

Finding a Place, Maintaining Ties: Greater Hartford's West Indians

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In 1999, the West Indian Social Club of Hartford and the associated West Indian Foundation asked The Connecticut Historical Society to join them in documenting the lives of West Indian immigrants who first came to the Hartford area in the 1940s to work on local tobacco farms. What began as a project designed to record the experiences of these early pioneers – mostly men from Jamaica – subsequently grew to interviews with men and women, elders and young people, long time residents and more recent arrivals to the Greater Hartford area, both from Jamaica and the other English-speaking, independent countries in the Caribbean.

[The original building of the West Indian Social Club on Barbour Street in Hartford, 1962. West Indian Social Club archives >](#)