event
June 2006	Nashville Business Leaders Oral History Project began at the Nashville Public Library
21 June 2006	James Stephen (Steve) Turner became the first person interviewed for the project.
17 July 2006	Southern Foodways interviews conducted.
4 April 2007	Library Interviews series starts.
October 2007	The library's new Special Collections Center opened.
8 April 2008	Margaret Ann Robinson became the first person interviewed in the Special Collections Center.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

The Nashville Business Leaders Oral History Project (NBLOHP) began at the Nashville Public Library in June 2006 in conjunction with the planning for and opening of the library's new Special Collections Center. Made possible through the generosity of Charlie Martin and Judy and Steve Turner, the Special Collections Center highlights and

provides access to the library's oral history collections and other non-book special collections material.

The NBLOHP was conceived of by Steve Turner, and his interview was the first conducted by the project. With input from Mr. Turner and others, Cabot P. Pyle selects individuals to interview and conducts the interviews as part of The Turner Interviews series. Library administration and staff select individuals to interview as part of the Library Interviews series, and library staff and volunteers conduct the interviews.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The collection consists of audio interviews conducted with Nashville business and civic leaders.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Organization: Organized into the following series: I. Southern Foodways Nashville Eats Interviews; II. The Turner Interviews; and III. Library Interviews.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by the last name of the interviewee within each series.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: In library use only. Available by appointment.

Restrictions on Use and Reproduction: Some items may be protected by Copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code).

Index Terms

Personal Names:

Andrews, Nelson--Interviews
Arriola, John H.--Interviews
Bloodworth, Kathy, 1960- --Interviews
Cate, George H., ca. 1929- --Interviews
Havron, Douglas B., 1965- --Interviews
Jones, Edward F. (Eddie), 1924- --Interviews
Jones, Thomas Charles, 1926-2008--Interviews
Kim, Seong Sun (George)--Interviews
Kim, Soo--Interviews
Mehlman, Joan--Interviews
Mendelsohn, Eva--Interviews
Myint, Patti--Interviews
Myint, Win--Interviews
Nixon, Betty Chiles, 1936- --Interviews

Odom, Douglas G., 1929- --Interviews
Roberts, Kenneth L., 1932- --Interviews
Robinson, Margaret Ann--Interviews
Turner, James Stephen--Interviews
Wendell, E.W. (Bud), 1927- --Interviews
Wilson, David Kirkpatrick, 1919- --Interviews
Swett, David E., 1968- --Interviews
Townes, James B. (Hap), 1923- --Interviews
Chiles, John Garland, 1903-1980
Orr, Robert, d. 1911
Waugh, Irving Cambridge, 1912-2007
Clement, Frank Goad
Butler, Hilton, 1898-1970
Frist family
Ingram family
Turner family

Corporate Names:

Cross Keys Restaurant (Nashville, Tenn.)
Wallace University School (Nashville, Tenn.)
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
Unites States. Navy. Supply Corps
Cherokee Fire Insurance Company (Nashville, Tenn.)
First American Bank (Nashville, Tenn.)
Commerce Union Bank (Nashville, Tenn.)
Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority
Watauga Society (Nashville, Tenn.)
Tennessee Performing Arts Center
Ford Motor Company. Glass Plant (Nashville, Tenn.)
Challenger (Spacecraft)--Accidents
Angelo Formosa Food Manufacturers Inc. (Nashville, Tenn.)
Houston's (Restaurant : Nashville, Tenn.)
Green Hills Grille (Nashville, Tenn.)
Nero's (Restaurant : Nashville, Tenn.)
Maxwell House Coffee Company
Sam & Zoe's Coffeehouse (Nashville, Tenn.)
National Life and Accident Insurance Company, inc., Nashville
WSM (Radio station : Nashville, Tenn.)
Grand ole opry (Radio program)
Opryland U.S.A.
Ryman Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)
Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum (Nashville, Tenn.)
American General Corporation
Gaylord Entertainment Company
Unites States. Army. Air Corps--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.
Nashville Banner

Dollar General Store (Firm)--History
Farmers National Bank of Scottsville (Ky.)
Vanderbilt University--Alumni
Schermmerhorn Symphony Center (Nashville, Tenn.)
Marketstreet Equities Company
Fall School (Nashville, Tenn.)
Norman Couser's Country Cooking (Nashville, Tenn.)
HCA Foundation
Hospital Corporation of America
Leadership Nashville
Center for Nonprofit Management (Nashville, Tenn.)
Frist Center for the Visual Arts (Nashville, Tenn.)
United Way of Middle Tennessee
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt
Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee, Inc.
Nashville Plus
General Shoe Corporation

