

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with C. Vincent Bakeman

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Bakeman, C. Vincent, 1933-2004
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with C. Vincent Bakeman,
Dates:	September 27, 2002
Bulk Dates:	2002
Physical Description:	4 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:58:00).
Abstract:	Nonprofit chief executive C. Vincent Bakeman (1933 - 2004) was the founder of the Human Resources Development Institute. Bakeman was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 27, 2002, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2002_188
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Dr. C. Vincent Bakeman was born on June 23, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the Chief Executive Officer and President of Human Resources Development Institute, Inc. (HRDI), a multi-services non-profit, non-governmental health and human services agency that serves substance abusers and the mentally ill on Chicago's south side.

He received a bachelor's degree from Kentucky State University and a Master's Degree from Chicago State University. In 1979, Bakeman earned both a Master's Degree and a Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University.

Since 1982, Bakeman's leadership saw HRDI grow from an agency with three state-funded programs to one of Chicago's largest and most influential non-profit organizations. He was also the Deputy President of the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions.

He served on numerous boards and councils in the United States and abroad, including: the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council; the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Governor's Advisory Council on Developmental disabilities; Illinois Advisory Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Addictions; the National Black Alcoholism and Addictions Council; the Illinois Child Welfare Advisory Council; the Illinois Department of the Mental Health Advisory Council; the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions, West, East and Southern Africa and the United Nations Drug Control Program, West and East Africa.

He also served as President of the Illinois Alcohol and Drug Dependency Association and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the South Side Health Consortium.

Bakeman passed away on February 15, 2004 at the age of 70.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with C. Vincent Bakeman was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 27, 2002, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 4 Betacame SP videocassettes. Nonprofit chief executive C. Vincent Bakeman (1933 - 2004) was the founder of the Human Resources Development Institute.

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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:

Bakeman, C. Vincent, 1933-2004

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Bakeman, C. Vincent, 1933-2004--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Human Resources Development Institute (U.S.)

Occupations:

Nonprofit Chief Executive

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Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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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 C. Vincent Bakeman, Section A2002_188_001_001, TRT: 0:29:40 ?

C. Vincent Bakeman was born on June 23, 1933 to Robert Howard Bakeman and Vivian Summers Bakeman. His father was born around 1910 in Winnipeg, Canada to George Bakeman, who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Vivian Summers Bakeman was born around 1910 in Waverly, Tennessee to Ora Summers and Charles Summers. Both Ora and Charles Summers had been born

during slavery, and Charles Summers inherited land after they were freed. However, their family was forced to migrate to Nashville, Tennessee and later Chicago, Illinois after Bakeman's uncle was threatened by the Ku Klux Klan. Vivian Summers Bakeman attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, where she was a member of the Jubilee Singers. In Chicago, Charles Summers founded a successful chain of self-service grocery stores on the South Side called Summers Grocery Stores. Robert Bakeman owned a fuel delivery business, and became a policeman and Township Health Officer in Momence, Illinois. C. Vincent Bakeman attended Farren Elementary School.

Video Oral History Interview with C. Vincent Bakeman, Section A2002_188_001_002, TRT: 0:29:35 ?

C. Vincent Bakeman describes his education and his early career. Bakeman attended Englewood High School in Chicago, Illinois, a predominately white school at the time. In high school, Bakeman played football and was audio-visual coordinator for the assistant principal. Bakeman attended Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky on a football scholarship, where he studied health and physical education with a minor in business administration. Bakeman was also Dean of Pledges of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; managed the basketball team; and student taught at Lincoln Institute in Shelby County, Kentucky. After receiving his B.A. degree in 1955, Bakeman taught social studies and coached basketball in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. When Elizabethtown schools were integrated, Bakeman was forced to leave and take a job as director of a settlement house in Louisville, Kentucky. Bakeman moved back to Chicago, Illinois to become a teacher, counselor, and Area Human Relations Coordinator on the West Side.

Video Oral History Interview with C. Vincent Bakeman, Section A2002_188_001_003, TRT: 0:29:45 ?

C. Vincent Bakeman was Area Director for the West Cook County Office of Economic Opportunity in the late 1960s, where he oversaw programs like Head Start and the Neighborhood Youth Corps in Cook County, Illinois. After two years, Bakeman became a faculty member and community organizer at City Colleges of Chicago's Human Services Institute. In 1974, Bakeman, Samuel Patch, and Dr. Doris M. Lomax founded the Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI). HRDI's first contract was for the Governor's Advisory Council on Mental Retardation. Their report was quoted in the "President's Commission on Mental Retardation" and resulted in speaking opportunities in London and nationwide. They followed with a study on the transportation needs of the handicapped community. In 1976, HRDI changed its focus to direct service with a grant from the State Department of Mental Health. It grew into an accredited institution and one of the largest non-profit organizations in Chicago, Illinois with locations around the City.

Video Oral History Interview with C. Vincent Bakeman, Section A2002_188_001_004, TRT: 0:29:00 ?

C. Vincent Bakeman discusses his involvement with drug policy organizations including the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA), the United Nations Drug Control Program, and the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Bakeman is Deputy President for the Americas for the ICAA and serves as Program Chair of its Board of Directors. Since 1987, he has organized a conference called "Counseling and Treating People of Color, an International Perspective" on the significance of culture in the process of caring for addicts. He discusses the implementation of new drug policies in Africa where responses to addiction were less structured than in the United States. He

also discusses the United States' "War on Drugs," the harmful effects of crack use, and the prospect of drug legalization and how they affect the African American community. He reflects on his legacy, and ends the interview by narrating his photographs.

Video Oral History Interview with C. Vincent Bakeman, Section
A2002_188_C_VINCENT_BAKEMAN_06_MED_001, TRT: 0:27:00 ?