

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN ROLLER SKATING
ARCHIVES PROJECT (NAARSAP)

“Everybody’s got a roller skate story...what’s yours?”™

Audio/Video Interview Instructions and Questions

Instructions:

- Review the questions, then using a cassette recorder and standard audio-tape or a video camera (send VHS format only), record your answers to the questions below in order.
- Do your recording in a quiet place to limit background noise.
- Do speak clearly and at a moderate speed.
- Do not read the question, before answering.
- Do restate the question as part of your answer (see examples below.)
- Do answer the questions in order.
- Do combine answers in a story telling manner.
- Do label the tape with your complete name, current address, phone number, and the date.
- Submit your interview to OFSA with a completed archives donation form (to get a donation form visit www.OurFamilySkateAssociation.com. Submissions to the archives project can be mailed to: OFSA, P.O. Box 41236, Washington, DC 20018

Example: Q-1. State your full name. 2. How long have you been roller skating? 3. At what age and where did you begin roller skating? A- **My name is John Doe, better known as “Little John.” I have been roller skating for over 25 years. I grew up roller skating in Washington, DC.** Q- At what age did you begin skating? A- **The first time I ever roller skated I was around thirteen. A group of friends and I road the city bus to the roller rink. It got to be one my favorite things to do. I got real good, too.**

Questions:

1. **State your full name** (include your nick name/ skate name.)
2. **How long have you been roller skating?**
3. **At what age and where to did you begin roller skating?** Tell about your first skate experience (where, with whom, and your overall feelings...loved it right away, no big deal, did not like it.)
4. **For you has roller skating been a family activity, something done with peers, a community activity, or primarily a individual past time.**
5. **Have you or do you know of individuals that participated in roller skating clubs, competitions, and/or performances.** Give an account of your experience or knowledge of these aspects of roller skating in the African American community.
6. **Have you or do you know of others who have been exposed, trained, or competed in the figures, dance, or freestyle forms of roller skating.**
7. **Are there any roller skaters that stand out in your mind; who are they and what about them makes them stand out?**
8. **What are some of the roller rinks in your area that have impacted you or your community?**
9. **Have you roller skated in other parts of the country or world?** If so, where and how were you received by the natives. Recall any differences you may have noticed in the “Style” of roller skating, music or the rink.
10. **What kind of music do you like to roller skate too?**
11. **Do you skate a specific ‘Style’ or have a favorite roller skate “Style”?**
12. **In your experience who roller skates, what kind of people?** (Age, profession, etc.)
13. **What age is to young or to old to roll?**
14. **Of what benefit is roller skating to youth, families, or the community?** Discuss the impact roller skating has had in your life, you have seen in the past, and/or any you believe it is or can have now.
15. **“Everybody’s got a skate story,” what yours?** Please share your most memorable roller skate experience.

THANK YOU...for making roller skating history!