Subjects:

Business enterprises--Tennessee--Nashville
Businesspeople--Tennessee--Nashville
Civic leaders--Tennessee--Nashville
Restaurants--Tennessee--Nashville
African American businesspeople--Tennessee--Nashville
Family-owned business enterprises--Tennessee--Nashville
Central business districts--Tennessee--Nashville
Restaurateurs--Tennessee--Nashville
Women local officials and employees--Tennessee--Nashville
Municipal officials and employees--Tennessee--Nashville
City council members--Tennessee--Nashville
Women public officers--Tennessee--Nashville
Economic development--Social aspects--Tennessee--Nashville
African Americans--Civil rights--Tennessee--Nashville
Civic leaders--Tennessee--Nashville
African Americans--Segregation--Tennessee--Nashville
Schools--Tennessee--Nashville
Preparatory schools--Tennessee--Nashville
Private schools--Tennessee--Nashville
Insurance companies--Tennessee--Nashville
Banks and banking--Tennessee--Nashville
Liquor laws--Tennessee
Airports--Tennessee--Nashville
Transportation--Tennessee--Nashville
Veterans--Tennessee--Nashville
World War, 1939-1945--Veterans--Tennessee--Nashville
Boards of trade--Tennessee--Nashville
Clubs--Tennessee--Nashville

Associations, institutions, etc --Tennessee--Nashville
Performing arts--Tennessee--Nashville
Centers for the performing arts--Tennessee--Nashville
Fund raising
Arts fund raising
Minority business enterprises--Tennessee--Nashville
African American business enterprises--Tennessee--Nashville
Food service--Tennessee--Nashville
African Americans--Social conditions--Tennessee--Nashville
African Americans--Economic conditions--Tennessee--Nashville
Civil rights movements--Tennessee--Nashville
Desegregation--Tennessee--Nashville
Fires--Tennessee--Nashville
Space vehicle accidents--Florida--Cape Canaveral
Food industry and trade--Tennessee--Nashville
Coffee shops--Tennessee--Nashville
Restaurant management--Tennessee--Nashville
Small business--Growth
Success in business
Insurance agents--Tennessee--Nashville
Radio stations--Tennessee--Nashville
Performing arts--Tennessee--Nashville
Radio programs--Tennessee--Nashville
Radio broadcasting--Tennessee--Nashville
Entertainment--Tennessee--Nashville
Radio industry--Tennessee--Nashville
Music trade--Tennessee--Nashville
Depressions, 1929--Tennessee
Newspaper publishing--Tennessee--Nashville
Journalism--Tennessee--Nashville
Reporters and reporting--Tennessee--Nashville
Newspapers--Tennessee--Nashville
Journalists--Tennessee--Nashville
Newspaper editors--Tennessee--Nashville
Chief information officers--Tennessee--Nashville
Press secretaries--Tennessee--Nashville
Civic leaders--Tennessee--Nashville
Banks and banking--Kentucky--Scottsville
Success
Stores, Retail
Discount houses (Retail trade)
Chain stores
Lawyers--Tennessee--Nashville
Nonprofit organizations--Tennessee--Nashville
Mentoring
Mentoring in business--Tennessee

Leadership--Study and teaching--Tennessee--Nashville
Express highways--Economic aspects--Tennessee--Nashville
Transportation--Tennessee--Nashville
Real estate business--Tennessee--Nashville
Children--Hospitals--Tennessee--Nashville
Hospitals--Tennessee--Nashville
Education, Higher--Tennessee--Nashville
Cities and towns--Growth
City promotion
Busing for school integration--Tennessee--Nashville
Real estate agents--Tennessee--Nashville
Shoe industry--Tennessee--Nashville
Service industries--Tennessee--Davidson County
Health facilities--Tennessee--Nashville
Urbanization--Tennessee--Davidson County

Places:

Nashville (Tenn.)--Commerce
Nashville (Tenn.)--Social life and customs
Nashville (Tenn.)--History
Nashville (Tenn.)--Officials and employees
Nashville (Tenn.)--Social conditions
Nashville (Tenn.)--Race relations
Nashville (Tenn.)--Politics and government
Nashville (Tenn.)--Societies, etc.
Nashville (Tenn.)--Intellectual life
Nashville (Tenn.)--Economic conditions
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.)--History
Guadalcanal, Battle of, Solomon Islands, 1942-1943
Cape Canaveral (Fla.)--History
Berry Hill (Nashville, Tenn.)
East Nashville (Nashville, Tenn.)--History
The Gulch (Nashville, Tenn.)
Cool Springs (Tenn.)
Demonbreun Street (Nashville, Tenn.)
Tennessee--Intellectual life

