Interviewee: Wayne Curtis Interviewer: Michael Rawlings Transcriber: Evan Cordulack Interview Date: October 25, 2008

:10	Wayne Curtis, Class of '82, member of GALA for 20 years
:32	Wanted to be involved with project because of importance of recording stories
1:25	Grew up in Northern Virginia (near Fredericksburg)
1:55	Realized he was gay in his teens
2:20	The College of William and Mary was a home where learned about how to live life
3:00	Williamsburg was conservative, but was a support system
3:24	Was a singer, so joined William and Mary Choir, through choir finds friends to
4.12	learn about gay community at W&M
4:12	Came to W&M in the fall of 1978
4:34	Gay group on campus, didn't want to get involved, while he never hid who he was, didn't confront people either
5:26	First experience with another man was in the community of the choir
5:50	Men who sang were in short supply, so went straight into the choir [women spent at least a year in the chorus]
6:13	Starts to grow a circle of gay friends through choir
6:35	This community became more overt, talks more openly about being gay
7:10	Met first boyfriend, Eddie Carroll, through the choir in October/November of
	freshman year
9:25	End of that relationship, didn't have another close relationship like that again in college
10:30	What would Eddie want to be remembered about him?
10:54	Carroll was a free spirit
11:15	He had always been cautious, from a small town, once had a taste of real
	freedom, he wasn't willing to go back
12:13	HIV and W&M: subscribed to a magazine that covered gay issues, didn't think it would be in eastern Virginia
13:33	GALA
13:47	His friend, Michael Rogan went to a library conference in the 1980s; learning about others that were forming alternatives to existing alumni associations
15:31	Got involved while living in Boston; first board member who wasn't' from DC/Virginia
16:05	Moved back to Chesapeake area and wanted to get more involved
16:46	Adapting organization to changes in students
17:23	Changes in how gay people, pressures has meant alumni are looking for different
4	support role from GALA
17:55	Getting to know others in the group had been positive, people who were at
10.27	W&M during other time periods
18:27	Steven Snell-got to know him in the late 1980's

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