

Digital Archive Referral Guide

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD MUSEUM ORAL HISTORY:

- The CHANNEL link has short video excerpts from the MV oral history collection. These include a photograph of the speaker and curated video with related artifacts. Many of the speakers base their accounts on Oak Bluffs reminisce about formal and informal summer organizations (from Shearer Cottage Institute to the Polar Bears). Several speakers also recall the experience of bathing on different beaches. These remembrances include bathhouses and woolen bathing suits as well as the segregation of Pay Beach and playful antics at Inkwell Beach.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3M5Jlnwq-3X7nxLbFWc_xw/videos

The AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD:

- 30 short video excerpts from the MV oral history collection. Many of these are also included under the CHANNEL link.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsbV5VGBkpO76mpJNjal8oJ_Br5sdkBXW

THOSE WHO SERVED: MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND WORLD WAR II: online exhibition of oral histories.

- Includes recollections of serving during wartime, both at home and abroad. While all of the interviewees have a Vineyard connection, most did not live in Oak Bluffs.

<https://mvmuseum.org/exhibition/those-who-serve/>

Published oral history resources available at the OBPL:

- Linsey Lee, *Vineyard Voices: Words, Faces and Voices of Island People*, 1998
- Linsey Lee, *More Vineyard Voices: Words, Faces and Voices of Island People*, 2005
- Linsey Lee, *Vineyard Voices Three: Words Faces and Voices of Island People*, 2019

