

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Rameck R. Hunt

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Hunt, Rameck
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Rameck R. Hunt,
Dates:	June 18, 2003
Bulk Dates:	2003
Physical Description:	4 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:47:35).
Abstract:	Emergency physician Dr. Rameck R. Hunt (1973 -) is one of the Three Doctors, a group of childhood friends who escaped the slums of Newark, New Jersey, to become doctors. Their story is chronicled in the critically acclaimed book, "The Pact," which Hunt co-authored. Hunt was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 18, 2003, in South Brunswick, New Jersey. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2003_137
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Dr. Rameck Hunt was born in Orange, New Jersey, on May 1, 1973. Hunt's mother, only seventeen when he was born, worked hard to support the family, but they were constantly moving back to his grandmother's house. When Hunt was fourteen, he moved to Newark to live with an uncle and attend University High in a rough neighborhood; the friends he made there would send him on the path to medical school and becoming an inspiration to many urban youth.

Once at University High, two other students, George Jenkins and Sampson Davis, recognized Hunt for his intelligence. The three soon bonded, spending their time together but still getting their class work done. When Hunt was sixteen, he was out with a different group of friends and was involved in the beating of an old man. Hunt awoke the next morning in juvenile detention and vowed never to return. The opportunity to escape the ghetto came when Jenkins convinced Hunt and Davis to go to Seton Hall University, which offered a program for minority students interested in careers in medicine. Despite the obstacles they faced growing up, and even more when they were accepted to the program, the three graduated. From there, Hunt went on to Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and despite the fact that the three of them were split up, they still saw one another frequently, providing support through tough times. Hunt graduated in 1999, and his grandmother, with whom he had spent so much time growing up, attended despite her poor health; she passed away two days later.

Hunt went on to become the medical director at St. Peter's University Hospital's How Lane Adult Family Health Center. The three friends also established a nonprofit organization, the Three Doctors Foundation, which provides scholarships to inner-city youth. The Three Doctors also tour the country speaking about their experiences and encouraging others to follow in their footsteps. The doctors co-wrote a critically acclaimed book, *The Pact*, about their experiences, and they were honored at the 2000 Essence Awards for their community service.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Rameck R. Hunt was conducted by Larry Crowe on June 18, 2003, in South Brunswick, New Jersey, and was recorded on 4 Betacame SP videocassettes. Emergency physician Dr. Rameck R. Hunt (1973 -) is one of the Three Doctors, a group of childhood friends who escaped the slums of Newark, New Jersey, to become doctors. Their story is chronicled in the critically acclaimed book, "The Pact," which Hunt co-authored.

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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:

Hunt, Rameck

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hunt, Rameck --Interviews

African American physicians--Interviews

Emergency physicians--Interviews

Youth workers--Interviews

African American families

African Americans--Genealogy

Single-parent families

Newark (N.J.)

African American young men

African American youth

African American political activists--Interviews

African-American studies

University High School (Newark, N.J.)

Davis, Sampson

Jenkins, George, 1973-

Seton Hall University

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 2/5/2020 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 Dr. Rameck R. Hunt, Section
A2003_137_001_001, TRT: 0:29:29 2003/06/18

Physician Rameck Hunt shares memories from his childhood, detailing his mother's and father's backgrounds. Hunt describes what it was like growing up in a single parent household, and explains how constant moving from place to place affected him and his education. Hunt talks about how he did not feel challenged by his schoolwork and how his disinterest almost led to his being reassigned to a special education class. Hunt also describes the culture of the tough neighborhoods in Newark, New Jersey.

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Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Rameck R. Hunt, Section
A2003_137_001_002, TRT: 0:29:30 2003/06/18

Physician Rameck Hunt details his adolescence and high school career growing up in New Jersey. Hunt describes his political activism in high school, as he organized a movement to advocate for the inclusion of African American studies in the high school curriculum. Hunt also explains how he met Sampson Davis and George Jenkins at University High School, who would later become his colleagues. Hunt remembers the exact moment when he

wanted to become a doctor. He also details a brush with the law that pointed him in the right direction.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Rameck R. Hunt, Section A2003_137_001_003, TRT: 0:30:15 2003/06/18

Physician Rameck Hunt discusses influential teachers, both good and bad, from his educational experience. He details his time at Seton Hall University, citing the factors leading to his success and his constant financial struggles while in college. Hunt explains how medical school was a natural choice for him, and talks about his success in school and at his residency. Hunt then explains the history and the mission of the Three Doctors Foundation, and comments on the hip-hop generation.

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Rameck R. Hunt, Section A2003_137_001_004, TRT: 0:18:21 2003/06/18

Physician Rameck Hunt shares his hopes and concerns for the black community and offers his suggestions about how to increase levels of education and self-esteem amongst black youngsters, stressing the need for positive role models in academia and the professions. Hunt also discusses his legacy and how he would like to be remembered.