Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Julia Bond

Overview of the Collection

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Creator: Julia Bond

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Julia Bond,

Dates: October 14, 2006

Bulk Dates: 2006

Physical Description: 3 Betacam SP videocassettes (1:22:30).

Abstract: Librarian Julia Bond (1908 - 2007 ) worked as a librarian for Lincoln University. She was the wife of Horace Mann Bond, former president of Lincoln University, and the mother of civil rights leader Julian Bond. Bond was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 14, 2006, in Atlanta, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2006_119

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Librarian Julia Agnes Washington Bond was born on June 20, 1908, in Nashville, Tennessee, where her parents graduated from Fisk University. Bond's mother, Daisy Agnes Turner Washington, worked as a teacher, and her father, George Elihu Washington, served as the principal of Pearl High School. Both stressed the importance of education. Bond attended Meigs Middle Magnet School until the eighth grade, and then went on to Pearl High School, where she graduated in 1924 when she was sixteen years old. Like her parents, Bond attended Fisk University and graduated with her B.A. degree in English in 1929. In her senior year at Fisk University, she met a young instructor, one of the few African American teachers at Fisk University in those days, Horace Mann Bond. Soon they were courting. They both attended graduate school at the University of Chicago, Illinois where they got married. They later had a marriage ceremony in Nashville in order to satisfy their parents. Unfortunately, Bond did not return to school due to their finances. Horace earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, Illinois.

Her husband, Dr. Horace Mann Bond, was appointed president of Georgia’s Fort Valley State College in 1942. In 1945, he became president of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. In 1956, Dr. Bond was named president of Atlanta University. Julia Agnes Bond acted as First Lady for her husband in all of these positions. She also traveled with her husband to Europe and Africa on behalf of the University. She attended the inauguration of Osageyo Kwame Nkrumah as Ghana’s first president in 1957.

Returning to school at Atlanta University, Bond earned her Masters of Library Science degree and was a mainstay at the Atlanta University Library beginning in the 1960s. Bond and her husband supported their daughter and their sons Jane, Julian and James, in their civil rights activities including the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s. The venerable Bond retired from the Atlanta University Library in 2000, at the age of
ninety-two years. Her husband, Dr. Horace Mann Bond, passed away in 1973. Bond died November 2, 2007 at age ninety-nine years old.

Julia Bond was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on October 14, 2006.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Julia Bond was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 14, 2006, in Atlanta, Georgia, and was recorded on 3 Betacam SP videocassettes. Librarian Julia Bond (1908 - 2007) worked as a librarian for Lincoln University. She was the wife of Horace Mann Bond, former president of Lincoln University, and the mother of civil rights leader Julian Bond.

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Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Bond, Julia Washington
Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)
Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Bond, Julia W. (Julia Washington)--Interviews
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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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Administrative Information

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage, October 14, 2006

Video Oral History Interview with Julia Bond, Section A2006_119_001_001, TRT: 0:30:10
2006/10/14

Julia Bond discusses her family background. Bond does not know how her parents, Daisy Agnes Turner and George Elihu Washington met; however, she notes that he was a principal and her mother was a student. Bond describes her earliest childhood memory as waiting for Santa Claus at age five or six. Growing up in a white neighborhood in Nashville, Tennessee, her siblings and she were confined to the yard because it was not safe for black children to walk out by themselves. Bond attended Meigs Middle School, and later Pearl High School, where her father was a principal. Her family attended an A.M.E church which her grandmother, Callie, also attended. Bond talks about the death of her father, while she was a freshman in high school. Bond graduated from high school and enrolled at Fisk University in 1929, where she met Charles Spurgeon Johnson and Sterling Brown.

African American families--Tennessee--Nashville
African Americans--Education, Primary--Tennessee--Nashville
African Americans--Education, Secondary--Tennessee--Nashville
Fisk University
Education (Higher)--Tennessee--Nashville
African Methodist Episcopal Church--Tennessee--Nashville
Brown, Sterling A. (Sterling Allen), 1901-1989
Johnson, Charles Spurgeon, 1893-1956

Video Oral History Interview with Julia Bond, Section A2006_119_001_002, TRT: 0:28:05

2006/10/14

Julia Bond discusses her experiences at Fisk University including hearing the Jubilee Singers perform at the recitals. Bond talks about her husband, Horace Mann Bond, whom she met in her senior year at Fisk University. Bond graduated from Fisk University and attended the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. She did not graduate from the University of Chicago due to finances. She married Horace in Chicago, but did not tell anyone. They later had a wedding in Nashville with their families. Bond talks about Dr. W.E.B. DuBois and his visits to the campus. Bond enjoyed listening to DuBois talk and she noted his intelligence. She also spoke of E. Franklin Frazier and Langston Hughes. Bond talks about her husband’s positions at Fisk University, his presidency at Lincoln University, and as dean of the School of Education at Atlanta University. Bond discusses life in Atlanta, Georgia. She explains her to decision to become a librarian and talks about her family. She shares her desired legacy and hopes for the African American community.

Fisk University
Education (Higher)--Tennessee--Nashville
African American college students--Illinois--Chicago
University of Chicago, Illinois
Education (Higher)--Illinois--Chicago
Bond, Horace Mann, 1904-1972
Atlanta University
African American families--Georgia--Atlanta
Frazier, Franklin, 1894-1962
Bond, Julian, 1940-

Video Oral History Interview with Julia Bond, Section A2006_119_001_003, TRT: 0:24:15
2006/10/14

Julia Bond shares and narrates personal photographs.

Photographs