

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Beverly Parker

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Parker, Beverly, 1954-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Beverly Parker,
Dates:	March 8, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:03:58).
Abstract:	Entrepreneur Beverly Parker (1954 -) co-founded Washington Cable Supply, Inc. and served as its executive vice president, an electrical and telecommunications equipment distributor. Parker was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 8, 2017, in Miami, Florida. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_048
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Entrepreneur Beverly Parker was born on December 26, 1954 in Washington, D.C. to Bernard Kemp and Virginia Kemp. Parker attended Randolph Elementary School and Coolidge High School, where she graduated from in 1972. She earned her B.S. degree in education from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland in 1976, and her M.B.A degree in finance from Southeastern University in Washington, D.C. and completed post-graduate M.B.A. programs at the Dartmouth University Tuck School of Business in Hanover, New Hampshire and Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business in Evanston, Illinois.

In 1976, Parker began her career working as a customer service representative for the Potomac Electric Power Company, where she remained until 1980, when she joined the Xerox Corporation as an operations manager in the finance division. Parker then co-founded Washington Cable Supply with her husband, William Parker, in 1984. As executive vice president for Washington Cable Supply, Parker was responsible for supply chain operations management, for Fortune 500 company clients such as AT&T, Bell South, Verizon, and Lucent. Her company, Washington Cable Supply became the seventh largest African American owned company in the United States, before Parker and her husband, retired in 2003.

Parker has received many awards and recognitions for her work with Washington Cable Supply. She was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Virginia Regional Minority Development Council, "Business Woman of the Year" by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce in 2002, and was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women of 2002, and earned a place on the list of "Who's Who In Corporate America."

Parker was an active participant in her community and resided on several boards, including the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington, the Prince Georges County Chamber of Commerce, and The Chimes, a charitable organization that trained and supported people with developmental disabilities. She was also a member of the board of directors for the Miami-Dade Foundation, United Way, Miami Children's Museum, and the Arscht

Performing Arts Center. In 2004, she and her husband founded the Kemp-Parker Charitable Foundation to provide scholarships to minority students.

Beverly Parker was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 8, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Beverly Parker was conducted by Harriette Cole on March 8, 2017, in Miami, Florida, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Entrepreneur Beverly Parker (1954 -) co-founded Washington Cable Supply, Inc. and served as its executive vice president, an electrical and telecommunications equipment distributor.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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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:

Parker, Beverly, 1954-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Parker, Beverly, 1954- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Entrepreneur

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Beverly Parker, March 8, 2017. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 Beverly Parker, Section A2017_048_001_001, TRT: 1:30:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Beverly Parker, Section A2017_048_001_002, TRT: 2:29:51 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Beverly Parker, Section A2017_048_001_003, TRT: 3:29:57 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Beverly Parker, Section A2017_048_001_004, TRT: 4:28:38 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Beverly Parker, Section A2017_048_001_005, TRT: 5:31:45 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Beverly Parker, Section A2017_048_001_006, TRT: 6:24:40 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Beverly Parker, Section A2017_048_001_007, TRT: 7:08:41 ?