

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Patricia Ann Lottier

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Lottier, Patricia Ann, 1948-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Patricia Ann Lottier,
<b>Dates:</b>	January 16, 2007
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2007
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:07:40).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Magazine publishing chief executive Patricia Ann Lottier (1948 - ) was the publisher of the Atlanta Tribune. Lottier was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 16, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2007_012
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Magazine publisher Patricia Lottier was born on February 18, 1948, to Ruth and Melvin Franklin. Lottier was delivered in Ironton, Ohio, because there were no African American doctors in her hometown of Ashland, Kentucky. One of a few African American students to attend Paul Blazer High School, Lottier excelled in her studies and was granted a full scholarship by Johns Hopkins University in 1966.

While attending Johns Hopkins, Lottier met and married George Lottier. Lottier graduated from nursing school in 1969, then went on to earn her B.S. degree in nursing from Western Connecticut State University in 1980, and her M.S. degree in public health administration from Emory University in 1984. After her family moved to Atlanta, Georgia, Lottier worked with a sickle cell program with the DeKalb County Health Department and became the southeastern operations manager of the home-care division of Baxter International, a national provider of hospital and health supplies.

In 1986, Lottier's husband helped publish the *Atlanta Tribune*; after the first two issues, Kermit Thomas relinquished the publication to the Lottiers. Within two years, Pat Lottier was able to triple the number of advertising pages. With her business sense, management skills, and some guidance from her in-laws (the publishers of the *Afro American* newspaper in Baltimore, Maryland), Lottier was able to turn the *Atlanta Tribune* into a magazine that has brought a positive light to outstanding African American businesses and their owners for over twenty years.

Lottier was honored in *Who's Who Among African Americans*. Lottier was a member of the Coalitions of 100 Black Women, and the Emory University Public Health Advisory. Lottier lived in Roswell, Georgia with her husband George; the couple raised two sons, Christopher and Shawn.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Patricia Ann Lottier was conducted by Denise Gines on January 16, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Magazine publishing chief executive Patricia Ann Lottier (1948 - ) was the publisher of the Atlanta Tribune.

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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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Lottier, Patricia Ann, 1948-

Gines, Denise (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Lottier, Patricia Ann, 1948- --Interviews

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Publishers and publishing--Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Magazine Publishing Chief Executive

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

### 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).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia Ann Lottier, Section A2007\_012\_001\_001, TRT: 0:29:00 ?

Patricia Ann Lottier was born on February 18, 1948 in Ironton, Ohio. Her mother, Ruth Jennings Franklin, grew up Augusta, Georgia as the youngest of thirteen children. Franklin grew up in a segregated environment and attended two years of college before dropping out to marry Melvin Franklin. After their marriage, Lottier's father left his post at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia and the newlyweds moved to Ashland, Kentucky where Lottier's mother worked as a domestic. Lottier's father died when she was around the third grade. Lottier's

maternal and paternal ancestors were slaves and her maternal grandmother was of Native American descent. Lottier's maiden name, Franklin, comes from a white family in Kentucky who secured the freedom of her paternal grandfather, Gordon Franklin, when he was a young boy. Lottier shares her early memories of childhood and her family history in Ashland, Kentucky. She attended Booker T. Washington High School in elementary school, and Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland, Kentucky.

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Video Oral History Interview with Patricia Ann Lottier, Section A2007\_012\_001\_002, TRT: 0:28:20 ?

Patricia Ann Lottier attended Coles Junior High School and Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland, Kentucky. Although her family was not politically active, they voted when they were paid. Lottier recalls the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After graduating from high school in 1966, Lottier attended Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland where she witnessed the segregation of medical care. She married George Lottier, a descendent of John H. Murphy, Sr., founder of the Baltimore Afro-American Newspapers. Her husband's sales position for Dixie Cup moved their young family around the Northeast. Lottier worked in nursing jobs before becoming a stay-at-home mother. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Connecticut in 1980, and a master of public health from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in 1984. Lottier then worked for the DeKalb County Health Department and Baxter International.

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia Ann Lottier, Section A2007\_012\_001\_003, TRT: 0:29:10 ?

Patricia Ann Lottier's husband, George Lottier helped finance Kermit Thomas' news magazine venture, the Atlanta Tribune, in 1986. After a few months, Thomas left the struggling news magazine to the Lottiers. Lottier describes her early years at the helm and the Atlanta Tribune's focus on publishing positive stories of African Americans in Atlanta, Georgia. As publisher, Lottier managed the Atlanta Tribune's financial interests, its public relations, and its transition from a news magazine into a magazine. Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson attended the magazine's 5th anniversary celebration catered by HistoryMaker Nathaniel R. Golston, III. Lottier has been involved with the Leadership Atlanta program, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Links, the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Sickle Cell Foundation, the Herndon Foundation, and the advisory board at Emory University. Her husband is the executive director of the Georgia Minority Survivor Development Council.

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia Ann Lottier, Section A2007\_012\_001\_004, TRT: 0:28:40 ?

Patricia Ann Lottier recalls milestone celebrations at the Atlantic Tribune. She hopes to increase the magazine's internet presence and to continue to impact younger generations with the positive black role models highlighted in the Atlantic Tribune. Lottier also talks about the magazine's distribution model. Advertisers supporting the work of the Atlantic Tribune include Coca-Cola, UPS, Delta Airlines, Macy's, General Motors, and Ford Motor Company. Lottier has two sons with her husband, George Lottier. Her eldest son, Chris, works in the information security sector, and her youngest son, Shawn, is a dentist. Over the years, Lottier has amassed a collection of black dolls and artwork. She believes that her recruitment to Johns Hopkins University School

of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland was a critical event in her life. She also shares her advice for future generations and reflects upon her concerns for the African American community and upon her legacy.

Video Oral History Interview with Patricia Ann Lottier, Section A2007\_012\_001\_005, TRT: 0:12:30 ?

Patricia Ann Lottier narrates her photographs.