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nt: The Oberlin Oral History Project, Tuesday November 29th, 1983. The time is 11:00. My name is Rita Lavern Fitch Pickens, a black female historian resident of Oberlin, Ohio since graduating in 1975 from Oberlin College. I am a member of the Oberlin Oral History Project which began in 1981, Today Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Long has signed the city Oberlin agreement and gift agreement giving the memoirs of this tape to be used by the city of Oberlin, copy-write as publishing as it <sup>may</sup> so desire. Colonel Long, may I have your full name, age and your present address?

War: Norman Jean, Norman Frank Long, 329 North Main, Oberlin, Ohio. Age 73.

Int: What year were you born? What is the date of you birth?

War: 1908.

Int: What <sup>is</sup> month?

War: February, 15th.

Int: 1908, could you tell me about your education?

War: I'm from <sup>in</sup> Atlanta, Georgia. Came to Oberlin 1932, ~~to~~ to matriculate in a field when they said \_\_\_\_\_ course at that time I thought it took one year, but upon my arrival that I found it would take at least two years. And after I had completed my first thesis, on religion, in a short time \_\_\_\_\_ informed me that in order to be a good director in \_\_\_\_\_ education, it would be necessary to take courses in religion and philosophy. And I followed his advice, then after that I was told that the system may change, and you could not get the two degrees, the two degrees in four years what it would take an extra semester, then upon \_\_\_\_\_ to Dean \_\_\_\_\_ he informed me of the rule, and I told him that if I worked in, come back to \_\_\_\_\_ next quarter here, I would be in one of one my finish and leave here----- (loud yelling in background) Then he asked me, he said, "Who asked you have to leave in the mid- year"? Then I informed him that I could