ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Herrera, Alberto

DATE OF INTERVIEW: November 7, 2002

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER: Faustino Vela

FORMAT: File to server, audio cassette

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 48 minutes

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Alberto Herrera talks about his experiences at
Georgetown, discusses his life and discriminatory
incidents he faced.

ABSTRACT:

FILE   **TIME STAMP**

Introduction   0:00

Childhood
        Mother
        Father
        7 siblings
        Household chores and cooking

Education
        Started working and dropped out of school

Occupations

Father (again)

Military Career
        Joining the army in 1955
        Lots of black and Hispanic soldiers in the company
        Hard time at Fort Richardson

Didn't go to war with Russia over Siberia
Joined boxing team
Worked on operating projectors
Wanted to go back

Life at Georgetown   0:10
No job
No unemployment compensation
Worked at the same job as his father
Eloped
Lived with family
Jobs he worked at

Discrimination
White barber refused to cut hair at Slaton
Didn't go to restaurants and cafes due to fear of rejection
Sat with African–Americans at the top in theaters

Worked for Eagle Pitchers Institute
Laid off

Reflections of his life   0:22
Played baseball as a kid
Education of daughters
Wife's education level and jobs she worked at
Shoes
Wore winter pants during summer

Georgetown   0.30
Routine
Wooden stove
Black neighbors

Discrimination
Lubbock and Slaton
'No Mexicans allowed' signs outside cafes
Separate churches for Mexicans
Experiences travelling to town by freight train
Walked back home
South Plains Mall
Teenagers followed by police
Suspicions of theft
Georgetown
Family of theatre actors from Spain arrested
Acted as interpreter
Police wanted women for the night

Farmers   0:41
- Brother was not paid as promised
- No contracts

Experience at Alaska
- Everyone armed
- Gambling clubs
- Wild animals everywhere
- Visit at museum of University of Alaska
- Plenty of cheap Gold

Interview Ended

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1937

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: Hispanic