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ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW 214C

John Gilmer

Veteran of US Navy B1 Band

[Interviewed by Alex Albright and Jonathan Dembo]

My name's John Gilmer.

Mr. Gilmer is a Veteran of the US Navy B1.

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What is your complete name?

John Stanley Gilmer.

And what kind of nickname did you have in the Navy?

Gus.

Gus.

How did you get that nickname?

Unintelligible. [OH #213.2 Otto Harris is noted for giving nicknames to most band members.JG states from this transcript that he doesn't know where that name came from.]

And they stuck.

Okay.

Where were you originally from?

Greensboro.

But you signed up in Roxboro?

No...Err...Columbus.

Oh, that's right. Columbus.

But you were originally from Greensboro?

Greensboro.

Long phrase I cannot understand.

Did the governor have a band?