

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

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Bond, Julia W. (Julia Washington)
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Julia Bond,
Dates:	October 14, 2006
Bulk Dates:	2006
Physical Description:	3 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:22:30).
Abstract:	Librarian Julia Bond (1908 - 2007) worked as a librarian at Atlanta 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 Osageyfo 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 passed away on November 2, 2007 at age 99.

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 Betacame SP videocassettes. Librarian Julia Bond (1908 - 2007) worked as a librarian at Atlanta 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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This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Bond, Julia W. (Julia Washington)

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

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Organizations:

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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Occupations:

Librarian

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Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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

Video Oral History Interview with Julia Bond, Section A2006_119_001_001, TRT: 0:30:10 ?

Julia Bond was born on June 20, 1908 in Nashville, Tennessee to Daisy Turner Washington and George Elihu Washington. Her paternal grandmother, Julia Washington, grew up as a slave. Bond's father was born in Nashville, and earned degrees from Walden University, Meharry Medical College and Fisk University. Her mother was born in Mount Sterling, Kentucky; and moved to Nashville to attend normal school at Fisk University, where Bond's parents met. Together, they raised four children, including Bond, in a predominantly white neighborhood in Nashville. There, Bond began her education at the Meigs School, and went on to enroll at Pearl High School, where her father worked as the principal. That year, her father died, and her mother returned to work as a teacher. Upon graduating from high school in 1929, Bond enrolled at Fisk University, where she was taught by Professors Sterling Brown and Charles S. Johnson, and joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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 Allen, 1901-1989.

Johnson, Charles Spurgeon, 1893-1956.

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

Julia Bond attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, where she was taught by historian Horace Mann Bond, who later became her husband. After she graduated from Fisk University, both Bond and Horace Mann Bond enrolled at the University of Chicago, where she studied English, and he sought a Ph.D. degree in education. They soon married, and Bond left school. Together, they had three children: Jane Bond Moore, Julian Bond and James Bond, all of whom became involved in the Civil Rights Movement. Bond's husband went on to serve as president of Georgia's Fort Valley State College and Pennsylvania's Lincoln University. At their home in Lincoln, Bond hosted historian W.E.B. Du Bois during his visits to her husband. Bond later moved her family to Atlanta, Georgia, where she met author Langston Hughes, activist Jesse Hill and the family of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Bond also earned a library degree in Atlanta, and worked at Atlanta University's library from 1960 to 2000.

Fisk University.

Education, Higher--Tennessee--Nashville.

African American college students--Illinois--Chicago.

University of Chicago.

Education, Higher--Illinois--Chicago.

Du Bois, W. E. B. (William Edward Burghardt), 1868-1963.

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 ?

Julia Bond narrates her photographs.

Photographs