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Guide to the

**Mamie Burkes oral history interview**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Burkes, Mamie

**Title:** Mamie Burkes oral history interview

**Date:** 1983-1997

**Size:** 1 folder

**Source:** Received in 1999, unknown donor.

**Abstract:** Mamie Burkes was most likely raised by parents who were formerly enslaved; however, information on her background is scant. Regardless, she was impacted by slavery; a letter to her interviewer mentions Burkes's mother working for \$1.25 a week and frequently being away from home in order to earn money. This collection contains a transcript of an interview with Mamie Burkes by Lairold M. Street; the interview was recorded in 1983, and transcribed in 1997.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

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### **Names**

Burkes, Mamie