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Gail Williams O'Brien  
Columbia (Tenn.) Race Riot  
Research Material, 1946-1996

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator:**

O'Brien, Gail Williams

**Inclusive Dates:**

1946-1996

**Scope & Content:**

Collection consists of mixed material relating to events surrounding the race riot at Columbia, Tennessee, February 25–26, 1946. It includes transcripts of the federal grand jury and the Lawrence County Circuit Court trial, FBI records, published materials, an unpublished manuscript, and audio/visual materials. Gail Williams O'Brien used this material in writing the book, *The Color of the Law: Race, Violence, and Justice in the Post-World War II South*.

The published items primarily concern the race riot, but also contain some matter relating to wider issues of race relations and law enforcement. The unpublished manuscript is a biography of Silliman Evans, publisher of the *Tennessean* newspaper. Copies of materials related to the riot from the Governor Jim Nance McCord Papers and State Historian's Office Records in the holdings of the Tennessee State Library and Archives are included with O'Brien's notes.

During the course of her research, Gail Williams O'Brien recorded interviews with fifty people, most with first-hand knowledge of the riot. These interviews are in cassette and microcassette forms. Two VHS recordings concerning Thurgood Marshall are included in the collection. The audio/visual materials are located in the vault.

Also available are photographs of some of the interviewees. A list of each name, date of interview, and topics discussed is found at the end of this finding aid.

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**Administrative/Biographical History****Excerpt from the Tennessee Encyclopedia:**

“This post-World War II race riot occurred in the town of Columbia on the night of February 25-26, 1946. Like other outbreaks of violence in the South in the immediate postwar era, this incident involved military veterans who were unwilling to accept prevailing racial norms upon returning to their hometowns. In 1946, Columbia contained about five thousand whites and three thousand blacks. Race relations in the county had often been tense in the prior generation; since 1925, for example, two lynchings had taken place there. But racial violence decreased during World War II, and in the postwar months there were few indications of future trouble.

“On February 25, 1946, James Stephenson, a U.S. Navy veteran from the Pacific theater, accompanied his mother, Gladys Stephenson, to a local department store to pick up a radio that Mrs. Stephenson had left for repairs. She and a young white male clerk began to argue about the repair order; he became verbally aggressive, threatening her. James Stephenson stepped between the two and struggled with the clerk, who ended up crashing through a window in the department store. Local police arrested both Stephensons for disturbing the peace. They pleaded guilty and paid a fifty-dollar fine.

“The incident was seemingly over until, on that same day, the police again arrested James Stephenson, this time due to a warrant brought by the white clerk's father. The new warrant charged Stephenson with assault with the intent to

commit murder, a felony. Julius Blair, a local black businessman, posted bond, however, and Stephenson was able to return home that evening.

“On the night of February 25 a white mob gathered around the Maury County Courthouse. A block south, along the segregated black business section known as the Mink Slide, black citizens and military veterans gathered as well. The Columbia police chief sent four patrolmen to the Mink Slide. Someone shouted for the officers to stop; when they failed to do so, shots were fired, leaving all four wounded. Within hours, state highway patrolmen and the state safety commissioner, Lynn Bomar, arrived in town. Together with some of the town's whites, they surrounded the Mink Slide district. During the early morning of February 26 highway patrolmen first entered the district. The officers fired randomly into buildings, stole cash and goods, searched homes without warrants, and took any guns, rifles, and shotguns they could find. When the sweep was over, more than one hundred blacks had been arrested, and about three hundred weapons from the black community had been confiscated. None of the accused were granted bail or allowed legal counsel.

“The Columbia "riot" made headlines across the state and the nation. Walter White and Thurgood Marshall of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People immediately flew to Nashville in order to organize a legal defense. White met with Governor James N. McCord and announced the creation of a national defense committee. Marshall turned to Tennessee attorneys Z. Alexander Looby of Nashville and Maurice Weaver of Chattanooga for assistance.

