

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Louise Hope

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hope, Louise, 1915-2005
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Louise Hope,
Dates:	June 14, 2005
Bulk Dates:	2005
Physical Description:	3 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:27:48).
Abstract:	Music instructor Louise Hope (1915 - 2005) co-founded the Adrienne Kennedy Society. Hope was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 14, 2005, in Cleveland, Ohio. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2005_137
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Educator and arts advocate Rhoda Louise Meredith Kent-Hope was born on January 15, 1915 in Newton, Kansas. She is the only child of Annie Mae and Paul Matthew Meredith. She earned her B.S. degree in music from the University of Wichita in Wichita, Kansas in 1936 and her M.S. degree in music education from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 1946. She also completed additional coursework in reading, language arts, mathematics, classroom organization and behavior management.

Kent-Hope was a teacher in Cleveland Public Schools from 1951 to 1977. From 1974 to 1977, she led teacher workshops at Cuyahoga Community College, and from 1987 to 1994, she taught piano and music appreciation at the Cleveland Music School Settlement. In 1990, Kent-Hope and other educators joined the Great Lakes Theater Festival in launching the Adrienne Kennedy Society. In addition to celebrating the genius of an African American playwright, the Society provided mentoring programs for elementary and secondary school students. In 1993, Kent-Hope co-founded (along with June Sallee Antoine) Creative Writing Workshop Projects, a non-profit arts education and student-mentoring program.

Kent-Hope was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including Teacher Leader Grants from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and a grant from the Pace Program for Action by Citizens in Education. She was active in civic affairs, including the Women's City Club, the Musical Arts Association of the Cleveland Orchestra, and the Council of Human Relations. She held life memberships in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the NAACP, and she also belonged to the Urban League of Greater Cleveland and the United Church of Christ.

She was the mother of two daughters, Julia Carlyne and the late Anita Louise Kent. Twice widowed to Morehouse classmates, her first husband was Dr. Carl Owen Kent, a physician in Cleveland, Ohio for over thirty-five years, and her second husband, an engineer, Dr. Edward Swain Hope, Ph.D.

Mrs. Kent-Hope passed away on October 6, 2005.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Louise Hope was conducted by Regennia Williams on June 14, 2005, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was recorded on 3 Betacame SP videocassettes. Music instructor Louise Hope (1915 - 2005) co-founded the Adrienne Kennedy Society.

Restrictions

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Hope, Louise, 1915-2005

Williams, Regennia (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hope, Louise, 1915-2005--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Cleveland Public Schools

Occupations:

Nonprofit Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Louise Hope, Section A2005_137_001_001, TRT: 0:28:49 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louise Hope, Section A2005_137_001_002, TRT: 0:28:57 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louise Hope, Section A2005_137_001_003, TRT: 0:30:02 ?