



JAMES WASHINGTON INTERVIEW ONE ABSTRACT

Oral history interviews with James Washington Sr., Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society
Engaging the Wisdom Baldwin Archive Project. Interviewed on February 5, 2013.
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Interview One:

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Minutes	Description of Interview Content
0:00	Introduction
0:26	Description of family and experiences as a youth
3:30	Description of his awareness of race as a youth
4:40	Story of his experiences as a student at Western Michigan University
6:41	Description of his interest in music and plans after college
9:40	Story of working at Gibson Guitars and the Kalamazoo Police Department
15:30	Discussion of his oldest brother, Arthur Washington, Jr.
16:40	Discussion of his involvement with organizations and the Civil Rights Movement
18:22	Discussion of civil rights in the Kalamazoo area specifically
27:35	Description of his involvement with activism

29:30	Story of his experiences in the church in Kalamazoo
30:15	Story of returning home to Illinois after moving to Michigan
31:00	Description of Washington's family
31:30	Story of his careers after leaving the police force
34:30	Memories of Martin Luther King's assassination
35:50	Description of changes in Kalamazoo from the Civil Rights Movement to now
36:50	Retirement
37:15	Further detail about working at Gibson Guitars
39:07	Further details of working at the police force
47:00	Living on the North Side of Kalamazoo
47:47	Recap of the Detroit riot
48:05	Further detail of the Civil Rights Movement in Kalamazoo
49:10	Closing remarks