

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ulysses Ford

PERSON

Ford, Ulysses, 1943-2012

Alternative Names: Ulysses Ford;

Life Dates: September 28, 1943-March 20, 2012

Place of Birth: Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

Work: Macon, GA

Occupations: City Government Administrator

Biographical Note

Ulysses Grant Ford, III was born September 28, 1943 in Charlotte, North Carolina to Roberta and Ulysses Ford, II. Ford graduated from West Charlotte High School in 1961. Moving to Talladega, Alabama to attend Talladega College, Ford pursued his interest in mathematics and received a B.A. in 1965. That year, he married Beverly Odom Ford, who now owns the consulting firm ASM & Associates. They have three sons.

From 1965 until 1968, Ford worked as a math teacher and basketball coach at Charlotte Catholic High School. In 1968, Ford became an accountant and worked for Allstate Insurance and Equitable Life Insurance. In 1972, he began his career in civil service as an administrative assistant for the public works department of the City of Charlotte. In 1978, Ford left Charlotte to become the Director of Solid Waste Management for the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ford went on to hold the title of Director of City Services for seven years in Fort Worth, Texas. Then he moved to Houston and served as Director of Public Works until 1992.

At this point in his career, Ford moved from government service to business and became responsible for marketing as the Vice President of Waste Management, Inc., a post he held for six years. In 1998, Ford founded SDC Consulting, Inc. in Macon, Georgia. SDC represents private companies, helping them increase their access to local governments across the country and thus combines the two main areas of his life's work.

Ulysses Ford, III has been a member of 100 Black Men of America since 1998 and served as president of the Municipal Waste Management Association of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Ulysses Ford passed away on March 20, 2012.

Related Entries

West Charlotte High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Fairview Elementary [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Northwest School Of The Arts [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Talladega College [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.A. Degree

Equitable Life Insurance [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1951 to 1956]

Accountant

City of Forth Worth, Texas [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Director of City Services

City of Houston, Texas [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1984 to ?]

Director of Public Works

Charlotte Catholic High School [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1965 to 1968]

Math Teacher and Basketball Coach

Allstate Insurance Company [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1968 to ?]

Accountant

Charlotte Department of Public Works [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1972 to 1978]

Administrative Assistant

City of Ann Arbor, Michigan [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1978 to ?]

Director of Solid Waste Management

Waste Management [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1992 to 1998]

Vice President

SDC Consulting [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1998 to ?]

Founder

Tubman African American Museum [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

District Council Member, Eagle Scout, Advisor

American Public Works Association [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

National and State Offices

Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)

[MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

State Chapter President

**The U.S. Conference of Mayors: Municipal Waste
Management Association** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

President

Alpha Phi Alpha [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Dean of Pledges

BPRC [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

100 Black Men of America [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Committee Chair

National Forum for Black Public Administrators

[MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Chapter and National Offices; Board

COMPA [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Chapter President

American Society for Public Administration [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Chapter President