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## **Title Interview with Alexandria Robison**

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Description (a) Interview with Alexandria Robison. Interviewed by Abbie Cowan

on July 20, 2022 at New Haven Free Public Library Ives Branch, 133 Elm Street,

New Haven. (b) Photograph of Alexandria Robison taken at her interview. She

was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community

History Project discussing her experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the

time of the interview, Alexandria was 27 years old living in New Haven,

Connecticut working as a library technical assistant. Alexandria discussed both

the challenges and advantages of working from home during the pandemic.

Alexandria's transition from in-person to at-home was easier than most; she

worked from home previously and was accustomed to it. During the pandemic,

Alexandria enrolled in graduate school to become a librarian. Alexandria noted

how different social institutions operated in times of communal need and was

appreciative of the cautious approach that the City of New Haven took regarding

public health and safety. She voiced her support of masks and vaccines and

described her frustration over people not following the rules. She expressed fear

of being close to unvaccinated people, not for her own safety, but for theirs.

Alexandria is a member of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in New Haven and

described both her personal support, as well as the church's support, of the

Black Lives Matter movement. Alexandria's personal relationships were

impacted by the pandemic; her parents went through a divorce and her sister

moved closer to family. When asked what she lost during the pandemic,

Alexandria recalled the death of her two grandparents and the difficulty of not

being able to hold her grandmother's funeral. When asked what she found

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during the pandemic, Alexandra responded that she came out as gay. She also described the peace she found in nature and how it provided her with a temporary escape from the stress of the present.

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