

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Richard Love

PERSON

Love, Richard, 1938-

Alternative Names: Richard Love;

Life Dates: June 24, 1938-

Place of Birth: Hahira, Georgia, USA

Residence: St. Petersburg, FL

Work: St. Petersburg, FL

Occupations: Newspaper Editor; Newspaper Publishing Chief Executive

Biographical Note

Newspaper publisher Richard Love was born on June 24, 1938, in Hahira, Georgia to Roosevelt and Ophelia Love. Recruited by the Los Angeles Dodgers following high school, Love declined an invitation to their farm team to pursue a college degree. Love attended Kentucky State University, but left following his freshman year to join the military in 1958. Love spent three years in the service, and spent considerable time at Fort Devers in Boston and Bavaria, Germany, where he became the battalion photographer. Love left the military in 1961 and returned to his home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Love worked as an orderly at a V.A. hospital for several years upon his return from the military. In 1962, he became security for then United States Vice President Hubert Humphrey. He remained with the V.A. hospital and as security until 1964. The following year, he became a real estate appraiser for World Savings, where he also worked as a housing consultant for the Urban League. Love worked in real estate for nearly a decade, primarily as a housing coordinator of land-based properties in Dade County, Florida. There, he acquired his first experiences in journalism as an editor for the community newsletter. He later moved to Westwood, California, in 1985. There, he continued working in real estate and also became an advisor for black businesses. Encouraged by the success of the African American Denver Times, Love surveyed the community to gauge support for a black newspaper. After receiving largely positive responses, he established The Long Beach Times. Singlehandedly writing, editing and publishing the newspaper, Love focused on giving African Americans a voice by including the names of political representatives and city council members and listing their contact information in

each issue. In the early 1990s, he founded the Long Beach Chapter of African American Commerce. A member of the NAACP and advocate of black business development, Love was a devoted leader of the Long Beach community.

Richard Love was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 19, 2002.

Related Entries

Hall, Leila [GRANDCHILDOf]
Maternal Grandmother

Love [GRANDCHILDOf]
Paternal Grandfather

Love, Roosevelt Alexander [CHILDOf]
Father

Hall (Love), Ophelia [CHILDOf]
Mother

Love, Jim [SIBLINGOf]
Brother

Kentucky State University [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

Northeast Housing Center [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Housing Consultant

Eleventh Coast Guard District [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Housing Coordinator

Dade County, Florida [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Urban planner

Don CeSar Veterans Administration Hospital [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1961 to 1965]

Orderly

Department of the Interior [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1962 to 1964]

Vice President Detail (Security)

World Savings Bank [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1965 to ?]

Real Estate Appraiser

Long Beach Times [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1985 to ?]

Founder

United States Army [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 19580901 to 19610901]

Army Security Agency/Battalion Photographer

Mercy Hospital [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 19610901 to ?]

Orderly

Long Beach Black Chamber of Commerce [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Founder

Delete [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

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