

Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Ron Black

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Medium born digital audio file

Description (a) Interview with Ron Black. Interviewed by Penny Newbury on 22 July 2022 in Norwich, Connecticut. (b) Photograph of Ron Black taken at his interview. He was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community History Project discussing his experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ron is an employee at The ARC Connecticut. He recalls first hearing about COVID on the news. The pandemic provided Ron with “more time to do things” rather than disrupting his life. He remembered not being able to have a birthday party for his daughter in March 2020. When asked about personal choice in a pandemic Ron stated discussed his feelings about the common good, which influenced his beliefs about vaccine mandates and mask mandates. Ron believed that the January 6, 2021 attacks would have played out differently if a different group of people had attacked the U. S. Capitol. Ron liked remote learning and working from home. He earned his master’ s degree in education online and was able to teach his kids. He felt that returning to in-person activities gave him less time to spend with family. His life was less stressful while staying home. Ron’ s advice to someone experiencing a future pandemic is “Don’ t think about yourself. Think about the world around you.”

Dimensions Duration: 13 Minutes, 37 Seconds