

Section 5a: Basic Question List

All interviewees will be asked the following questions as part of their oral history interview

Introduction (Interview Oral Stamp):

Today is _____ [full date, Month, Day, and Year]. It is ____ am/pm. This is _____, representing the City of Savannah's Municipal Archives as a volunteer. I am interviewing _____ for the Savannah LGBTQ+ Oral History Project. We are conducting this interview at _____ [location of interview]. Thank you for joining us today.

Basic Biographical Information

- Let's start by having you tell us your full name? [ask them to spell it if necessary; they can provide a pseudonym if they prefer-this should be included on their release form]
- When and where were you born?
- If not native of Savannah, when did you come here and why?
- Please tell us your pronouns and how you identify.

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- Describe your involvement with the LGBTQ community in Savannah?
- How would you describe Savannah's current relationship with the LGBTQ community?
- How have you seen Savannah's relationship with the LGBTQ community change over the years?
- In your time in Savannah, were there specific places or organizations in Savannah that you would describe as safe or inclusive for the LGBTQ community, and why?
- Do you think Savannah, at this time, would be considered an inclusive community? Why or why not?
- Who were some of the important leaders in Savannah's LGBTQ community and what were their contributions?
- Are there specific events or traditions in Savannah's LGBTQ community that need to be documented?
- Do you recall any pivotal points in time or major events that were turning points in Savannah as it relates to the LGBTQ community, either positively or negatively?
- Can you speak to the AIDS crisis in Savannah?
- Are there any specific landmarks in Savannah associated with LGBTQ history (businesses, buildings, sites, historical markers, etc.)?
- What future do you imagine for Savannah as it relates to the LGBTQ community?
- What would you say to young LGBTQ people today or those who come along in the future?
- Anything else you would like to share with us about the LGBTQ community and its history in Savannah?

Thank you for sharing your history with us today!