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<b>Track: ST1502_0001</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:09</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Born in India in 1938. Came to Penang in 1947. Stayed at 3, Bishop Street after his arrival. The stops in between the route from India to Penang. His family background. Attended Anglo Chinese Continuation School. Went to school from 1948 to 1958. Tuition fees.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0001</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:10:09 - 00:20:43</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Went back to study in India from 1959 to 1962 in Pachaiyappa College. Then came back to work at a bookshop in Kuala Lumpur. In 1963 he became a teacher at Al-Mashoor English School. Mentioned injection was needed when travelling from India to Penang in 1947. Described there were boys waiting in Nagapattinam to get money from the passengers, and coins were thrown to them, they then dived and collected the coins. Described getting injection before travelling to Penang. His feelings during the arrival in Penang. His first impression on Penang.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0001</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:20:43 - 00:31:03</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued with his first impression on Penang. Mentioned going to his father's shop in Bishop Street after arriving at Penang Port. Documents required when he came to Penang again after finishing his studies in India in 1963. The name of the ship taken to Penang. The differences in Penang he saw in 1947 during his first arrival and in 1963.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0002</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:05</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued with what he saw when he returned to Penang in 1963. Stayed in Lim Lean Teng Mansion with his brother. The changes in mode of transportation he saw in Penang in 1963. Mentioned staying in Lim Lean Teng Mansion with his brother. How his brother got to rent Lim Lean Teng Mansion. The tenants in Lim Lean Teng Mansion before and after Independence. Background of the Sindhis who stayed in Lim Lean Teng Mansion after Independence. His impression on Lim Lean Teng Mansion.</p>	

<b>Track: ST1502_0002</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:10:05 - 00:20:37</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>The layout of Lim Lean Teng Mansion. Described sizes of different compartments in Lim Lean Teng Mansion. The use of space by his family and him in the Lim Lean Teng Mansion. Building materials of the mansion.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0002</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:20:37 - 00:31:03</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Entrance to the Lim Lean Teng Mansion. The directions of these entrances. Mentioned Komtar was connected from Lim Lean Teng Mansion. Number of units in the Mansion. Mentioned monthly rental of the unit. Described that the owner collected extra rent from tenants privately although there was Rent Control Act, and it was reported to the council. Paid only RM115 until the Rent Control was lifted. Handed the building back to the owner in 2003.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0003</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:34</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Mentioned the broken lift in Lim Lean Teng Mansion was left unrepaired. Mentioned liking to enjoy the breeze when staying in the building. Described how it was like staying with the Sindhis and the celebration of Deepavali. Mentioned the address was 63 Farquhar Street. Mentioned each unit in Lim Lean Teng Mansion its own letterbox with different unit number. Described the leaking problem on the third floor. Mentioned a famous figure who had stayed in Lim Lean Teng Mansion. Moved out in 1966 after getting married. The reason of moving out. Moved to Abu Siti Lane and then to Taman Free School, staying there until 1971. Mentioned his brother sold off his business in 1971 and went back to India.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0003</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:10:34 - 00:20:48</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Transportation used for house moving from Lim Lean Teng Mansion to Abu Siti Lane. Moved back to Lim Lean Teng Mansion again in 1971. The rent at that time. Furniture brought along when moving back to Lim Lean Teng Mansion in 1971. Moved to Taman Pekaka, Sungai Dua in 2003. Described the moving from Lim Lean Teng Mansion to Sungai Dua. Space used as a family in Lim Lean Teng Mansion in 1971 to before 2003. The rental at that time. His favourite spot in the unit. Described having to move out from the unit when Rent Control was lifted.</p>	

<b>Track: ST1502_0003</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:20:48 - 00:33:48</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Tenants who were still staying in Lim Lean Teng Mansion when he moved out. Tenants who stayed with him in the Mansion from 1963 to 2003. How he felt when moving out of the Mansion. Arrangement made for the house moving. Wedding venue for his three children. Preparation made in the unit for wedding. Wedding ceremony being performed in the unit. Described Aqiqah feast taken place in the unit. Mentioned Lim Lean Teng's background.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0004</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:02</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Took over the book business after his father passed away in 1967. Mentioned it was 1969 that the take-over took place. The business's situation during the take-over. The reason that the business was eventually closed down in 1977. Described the way his father conducted the book business before World War II. Mentioned tying of books. Areas that his father would go and sell books. Mentioned his father and the other two business partners started their business at 3 Bishop Street. Size of the shop. Mentioned it was a two-storey building but they used only the ground floor. Building materials of the shop. The use of space in the shop. The book arrangement. Repair work done in the shop.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0004</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:10:02 - 00:20:16</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described facing rat problem and how it was tackled by the local council. Described the differences of the shop when he was young and after he took over. The shop rent. Types of shops nearby. Number of workers in the shop during his father's time and after he took over. Mentioned his father and his partners sold food at the shop as well, but the food business was let go after that. Types of food they sold at shop by then. The wholesaler of food. The usual customers. Why his workers were all from India. Mentioned dividing the work amongst workers based on their abilities. Other bookshops during his father's time and his time.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0004</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:20:16 - 00:31:03</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>The workers' salaries. Mentioned food allowance and meal would be provided for workers during his father's time but not in his time. Why food provision for workers was no longer a common practice nowadays. Break time for the workers. Mentioned accommodation was provided for workers during his father's time. Other benefits for the workers. How long usually the workers would stay in India before coming back to work. Where did they get the book supplies. Types of books sold. How they decided on types of books to sell. Magazines sold during his father's time.</p>	

<b>Track: ST1502_0005</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:20</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued with magazines sold during his father's time. The magazine readers. Mentioned setting up a stall next to the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) base on salary days. Mentioned photography taking service was one that was usually requested for. Location of the photo studio where they usually would get the photographs printed. Transportation taken to deliver goods from Bishop Street to Butterworth, where the RAAF base was located. Mentioned books and magazines were not taxed. Transportation used from the Butterworth jetty to the RAAF base. Described some customers regarded his father's shop as the bookshop that would have complete collection of local books. Described ordering of books. Mentioned examples of books that were commonly bought by them.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0005</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:10:20 - 00:20:32</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>How were the ordered novels sent from England to their shop. Described the magazine issuing and delivering time. Mentioned providing postal service during his father's time. Described book wrapping methods for local posting in order to save cost. The postage. The book wrapping methods for posting. How posting was made. Described the situation during the free port era.</p>	
<b>Track: ST1502_0005</b>	<b>Time frame: 00:20:32 - 00:32:59</b>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described religious practice performed at the shop. Mentioned why the shop was closed down. The settlement of books during the closing. What he liked about staying in Lim Lean Teng Mansion. What he liked about George Town. Improvement that he would like to see in George Town.</p>	