

Transcript of Video of Ada DeBlanc Simond

Subject: Black in the Past

Title: Ada DeBlanc Simond (52 Seconds)

Scene 1: Photo of Mrs. Simond standing behind a podium with the letters NCNW (National Council of Negro Women) on the front panel.

Text: Austin's Best Storyteller. That's what the late Audray Bateman Randle once called Ada DeBlanc Simond.

Scene 2: Photo of Mrs. Simond handing showing artifacts to a man in the History Center.

Text: For much of her life, Ada collected newspaper clippings, books, and various other artifacts that documented the lives of everyday Austinites.

Scene 3: Picture of two books of the Let's Pretend series; one with a red cover and the other with a white cover.

Text: In the late 1970's, Simond combined her passion for history and her love of writing to author the "Let's Pretend" series of children's books. She was a founding member and President of the W.H. Passon Historical Society

Scene 4: Picture of a light blue folder showing the words "Looking Back - 1983" in calligraphy.

Text: And in her weekly column "Looking Back", Simond profiled significant events, people, and places connected with the history of African Americans in Austin.

Scene 5: Close-up photo of Mrs. Simond at podium.

Text: Today, these articles continue to be a touchstone for information about Austin's Black past.

Scene 6: Credits for video showing Austin History Center and Austin Public Library logos on a black background with white lettering. It reads: Austin History Center Austin Public Library presents "Black in the Past", Executive Producer K. Anoa Monsho, Producer Karen Riles.

Text: I am Karen Riles inviting you to explore your past at the Austin History Center.