

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Akwete Tyehimba

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Tyehimba, Akwete, 1963-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Akwete Tyehimba,
Dates:	September 12, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:10:31).
Abstract:	Bookstore owner Akwete Tyehimba (1963 -) co-founded the Pan-African Connection Bookstore. Tyehimba was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 12, 2017, in Dallas, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_164
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Bookstore owner Akwete Tyehimba was born on April 3, 1963 in Waco, Texas to Oblee Monroe and Isiah Monroe. She graduated from Richfield High School in Waco, Texas in 1981 and attended McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas. She then transferred to the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas in 1984, and attended night classes at North Lake College in Irving, Texas where she met her husband, Bandele Tyehimba.

Tyehimba was active in the Dallas County Democratic Party, and worked on Eddie Bernice Johnson's campaign for Texas State Senate in 1986, and served as Johnson's office manager for a year after she was elected. In 1989, Tyehimba and her husband, Bandele Tyehimba, co-founded the Pan-African Connection Bookstore, Art Gallery, and Resource Center in Dallas, Texas. She joined Delta Airlines in 1996, and worked there for nineteen years while her husband operated the bookstore full-time. At Delta, Tyehimba travelled West Africa to purchase items directly from African vendors. In 2012, when her husband passed away unexpectedly, Tyehimba continued to manage and operate the bookstore, which also sells fabrics, art, and jewelry and serves as a venue for hosting local events and cultural programming. Tyehimba also hosted the annual Malcolm X Festival on May 19th at the Pan African Connection Bookstore. In 2018, during the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge, Tyehimba hosted African Art and Culture of West Africa to celebrate Marvel's first African superhero, "Black Panther."

In 2013, Tyehimba was named one of thirty of the most interesting people in Dallas by the *Dallas Observer*. In 2016, she was invited to speak at a fundraiser hosted by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland. In 2018, she served as a panelist at the Dallas Public Library during Women's History Month for a discussion, "Drinking Lemonade: Feminism, Womanism and Beyonce." Tyehimba was also the recipient of the Legends of Literacy Award by Equanimity.

Tyehimba had three children with her late husband, Bandele Tyehimba; Adjwoa, Bambata and Sekou.

Akwete Tyehimba was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 12, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Akwete Tyehimba was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 12, 2017, in Dallas, Texas, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Bookstore owner Akwete Tyehimba (1963 -) co-founded the Pan-African Connection Bookstore.

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:

Tyehimba, Akwete, 1963-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Tyehimba, Akwete, 1963- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Bookstore Owner

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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).

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

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Video Oral History Interview with Akwete Tyehimba, Section A2017_164_001_002, TRT: 2:28:27
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Video Oral History Interview with Akwete Tyehimba, Section A2017_164_001_003, TRT: 3:29:47
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Video Oral History Interview with Akwete Tyehimba, Section A2017_164_001_004, TRT: 4:28:40
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Video Oral History Interview with Akwete Tyehimba, Section A2017_164_001_005, TRT: 5:30:08
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Video Oral History Interview with Akwete Tyehimba, Section A2017_164_001_006, TRT: 6:28:55
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Video Oral History Interview with Akwete Tyehimba, Section A2017_164_001_007, TRT: 7:16:27
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