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Oral History Interview with Richard Sommers
On May 20, 2016

Conducted by Meg Miner, Illinois Wesleyan Archivist

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