

Jim Cummings Collection

Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library Denver Public Library 2004

- Provenance:** The collection was donated to the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, The Denver Public Library by Jim Cummings in April of 2003.
- Ownership:** Literary and copyrights have not been assigned to the Denver Public Library.
- Call Number:** MS-ARL57
- Size:** 1 box (12 VHS ½" tapes)
- Processed by:** Brent Wagner
- Date:** January 2004

Scope and Content Note

The Cummings Collection contains eleven VHS copies, with time code, of raw footage taped for the documentary *Spirits of the Rossonian*. There are approximately 22 hours of footage on these duplicative tapes. (The original source tapes are mini-digital video and in the possession of Jim Cummings, the producer/director. The documentary was prepared for a class in ethnographic film at the University of Colorado-Boulder. The video was first seen at the University of Colorado on 11 May 2000; it premiered nationally at the New York International Film and Video Festival on 03 December 2000.

The tapes, for the most part, contain interviews of and performances by Charlotte Cowens, Harriet Butcher, Darrell Anderson, and Al Richardson. Cowens was a professional jazz pianist who started her career in Denver during the 1940s. Harriet Butcher currently teaches tap dancing. Darrell Anderson is a professional artist whose studio occupies the location of the former Rossonian Hotel. Al Richardson has been a businessman in the Five Points Neighborhood of Denver since the late-1940s.

Container list

Tape 1	Cowens with friends at the Zion Senior Center	11/2000
	Interviews with Butcher and Wallace McNair	12/2000
Tape 2	Interview with Cowens in her apartment	ca. 2000
	Zion Center performances by Cowen	ca. 2000
Tape 3	Interviews with Butcher	11/2000
Tape 4	Interview with Cowens	11/2000
Tape 5	Shots of Five Points	02/2000
	Cowens and Butcher	03/2000
Tape 6	Cowens and Butcher touring Rossonian	12/2000
	Interview with Anderson	12/2000
Tape 7	MLK Day at Liggins Towers	02/2000
Tape 8	Interview with Anderson	12/2000
Tape 9	Butcher's dance class	03/2000
Tape 10	MLK Day at Liggins Towers	02/2000
	Butcher and Cowens playing together	03/2000
Tape 11	Interview with Richardson	10/2000

Tape 12

Spirits of the Rossonian

05/2000