

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Clarice Tinsley

PERSON

Tinsley, Clarice, 1953-

**Alternative Names:** Clarice Tinsley;

**Life Dates:** December 31, 1953-

**Place of Birth:** Detroit, Michigan, USA

**Residence:** Dallas, TX

**Work:** Dallas, TX

**Occupations:** Broadcast Journalist

## Biographical Note

Broadcast journalist Clarice Tinsley was born on December 31, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan to Janet and Clarence Tinsley. She attended Beaubien Junior High School and Samuel C. Mumford High School. Tinsley graduated from Wayne State University with her B.A. degree in radio, television and film.

From 1975 to 1978, Tinsley worked for WITI-TV in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she started as a general assignment reporter, and later became co-anchor of the weekday noon news as well as producer and co-host of two monthly public affairs shows. In 1978, Tinsley was hired as an anchor for the ten o'clock news at KDFW-TV, where she became the longest-serving news anchor in the Dallas/Fort Worth television market. Tinsley has covered a number of major events, including the fall of the Berlin Wall, Operation Desert Storm, and Hurricane Alicia. In 1995, she established "Clarice's Hometown Heroes," a weekly KDFW franchise show that salutes volunteers in North Texas. Tinsley has also appeared as a news anchor or reporter in several Dallas-based television productions, including The Good Guys, Prison Break, Walker, Texas Ranger and Wishbone.

Tinsley has received the George Foster Peabody Award, a DuPont-Columbia Citation, two Emmy Awards, three Dallas Press Club Katie Awards, and two Awards of Excellence from American Women in Radio and Television. She has been honored with the Best Investigative Reporting Award from Texas Associated Press, the Texas Headliner Award for Investigative Reporting, the Journalistic Award for Excellence from the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Director's Community Leadership Award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Asante Award from

the Dallas Fort Worth Association of Black Journalists, the Dallas Historical Society Award of Excellence for Outstanding Contributions in the Creative Arts, the Mary McLeod Bethune Award from the National Council of Negro Women, and the inaugural “High Tea with High Heels” Award, among others. She was also inducted into the Lone Star Emmy Chapter's Silver Circle.

Tinsley is a member of the Board of Directors of Girls Scouts of Northeast Texas and SLANT. She is an Advisory Board Member of St. Philip's School in South Dallas, as well as an Advisory Board Member for the School of Journalism at Southern Methodist University. She is a member of the YET Board of Directors and chairs the YET Communications and Public Relations Committee. Tinsley was a member of the Super Bowl XLV Host Committee's Board of Directors and was Chair of the Super Bowl XLV Communications Action Team. She has been named a 2014 Style Council Ambassador for DIFFA/Dallas.

Clarice Tinsley was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 6, 2014.

## Related Entries

**Sherrill Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Beaubien Middle School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Samuel C. Mumford High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Wayne State University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.A. Liberal Arts**

**Schulze Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**L.G. Haig** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1972 to 1974]

**Cashier**

**WITI - TV 6** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 19750715 to 197810]

**Reporter/Anchor**

**KDFW - FOX 4** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 19781113 to ?]

**Reporter/Anchor**

**St. Phillips School** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1990 to ?]

## **Advisory Board**

**Dallas FBI Citizens Academy Class** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2001 to ?]

## **Alumnae Member**

**Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2008 to ?]

## **Board of Directors**

**SMU School of Journalism** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2008 to ?]

## **Advisory Board**

**Super Bowl XLV Host Committee** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2008 to 2011]

**IWF-Dallas** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2010 to ?]

## **Member**

**The YET Center** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2011 to ?]

## **Board Member & Chair of PR Committee**