

Guide to Mardi Gras and Social Change Oral Histories

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Dates: 2014-2017

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Abstract: A collection of 21 interviews by Isabel Machado dos Santos Wildberger in digital audio and transcript form covering subjects related to Mardi Gras in Mobile, LGBTQ issues, Order of Osiris, race, and other topics. Recorded 2014-2017.

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Biographical Note:

Isabel Machado dos Santos Wildberger is a Brazilian historian, currently living in México while completing her PhD for the University of Memphis. Machado lived in Mobile for 4 years - during which she earned an M.A. in history at the University of South Alabama. The interviews in this collection formed the basis of her dissertation research on Mardi Gras as a way of examining social change, particularly with regard to the LGBTQ community in the city of Mobile. Machado interviewed members and founders of the Order of Osiris, the city's first openly Gay Mardi Gras society.

Scope and Content:

The interviews contain various perspectives on Mobile's Queer community, participation in Mardi Gras, social change, and race in Mobile. It includes an interview with the leader of Mobile's famous Excelsior Band, Hosea London, discussing his experience of Mardi Gras.

Provenance:

Acquired by gift from Isabel Machado dos Santos Wildberger.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical by interviewee.

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