“Matters intensified on February 28, when Columbia policemen killed two black prisoners in custody. During an interrogation of James Johnson, William Gordon, and Napoleon Stewart, the police reported, two prisoners grabbed guns from white officers and began shooting. In defense, the police retaliated, killing two and wounding the third suspect. This ended the immediate violence in Columbia, but the case continued throughout the spring and summer of 1946. A federal grand jury was convened to investigate the charges of misconduct by the white policemen, but the local all-white jury absolved the officers of any wrong doing. Eventually, twenty-five blacks were tried in Lawrenceburg for the shootings of the white officers; two were found guilty but were never retried due to lack of evidence. The one valid conviction came in a second trial at Columbia in November. Lloyd Kennedy was found guilty and served time in jail for shooting at a white highway patrolman.

“By November 1946 the case was over, but racial harassment continued. As Marshall, Looby, and Weaver left Columbia for the final time, a convoy of patrolmen followed. The police stopped the three civil rights attorneys twice for imaginary highway violations. The third time, they arrested Marshall for drunk driving, placed him in a patrol car, and sped away. Looby and Weaver followed, fearing for Marshall's life, but after a long journey through the countryside, the

police stopped at a local magistrate's office, where the charge of drunk driving was dropped. Marshall was free to go, but this time the attorneys asked Columbia friends to mount their own convoy to escort the three men safely to Nashville. 'The Columbia incident and the reaction to it,' concluded historian Dorothy Beeler, 'were major events of the late 1940's, which helped create a base from which black organizations gathered strength for the civil rights push of the 1950's and 1960's.'"

### **Gail Williams O'Brien**

Gail Williams O'Brien is a professor of history at North Carolina State University. Her book, *The Color of the Law: Race, Violence, and Justice in the Post-World War II South*, was one of two books that inaugurated the John Hope Franklin Series on African American History and Culture at the University of North Carolina Press in 1999. The American Historical Association awarded the work its Littleton-Griswold Prize for the Best Book in Any Field in the History of Law and Society in 2000.

## **Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

The arrangement of the collection is alphabetical by type of material.

## **Conditions of Access and Use**

### **Restrictions on Access:**

The audio/video materials in this collection are housed in a climate-controlled vault. A 24-hour notice is required before the materials can be accessed.

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## **Index Terms**

### **Personal Names:**

Birch, Adolpho A., 1932-2011  
Bradley, Jesse N.  
Branstetter, Cecil D. (Cecil Dewey), 1920-  
Bumpus, Paul Franklin

Dickinson, J. M. (Jacob McGavock), 1890-1963  
Durr, Virginia Foster  
Evans, Silliman, 1894-1955  
Franklin, John Hope, 1915-2009  
Harrington, Penny, 1942-  
Lewis, Dwight  
Looby, Z. Alexander (Zephania Alexander), 1899-1972  
Marshall, Thurgood, 1908-1993  
McCord, Jim Nance  
Seigenthaler, John, 1927-  
Stahlman, Mildred T., 1922-

**Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:**

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
Southern Conference for Human Welfare  
Tennessee. Dept. of Safety. Tennessee Highway Patrol  
Tennessee. Militia  
United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Subjects:**

Lynching -- History -- Tennessee -- Columbia  
Race riots -- Tennessee -- Columbia -- 20<sup>th</sup> century

**Geographic Names:**

Columbia (Tenn.) -- Politics and government -- 20<sup>th</sup> century  
Columbia (Tenn.) -- Race Relations

**Document Types:**

Photographs  
Sound recordings  
Transcripts  
Video recordings

## **Acquisition and Appraisal**

**Provenance and Acquisition:**

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### **Processing Information:**

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### **Publication Note:**

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### **Electronic Location and Access:**

<http://www.tn.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/findingaids/2009-049.pdf>

## DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

### CONTAINER LIST

Contents/Item Title	Date	Box	Folder
Audio/visual material -- Cassette Interviews (Vault)	1989-1992	8	
Audio/visual material -- Microcassette Interviews (Vault)	1989-1992	8	
Audio/visual material -- Video recording of "A Tribute to Justice Thurgood Marshall" (Vault)		8	
Book Manuscript -- "Parsonage to Publisher: The Life of Silliman Evans, 1894-1955," by Creed Black (part 1 of 2)	September 1955	1	1
Book Manuscript -- "Parsonage to Publisher: The Life of Silliman Evans, 1894-1955," by Creed Black (part 2 of 2)	September 1955	1	2
FBI Records -- 44-1366 Section 1	undated	1	3
FBI Records -- 44-1366 Section 2	undated	1	4
FBI Records -- 44-1366 Section 3	undated	1	5
FBI Records -- 44-1366 Section 4	undated	1	6
FBI Records -- 44-1366 Section 6 Subsection A	undated	1	7
FBI Records -- Index of FBI Records	undated	1	8
FBI Records -- Index keyed to FBI Report 1	undated	1	9
FBI Records -- Special Agent Investigation	undated	1	10
Photographs -- Interviewees	1989-1992	1	11
Printed Materials -- "America's Year of Decision: Will 1946 Repeat 1919, America's Worst Year of Race Violence?" <i>Ebony</i>	May 1946	2	1
Printed Materials -- "Ballad at Columbia Town," by Pete Seeger	June 1946	2	2
Printed Materials -- <i>Common Ground</i> : "The Southern Conference for Human Welfare" by James A. Dumbrowski	Summer 1946	2	3
Printed Materials -- Conference with Mr. Turner L. Smith, Chief, Civil Rights Section, United States Department of Justice, in Washington, Afternoon	April 8, 1946	2	4
Printed Materials -- Consumer Price Index in U. S., 1879-1990	undated	2	5
Printed Materials -- Freedom of Information Act – The Truth about Columbia, Tennessee. Cases. Related Materials.	undated	2	6
Printed Materials -- "Jackie Robinson: Remembered" from <i>Ebony Magazine</i>	February 1997	2	7

Printed Materials -- Lynching: Pre World War II	undated	2	8
Printed Materials -- "Lynching and Frame-up in Tennessee: The Story of Tennessee's 204 <sup>th</sup> Lynching -- a Lynching that Failed -- and of the Murder and Frame-up that Followed," by Robert Minor	1946	2	9
Printed Materials -- <i>The Tennessee Magazine</i> , "Buford Pusser: The Legend Lives On" by Bobby Barnes	May 1996	2	10
Printed Materials -- Tennessee Defense Force History	undated	2	11
Printed Materials -- "Terror in Tennessee: The Truth about the Columbia Outrages," by Oliver W. Harrington (NAACP)	undated	2	12
Printed Materials -- <i>Time</i>	March 11, 1946	2	13
Printed Materials -- "The Truth about Columbia Tennessee Cases"	undated	2	14
Printed Materials -- "What Happened at Columbia, Tennessee, Beginning February 25, 1946" Report by Maurice Weaver and Z. Alexander Looby	undated	2	15
Printed Materials -- "What Happened at Columbia," by Guy B. Johnson, Preliminary Draft with Letter. Outline derived from article.	undated	2	16
Newspaper Clippings -- <i>Chicago Defender</i>	March 9, 1946	2	17
Newspaper Clippings -- Freedom of Information Act -- <i>Daily Worker</i> Articles	February-March 1946	2	18
Newspaper Clippings -- "NAACP Will Defend 31 Indicted in Tennessee" <i>NAACP Bulletin</i>	April 1946	2	19
Reports -- Investigation of Ernest F. Smith, Assistant Attorney General, concerning disturbance at Columbia, on February 25-26, 1946. With researcher notes. (Governor Jim Nance McCord Papers, Box 18, folder 7)	undated	2	20
Transcripts -- Investigation taken at Columbia, Tennessee, on February 27 and 28, 1946, in regard to racial disturbance. With researcher notes. (RG 29, Box 29, folder 7)	undated	2	21
Trial Materials -- Kennedy Trial Abstract Volumes 1, 3, 4	undated	2	22
Trial Materials -- Notes (Bumpus and the Defense)	undated	2	23
Trial Materials -- Abatement, Change of Venue Rulings	undated	2	24
Trial Materials -- Proposal to use Federal Grand Jury as an Investigative Body for Columbia Case by the Attorney General	undated	2	25
Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol I	April 8, 1946	3	1

Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. II	April 9, 1946	3	2
Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. III	April 10, 1946	3	3
Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. IV	April 11, 1946	3	4
Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. V	April 12, 1946	3	5
Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. VI	April 15, 1946	3	6
Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. VII	April 16, 1946	4	1
Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. VIII	April 17, 1967	4	2
Trial Transcripts -- Columbia, Tennessee, Investigation before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. IX	April 18, 1946	4	3
Trial Transcripts -- Investigation of Columbia, Tennessee, Racial Disturbance before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. X	May 28, 1946	4	4
Trial Transcripts -- Investigation of Columbia, Tennessee, Racial Disturbance before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. XI [Vols. XII and XIII are missing.]	May, 29, 1947	4	5
Trial Transcripts -- Investigation of Columbia, Tennessee, Racial Disturbance before the United States District Court Grand Jury of Tennessee. Vol. XIV	June 14, 1946	4	6
Trial Transcripts -- Federal Grand Jury Index, Abstract, Notes	undated	4	7
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol I	September 19, 1946	5	1
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. II	September 20, 1946	5	2
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. III	September 21, 1946	5	3

Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol IV (part 1 of 2)	September 23, 1946	5	4
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol IV (part 2 of 2)	September 23, 1946	5	5
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. V	September 24, 1946	5	6
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. VI (Morning Session)	September 25, 1946	6	1
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. VI (Afternoon Session)	September 25, 1946	6	2
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. VII (Morning Session)	September 26, 1946	6	3
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. VII (Morning Session)	September 26, 1946	6	4
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. VII (Morning Session)	September 26, 1946	6	5
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. VIII	September 27, 1946	6	6
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. IX (Morning Session)	September 28, 1946	6	7
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. IX Afternoon Session)	September 28, 1946	6	8
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. X	September 30, 1946	7	1
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence	September	7	2

County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. X	30, 1946		
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. X	October 1, 1946	7	3
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Vol. X	October 1, 1946	7	4
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. [No volume number]	October 2, 1946	7	5
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Index. Argument to the Jury	October 2, 1946	7	6
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Argument to the Jury	October 3, 1946	7	7
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Argument to the Jury	October 3, 1946	7	8
Trial Transcripts -- In the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Tennessee, in the matter of State of Tennessee v. Sol [Saul] Blair et al. Argument to the Jury, Verdict, Motion	October 4, 1946	7	9
Trial Transcripts -- notes	undated	7	10

<b>Interviewee Name</b>	<b>Interview Date</b>	<b>Information about Interviewee; Topics of Interview</b>
George Barrett	5/18/1992	Edward H. "Boss" Crump, politics, law enforcement, and labor issues
Adolpho A. Birch	7/25/1989	Retired Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court; Columbia, Z. Alexander Looby, Supreme Court
Sam Bone	5/12/1992	State Guardsman who responded to the Columbia riot
Patricia Martin Bowman	2/3/1990	Member of the Columbia African American community; Motivations of law enforcement, African American perspective during riot
Jesse Bradley	7/30/1989	An additional interviewee on tape is unidentified; Trial, key players in race riot
Cecil Branstetter	5/18/1992	Prominent Nashville lawyer, former member of the General Assembly; Race issues, state politics
Clarence Brown	7/28/1989	African American citizen of Columbia;

