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## Oral History Interview with Richard Sommers On May 20, 2016

## Conducted by Meg Miner, Illinois Wesleyan Archivist

- 00:00:51 Richard Sommers introducing himself
- 00:01:32 Sommers's relationship with Minor
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- 00:26:56 Minor's interest in teaching
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- 00:41:56 Sommers on Alumni Week and Class Reunions
- 00:42:52 Sommers on a page he wrote for Minor
- 00:46:45 Sommers on Minor writing a musical comedy
- 00:50:20 Sommers on Minor's collection
- 00:51:40 Sommers on what he collects
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- 00:54:03 Sommers discussing his collections of toy soldiers
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- 01:08:08 Sommers tells two stories of Minor at Carlton
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