

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Charles Hunter

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hunter, Charles, 1945-2018
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter,
Dates:	May 5, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:36:30).
Abstract:	Lawyer Charles Hunter (1945 - 2018) worked as an assistant to Chicago Mayor Harold Washington from 1983 to 1986, and as an attorney at The Quaker Oats Company, the law firm of Jones, Ware & Grenard and Dupont de Nemours. Hunter was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 5, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_105
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Charles Hunter was born on March 19, 1945 in Mobile, Alabama to Maude Williams Hunter and Judge Hunter. He graduated from Central High School in 1962, and received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Tennessee State University in 1966. He also earned his M.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Chicago.

Hunter began his career in 1966 as an analytical chemist at the International Harvester Company. In 1968, he worked briefly as a substitute teacher with Chicago Public Schools. Later that year, he was hired as a customer service chemist at Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation, where he worked until 1971. Hunter joined the chemical sales department at 3M Company in 1972, where he covered thirteen states. After receiving his J.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1974, he worked as an attorney at The Quaker Oats Company, specializing in patent, real estate, and mergers and acquisitions law. He later became the general counsel for The Quaker Oats Company's restaurant division. He began working with Harold Washington during his mayoral campaign in Chicago, Illinois, becoming his assistant when Washington was elected in 1983. In this role, Hunter managed the offices of Cable TV, Purchasing, Personnel, the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, Inspectional Services, Zoning, Aviation, among others. He was also responsible for recruiting, vetting, and recommending all appointments to all boards and commissions in the City of Chicago. He left the administration in 1986 to join the law firm of Jones, Ware & Grenard. In 1988, Hunter was recruited by Dupont de Nemours, where he specialized in patent and environmental law as well as mergers and acquisitions. In 1993, he became the director of governmental affairs for Ascom Timeplex, a position he held until the company closed in 1996. Hunter then became part owner of a small janitorial company, which he helped expand to over 900 contracted positions throughout the Chicagoland area. He retired from the company in 2012.

Hunter has served on the board of Townsend & Associates, The Latin School of Chicago, HighJump software company, and NBU Athletics.

Hunter and his wife, Karen Ayd Hunter, have two sons.

Hunter passed away on December 26, 2018.

Charles Hunter was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 5, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Charles Hunter was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 5, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Charles Hunter (1945 - 2018) worked as an assistant to Chicago Mayor Harold Washington from 1983 to 1986, and as an attorney at The Quaker Oats Company, the law firm of Jones, Ware & Grenard and Dupont de Nemours.

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:

Hunter, Charles, 1945-2018

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hunter, Charles, 1945-2018 --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Lawyer

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, May 5, 2018. 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 Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_001, TRT: 1:30:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_002, TRT: 2:29:23 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_003, TRT: 3:28:57 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_004, TRT: 4:28:31 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_005, TRT: 5:29:14 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_006, TRT: 6:32:35 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_007, TRT: 7:32:43 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_008, TRT: 8:31:24 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Charles Hunter, Section A2018_105_001_009, TRT: 9:33:15 ?