		Arrest, acquittal during the race riot
Paul F. Bumpus	1/30/1990	Prosecutor at the race riot trials
Addie Lou Blair Cooper	2/3/1990	Present in Columbia during the riot and trial. Interviewed with Raymond Lockridge; Politics and the events in Columbia
Mrs. Jean Cooper	7/31/1989	Discusses race riot
James Siegel Davis	7/30/1989	Member of the Columbia grand jury
Virginia Durr	11/2/1990	Southern Conference on Human Welfare (SCHW), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and accusations of Communism.
Clifford Edwards	7/28/1989	Race relations
Amon Carter Evans	5/17/1992	Publisher of the <i>Tennessean</i> ; son of Silliman Evans, president and publisher of the <i>Tennessean</i> ; Third-party candidates and politics
Fyke Farmer	8/2/1989	Nashville attorney; Lynn Bomar, Highway Patrol, trial, and Methodist Church
Flo Fleming	7/29/1989	Highway Patrolman and candidate for sheriff; The initial confrontation that sparked the riot in Columbia
John Fleming Jr.	7/29/1989	Flo Fleming's older brother, a judge; Narrative of the riot, race relations, and his time on the bench
Peggy Dickinson Fleming	5/17/1992	Family members involved in the race riot and family history
John Hope Franklin	12/2/1992	Professor at Duke University and African American historian; Racial issues in the 1930s and the race riot.
Laurent Frantz	6/16/1996	Civil Rights activist along with his wife; Frantz's role in the national response to the Columbia riot.
Wallace Gordon	7/28/1989	Member of African American community in Columbia; The race riot and his brother, who died during the aftermath of the race riot
Penny Harrington	5/10/1992	<i>The Tennessean</i> , race riot, poll taxes, and Jennings Perry
Avaleen (Mrs. W. A. "Bud") Harwell	7/30/1989	The race riot, Greg O'Rear, local politics, and race relations
W. E. Hopton	5/18/1992	FBI agent; FBI investigation of Columbia, claims of Communism. Includes interviewer comments at the end of the recording
Maceo Hubbard	6/8/1990	Civil Rights Division of the United States Justice Department
Herbert Johnson (wife Ivone Shyers)	5/16/1992	Witnesses to the riot and trial; Race relations and race politics in Columbia
Yollette Trigg Jones	5/11/1992	Member of the African American community in Columbia; Columbia after race riot and during Civil Rights movement
Attorney William M. Leech	7/28/1989	Discusses riot
Dwight Lewis	2/2/1990	Co-worker and acquaintance of Z. Alexander Looby; Race issues
Raymond Lockridge	7/28, 31/1989; 2/6/1990	Religious leader and prominent member of African American community

Z. A. Looby (Fisk Collection)		Original is at Fisk University
Jimmy Matthews	2/5/1990	Witness to events in Columbia; Racial relations in Columbia and politics
Milton Murray	2/4/1990	Prominent member of the African American community; Race relations in Columbia
George A. Newbern	2/3/1990	Testified in the trial regarding Julius Blair's location during the race riot
E. B. Noles	5/11/1992	Member of the Highway Patrol
Genella Olker	5/11/1992	Discusses <i>The Nashville Banner</i>
Greg O'Rear	2/14/1990	Member of the Highway Patrol
Martha Remslinger O'Rear	5/23/1992	Secretary in the Tennessee Department of Safety. Tennessee Department of Safety during the race riot
Mr. and Mrs. Webb Orr	5/17/1992	Barber, member of the African American community; Labor issues, striking, unionizing, workers' rights, and race issues.
Ronald Ryan, Thomas Morgan	2/3/1990	Family owns a funeral home in Columbia.
John Seigenthaler	5/11/1992	Publisher and editor of the <i>Tennessean</i> ; Politics and news organizations
May Shelton	5/23/1992	Friend of and interviewed with Martha Remslinger O'Rear; Greg O'Rear
Dr. Mildred T. Stahlman	5/18/1992	Professor of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt; The merger of the <i>Tennessean</i> and <i>Nashville Banner</i>
Bernard Stofel	7/29/1989	Police officer in Columbia
Ophelia Tisby	2/2/1990	Columbia, race relations after World War II
Betty Turner	9/24/19--	Saul Blair's goddaughter, telephone interview; African American businesses on 8th Street in Columbia, her godfather, and his father Julius Blair
James J. Underwood Jr.	7/30/1989	Son of Columbia sheriff; Race relations.
Grafta Looby Westbrook	5/11/1992	Wife of Z. Alexander Looby; Race relations and the bombing of their home next door to Meharry Medical College campus.
Avon Williams	7/25/1989	Civil rights attorney, Tennessee state senator
Eugene Wyatt	7/26/1989	Member of the African American community in Columbia; Racial issues and suggestions of other people to interview.