

Interview Data Sheet

Collection/ project name: Queer Charlottesville Oral History Project

Processor's name: Parks, Cecelia L.

Interviewee: Nimax, Gary

Interviewee occupation(s): Assistant Vice President for Compliance, University of Virginia

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Interviewer: Parks, Cecelia L.

Recorder: N/A

Date of interview: December 19, 2022

Location of interview: Carruthers Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Interview context: Gary was also interviewed for a Cville Pride documentary project, and I (Cecelia) viewed that video in advance of the interview.

Recording equipment: Tascam DR-05 recorder

Recording settings:

bit-depth	16-bit
sampling rate	44.1 khz

Length of interview: 1:17:04

Note about sound quality: Some background noise from the road outside Gary's office.

Interviewee biographical Information:

Gender male

Age 58

Birth Place Staunton, VA

First Language if not English

Residence Staunton, VA

Education University of Virginia, James Madison University

Additional notes about interviewee: none

Abstract: Gary discusses growing up in Staunton, VA, then attending the University of Virginia for his undergraduate degree, where he came out. He talks about the AIDS epidemic, working for Belk Leggett and meeting his husband in Staunton, and coming back to UVA to work in 1989. Gary discusses being gay at UVA before and after sexual orientation was added to the university's nondiscrimination policy and his work on the UVA LGBT Committee, including work to improve insurance and benefits for UVA staff, faculty, and students, and working with the UVA Medical Center to improve their care of LGBTQ patients and transgender patients in particular. He shares his experiences being gay in Staunton and Charlottesville then and now and reflects on the LGBTQ community in those cities today.

Subjects and Keywords:

Names: John Casteen, Theresa Sullivan, Jim Ryan, Yoke San Reynolds

Organizations: University of Virginia, Human Rights Campaign

Events: Staunton Pride; Virginia Film Festival; Virginia Festival of the Book

Topics: coming out; HIV/AIDS; Human Rights Campaign Healthcare Equality Index; gay bars; care for LGBTQ patients; insurance and benefits

Geographic: Staunton, VA; Charlottesville, VA

Temporal: 1960s-2020s