

Freedom Riders Oral History Collection Digitization Project
Log Sheet

Name of Interviewee: Thomas Gaither

Name of Interviewer:

Date: November 10, 2001

Place of Interview: Jackson, MS

Log of Topics/Names/Events discussed:

0:00-2:00

Great Falls, SC; Slippery Rock, PA; Slippery Rock University; AME Zion Church

2:00-4:00

Rock Hill, SC; CORE; James Farmer; D.C.; New Orleans; organizing Freedom Rides; conducting training

4:00-6:00

Montgomery, AL; Anniston, AL; sociodramas an nonviolence training; family support; generational differences in technique

6:00-8:00

Glenda Gaither Davis; Herman Gaither; McComb, MS

8:00-10:00

McComb, MS; fear; coping with experiences; arrests

10:00-12:00

Arrests; Orangeburg, SC; Orangeburg City Jail; Miami, FL; CORE Action Institute

12:00-14:00

Probation; Miami; Rock Hill, SC; "jail without bail"; chain gang

14:00-16:00

Impact of involvement; selective service

16:00-18:00

"morally unfit" to serve in military because of arrest record; Jackson, MS

18:00-20:00

Jack Young, R. Jess Brown, R. Carsey Hall, attorneys in Jackson, MS; record keeper for Freedom Riders in Jackson; Parchman Penitentiary

20:00-22:00

Arrangements for Freedom Riders after release from Parchman; sharing experiences; impact of involvement

22:00-24:00

Significance of voting; Freedom Song “Oh Freedom”; continued racism; white privilege

24:00-26:00

Change; Jackson, MS

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