

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Barbara Seals Nevergold

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Nevergold, Barbara Seals
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold,
Dates:	April 21, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:45:34).
Abstract:	Nonprofit executive Barbara Seals Nevergold (1944-) served as president of the Buffalo Board of Education and previously served in management roles at the University of Buffalo, Berkshire Farm Center and Planned Parenthood of Buffalo. Nevergold was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 21, 2018, in Buffalo, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_078
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive Barbara Seals Nevergold was born on April 19, 1944 in Alexandria, Louisiana to Willie B. and Clara Ellis Seals. A graduate of Buffalo, New York Public Schools, she received her B.S. degree in French education from Buffalo State College, and M.Ed. degrees in French education and counseling education from University at Buffalo. Seals Nevergold obtained her Ph.D. degree in counseling education from the University at Buffalo. She also studied French at Laval University in Quebec, Canada and University of Dijon in Dijon, France.

She began her career as a French teacher and worked as a guidance counselor in the Buffalo School System. She served in management roles at educational and non-profit organizations including as executive director of Niagara Frontier Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc.; vice president for Children's Services at Friendship House of Western New York, Inc.; chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Buffalo and Erie County, Inc.; regional director for Berkshire Farm Center and director of Student Support Services at University of Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center. She held adjunct instructional positions at Empire State College and University at Buffalo.

In 1999, she co-founded with Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram, The Uncrowned Queens Institute, to promote the collection and dissemination of the individual and collective histories of African American women and their organizations. In 2019, the Institute observed its second decade of researching, documenting and preserving the regional history of Western New York's and Oklahoma's African American communities. The Institute's website is found at (www.uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com). From 2012–2019, Seals Nevergold served on the Buffalo Board of Education; four of those years as President.

She authored several articles and books including: *An Uncrowned Hero: The Untold Story of James Benjamin Parker*, 2018; *The Power of the Pen: Crusading Journalist A.J. Smitherman Gave a Voice to His People*, 2013; Nevergold, Barbara A. Seals and Bertram, Peggy Brooks, editors. *Go Tell Michelle: African American women write to the New First Lady*, 2009; Nevergold and Brooks-Bertram, *Uncrowned Community Builders: Preserving*

Regional History, One Person at a Time; Nevergold, Barbara A. Seals and Bertram, Peggy Brooks. *Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders Series*, Vols. 1- 4, 2002-2007.

She has served on numerous local and national boards, including The Council of Great City Schools, NYS Conference Big Five School Districts; Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Buffalo Psychiatric Center. She has held memberships in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Erie County Chapter of the Links, Inc., and St. John Baptist Church. Seals Nevergold has received numerous awards including: Buffalo State College Distinguished Alumnus; Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Book Award for *Go, Tell Michelle*; NYS Governor's Women of Excellence Award; Erie County Bar Association, Special Justice Award; Western New York Women's Hall of Fame; NYS Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award; National Women's Hall of Fame, *Keeper of the Flame Award*; Community Service Award Buffalo Chapter NAACP.

Seals Nevergold and her husband Paul R. Nevergold have two adult children, Alanna and Kyle.

Barbara Seals Nevergold was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 21, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 21, 2018, in Buffalo, New York, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive Barbara Seals Nevergold (1944-) served as president of the Buffalo Board of Education and previously served in management roles at the University of Buffalo, Berkshire Farm Center and Planned Parenthood of Buffalo.

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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:

Nevergold, Barbara Seals

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Nevergold, Barbara Seals--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Nonprofit Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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

Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold, Section A2018_078_001_001, TRT: 1:28:46 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold, Section A2018_078_001_002, TRT: 2:29:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold, Section A2018_078_001_003, TRT: 3:29:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold, Section A2018_078_001_004, TRT: 4:30:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold, Section A2018_078_001_005, TRT: 5:29:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold, Section A2018_078_001_006, TRT: 6:29:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold, Section A2018_078_001_007, TRT: 7:30:31 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Barbara Seals Nevergold, Section A2018_078_001_008, TRT: 8:16:49 ?