

### **Interview Data Sheet**

**Collection/ project name:** Queer Charlottesville Oral History Project

**Processor's name:** Parks, Cecelia L.

**Interviewee:** Jackson, Tom

**Interviewee occupation(s):** Registered Peer Recovery Specialist, Western State Hospital

**Contributor:** N/A

**Interviewer:** Parks, Cecelia L.

**Recorder:** N/A

**Date of interview:** December 5, 2022

**Location of interview:** Western State Hospital, Staunton, VA

**Interview context:** N/A

**Recording equipment:** Tascam DR-05 recorder

**Recording settings:**

**bit-depth** 16-bit

**sampling rate** 44.1 khz

**Length of interview:** 1:23:55

**Note about sound quality:** none

### **Interviewee biographical Information:**

**Gender** male

**Age** 66

**Birth Place** New York City, NY

**First Language if not English**

**Residence** Staunton, VA

**Education** Connecticut College; Mary Baldwin University

**Additional notes about interviewee:** none

**Abstract:** Tom talks about growing up in New York City and Connecticut, then moving to San Francisco and coming out. He remembers living in San Francisco at the beginning and height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and working for a gay civil rights organization there. He discusses his move to Charlottesville and his involvement in mental health support services and his peer recovery work. He talks about his advocacy work with the Recovery Advocacy Project and his personal history of activism. He discusses queer communities (or the lack thereof) in Staunton, Charlottesville, and Richmond.

**Subjects and Keywords:**

**Names:** Ryan Hampton; Bill White; Harvey Milk

**Organizations:** Recovery Advocacy Project; Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club; Gay Rights Advocates;

**Events:** Cville Pride

**Topics:** HIV/AIDS; recovery; queer community; community mental health services; Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

**Geographic:** New York City, NY; Connecticut; San Francisco, CA; Charlottesville, VA; Staunton, VA

**Temporal:** 1950s-2020s