Genre/Document Types:

Oral histories (aat)

Occupations:

Businesspeople (lcsb)

Added Entry—Personal Names:

Egerton, John, interviewer
Pyle, Cabot Pollard, interviewer

Blackman, Andrea, interviewer
Patterson, Larry, 1944- , interviewer
Havron, James T., 1960- , interviewer
James, Aimee B., 1975- , interviewer

Added Entry—Corporate Names:

Southern Foodways Alliance
James Stephen Turner Charitable Foundation

Associated and Related Material

Other oral history projects, the Nashville Banner Archives, and vertical files should be consulted as the Special Collections Division holds other interviews and clipping and vertical files on the majority of individuals and businesses represented in the collection.

Administrative Information

Additional Physical Form Available: The NBLOHP is the first of the library's oral history projects to be entirely digital. Interviews exist in both .wav and .mp3 file formats-- .wav format for the preservation masters and .mp3 format for copy masters and use copies.

Copyright: This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code)

Preferred Citation: [Individual interview], Nashville Business Leaders Oral History Project, Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Interviews for the Nashville Business Leaders Oral History Project were recorded in digital format using a Marantz PMD671 solid state recorder. Interviews were recorded in .wav format at 48 khz and 16 bit and were converted to .mp3 files for access.

Processing Information: Interviews are processed by library staff and/or volunteers as they occur.

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Other Finding Aids

Individual interviews in this collection are cataloged separately. Most interviews have an index.

Electronic Location and Access

Hear excerpts from the interviews at:

<http://digital.library.nashville.org/browse/?CISOROOT=all&CISOOP1=all&CISOBOX1=Nashville+Business+Leaders&CISOFIELD1=relati&CISOOP2=all&CISOBOX2=&CISOFIELD2=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP3=all&CISOBOX3=&CISOFIELD3=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP4=all&CISOBOX4=&CISOFIELD4=CISOSEARCHALL&NPLSORTBY=&NPLMAX=20&view=Browse>.

Transcripts of the Southern Foodways Nashville Eats Interviews may be accessed here:
http://www.southernfoodways.com/oral_history/nashville_eats/index.shtml.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I. Southern Foodways Nashville Eats Interviews, 17 July 2006, 2 interviews (sound discs, transcripts)

Series Abstract/Description: The Southern Foodways Nashville Eats Interviews were conducted at the Nashville Public Library on 17 July 2006 as a collaboration between the Southern Foodways Alliance and the library. The Nashville Eats Interviews are part of the Alliance's Oral History Initiative, which seeks to capture stories of Southerners who grow, create, serve, and consume food and drink. Interviewees were selected by the Alliance, and the interviews were conducted at the library by John Egerton. Interviewees in the Southern Foodways Alliance Nashville Eats Interviews include: David Swett, Jr. and James B. (Hap) Townes, Jr.

Person Interviewed	Interviewer	Date	Trans.?	Index?	Catalog Record?	Excerpts Online?	Significance
Swett, David, Jr.	Egerton, John	07/17/2006	Yes (See http://www.southernfoodways.com/oral_history/nashville_eats/david_swett.shtml)	No	Yes	Yes	Grandson of Swett's Restaurant founder.
Townes, James B. ("Hap")	Egerton, John	07/17/2006	Yes (See http://www.southernfoodways.com/oral_history/nashville_eats/hap_to_wnes.shtml)	No	No	No	Owner of Hap Townes' Restaurant.

Series II. The Turner Interviews, 2006-[ongoing], 7 interviews

Series Abstract/Description: The Turner Interviews were envisioned by Special Collections Center donor Steve Turner, with support and input from Keel Hunt, president of The Strategy Group, and Cabot Pyle, Director of the James Stephen Turner Charitable Foundation, who also serves as the Turner Interviews series interviewer. Individuals selected for inclusion are business leaders that have leveraged their success in Nashville's business community into projects that served to better their community. Interviewees in the Turner Interviews series include: Nelson Andrews; George H. Cate, Jr.; Edward F. Jones; Kenneth L. Roberts;

James Stephen Turner; E. W. (Bud) Wendell; and David Kirkpatrick (Pat) Wilson.

