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INTERVIEW #
Oct. 22, 1980
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Ernst-Rosevelt Betts
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Paul Pium
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14 October 80
Date Of Agreement

Description of Materials: taped interview (60 minutes)

INFORMANT'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA			
NAME: Roosevelt Betts		YEARS AT ADDRESS:	BOARD: <input type="checkbox"/>
ADDRESS: 827 N. Arlington Ave.			RENT: <input type="checkbox"/>
TODAY'S DATE: 1980.10.14	PHONE NUMBER:		OWN: <input type="checkbox"/>
DATE OF BIRTH: 1901. 9.10	PLACE OF BIRTH: Denton, Caroline County		

RELIGION: Apostolic	(African Methodist Episcopal while on Eastern Shore)
HOUSE OF WORSHIP: First Apostolic Church, 27 Caroline St.	
MEMBERSHIPS: (POLITICAL, PROFESSIONAL, SOCIAL, HOBBY, ETC.) LIST	
	YEARS:
Masonic Order	

PREVIOUS RESIDENCES: LIST	YEARS:
1618 Madison Ave., first floor apartment	

SCHOOLING AND/OR OTHER TRAINING: LIST	YEARS:
State Police Academy, Pikesville	

OCCUPATIONS: (EMPLOYMENT, VOLUNTEER OR MILITARY SERVICE) LIST	YEARS:
Police Constable, Caroline County Sheriff's Ofc.	1927 - 1937 (?)
Police Trooper, Maryland State Police	
- first Black Maryland State Trooper	

<u>PARENTS</u>	
MOTHER'S NAME: Mary Betts	
DATE OF BIRTH: 1867	PLACE OF BIRTH: Denton, Caroline County
RELIGION:	HER OCCUPATION:
HER MOTHER:	PLACE OF BIRTH:
HER FATHER:	PLACE OF BIRTH:
FATHER'S NAME: James Henry Betts	
DATE OF BIRTH:	PLACE OF BIRTH: Denton, Caroline County
RELIGION:	HIS OCCUPATION: Police
HIS MOTHER:	PLACE OF BIRTH:
HIS FATHER:	PLACE OF BIRTH:

SIBLINGS: 2 sisters	DATES OF BIRTH:
LIST	

SPOUSE'S NAME: 2, both deceased	
DATE OF BIRTH:	PLACE OF BIRTH:
DATE OF MARRIAGE:	PLACE OF MARRIAGE:
SPOUSE'S RELIGION:	SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION:

CHILDREN: 2 sons, both in New York	DATES OF BIRTH:
LIST	

NOTES:

they'd call me and my bunch to come in and raid.--We're the ones, certain ones.

Murel: They give you a lot of satisfaction for knocking over the liquor store? [laughing]

Betts: Sure, not the liquor stores, no the bootleggers. I wouldn't sign for a liquor store.

Murel: When you were living on Madison Ave., did you recall any Black bootleggers in the city.

Betts: No. I don't fool with that, that's whoever. ...

(End of side 2 tape 1)