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Tallahassee Civil Rights Oral History Collection

Special Collections, Florida State University Libraries
Active in Tallahassee Civil Rights Activities, 50s and 60s

Supported rights of African-Americans to demonstrate

Realized importance of recording these events

Enlighten students about Tallahassee’s role in Civil Rights struggle and how progress had been made.

Interviewed among others, Tallahassee educators, church leaders, Gov. LeRoy Collins, a physician, and newspaper editor.
About the Collection


- Transcripts of 24 oral history interviews and audiocassettes.
- Interviewees:
  - Church leaders
  - Former Florida Governor LeRoy Collins
  - A physician
  - A newspaper editor
  - Faculty at FSU and FAMU
- Topics include:
  - Tallahassee Bus Boycott of 1956
  - Lunch counter sit-ins
  - Theatre demonstrations
  - School desegregation
  - Voter registration
  - Race relations
Processing

- Container list created in 1990 by FSU Special Collections staff.
- Updated in 2003 by an NHPRC-funded project archivist.
- Transcripts checked against the recordings for accuracy.
- Original recordings repaired, cleaned, noise-reduced, and digitally reformatted to CD-R by Richard L. Hess, Vignettes Media, Glendale, CA.
- User copies made by the FSU Libraries Digital Media Center in Spring 2003.
- EAD finding aid created in Summer 2004 using the NoteTab text editor template created by Chuck Thomas – designed to help create properly-structured finding aids.
- EAD (XML) finding aid transformed into a web-accessible version using a stylesheet that created PDF and HTML versions of the finding aid.
Data Entry into EAD Template

EAD Template Created for Authoring in NoteTab
Digital Rights Management

- Securing permission from interviewees or their heirs to use excerpts of interview transcripts and audio excerpts
- Drafted oral consent forms
- Incomplete Gift:
  - Only paperwork permits researchers to use the materials in the reading room and to make fair use copies for research.
  - No evidence that consent was granted.
Digital Rights Management

- Completion of Human Subject Application by FSU Institutional Review Board. But didn’t fit definition of “research” as relates to protection of human subjects.
- Completion of Work Disclosure Form to disclose a university-supported work that is copyrighted.
- Search by Associate University Counsel for original paperwork.
- Review of transcripts for sensitive or objectionable material.
- Revision of consent forms
- Each interviewee or heir to receive excerpt of transcript and audio to be used and indicate approval.