Person Interviewed	Interviewer	Date	Trans.?	Index?	Catalog Record?	Excerpts Online?	Significance
Andrews, Nelson	Pyle, Cabot P.	08/25/2006	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	President of Andrews Properties, Inc. Chairman of Brookside Management Group, Inc. Former chair of the Tennessee State Board of Education
Cate, George H., Jr.	Pyle, Cabot P.	03/07/2007	No	Yes	No	No	Nashville Vice Mayor, 1963-1966. Leading authority on the process and politics which led to the formation of Metro.
Jones, Edward F. "Eddie"	Pyle, Cabot P.	11/03/2006	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Executive Vice President, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce for 16 years, starting in 1967. Editor of Nashville Banner, 1987-1998.
Roberts, Kenneth L.	Pyle, Cabot P.	07/27/2006	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Leadership positions with several banks, including Commerce Union, Central National Bank, and First American National Bank. President of the HCA Foundation and the Center for Nonprofit Management.
Turner, James Stephen ("Steve")	Blackman, Andrea	06/21/2006	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Son of Dollar General founder. Founder of Marketstreet Equities Co. First interview in the project.
Wendell, E.W. ("Bud")	Pyle, Cabot P.	06/22/2007	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	National Life salesman. Manager of Grand Ole Opry. President and CEO of Gaylord Entertainment. Inducted into Country Music Hall of Fame in 1998.

Person Interviewed	Interviewer	Date	Trans.?	Index?	Catalog Record?	Excerpts Online?	Significance
Wilson, David Kirkpatrick ("Pat")	Pyle, Cabot and Roberts, Kenneth L.	09/13/2006	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Founder of Cherokee Insurance Co. and Cherokee Equity Corporation. Director on a number of boards. President of Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wilson died 05/20/2007.

Series III. Library Interviews, 2007-[ongoing], 10 interviews

Series Abstract/Description: The Library Interviews series consists of interviews conducted by library staff and volunteers with Nashville business and civic leaders. Interviewees in this series include: John Arriola; Kathy Bloodworth; Douglas B. Havron; Thomas C. Jones; Seong Sun (George) and Soo Kim; Joan Mehlman; Eva Mendelsohn; Win and Patti Myint; Betty C. Nixon; Douglas G. (Doug) Odom, Jr.; and Margaret Ann Robinson.

Person Interviewed	Interviewer	Date	Trans.?	Index?	Catalog Record?	Excerpts Online?	Significance
Arriola, John H., Jr.	Havron, James T.	06/05/2007	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Vice President of Nashville Memorial Hospital. Executive Assistant to US Rep. Bob Clement. Elected to TN House of Rep. in 1990. Member, TN Commission on Aging. Davidson County Clerk. Son of founders and current owner of Norman Couser's Country Cooking and President of Country Restaurant, Inc.
Bloodworth, Kathy	Havron, James T.	08/21/2007	No	Yes	No	No	Owner of the Peanut Shop, a business in the Nashville Arcade.
Havron, Douglas B.	Havron, James T.	04/04/2007	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Owner of Sam & Zoe's Coffeeshop.
Jones, Thomas C.	Havron, James T.	04/10/2007	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Nashville realtor. Former General Shoe Corporation employee. Mr.

Person Interviewed	Interviewer	Date	Trans.?	Index?	Catalog Record?	Excerpts Online?	Significance
							Jones died on 04/11/2008
Kim, Seong Sun ("George) and Kim, Soo	Patterson, Larry R.P.	09/21/2007	No	Yes	No	No	Owners of the Southern Café. Natives of South Korea.
Mehlman, Joan and Mendelsohn, Eva	Havron, James T.	11/27/2007	No	No	No	No	
Myint, Patti and Myint, Win	Patterson, Larry R.P.	11/20/2007	No	Yes	No	No	Owners of International Market since 1975 and PM. Pattie native of Thailand, Win native of Burma.
Nixon, Betty Chiles	Havron, James T.	06/19/2007	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Daughter of John Chiles, who founded Cross Keys Restaurant. Former member of Metro Council, 2-time mayoral candidate, has served in several elected positions on state and city levels.
Odom, Douglas G. ("Doug"), Jr.	Havron, James T.	06/05/2007	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Past Chairman of the Board and son of the founders of Odom's Tennessee Pride Sausage.
Robinson, Margaret Ann	James, Aimee B.	04/08/2008	No	No	No	No	Grand-daughter of founder of National Life and Accident Insurance Co., daughter of founder of WSM and Grand Ole Opry; Library Board member and former chair; Nashville Scene's 2001 Nashvillian of the Year. First interview conducted in the SCC