

EmJ1 – Emmett Johnson, “Being the ‘First Black’ in Work Place”

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**Time-Line: Decade VI, Local and National Events, Points of National Interest, 1957, “Civil Rights Act.”**

EJ: Levitz was on the corner of Main and Fairfield and he got me a job in the men's furnishings. I was the first black guy in men's furnishings in Levitz. I worked in Levitz about five, six years I guess. Yes, maybe about five years I worked in Levitz.

I: And when would this be? From like the mid-fifties?

EJ: It was the late fifties into the early sixties. Yes.