Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com

Creator: Warner, Clinton, 1924-2012

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Clinton Warner,

Dates: August 12, 2003

Bulk Dates: 2003

Physical Description: 5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:24:05).

Abstract: Civil rights activist and surgeon Dr. Clinton Warner (1924-2012) served in the U.S. Military, facing action in World War II's D-Day invasion, and was active in the Civil Rights Movement. Warner was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 12, 2003, in Atlanta, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2003_181

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Dr. Clinton E. Warner, Jr. saw action on the front lines of two of the twentieth century's most transformative struggles. Born in Atlanta on July 11, 1924, Warner fought in World War II and became an active civil rights participant.

Warner's post-secondary education was interrupted by the onset of World War II. From 1942 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Army and participated in the D-Day invasion of France that turned the tide of the war in Europe. Warner then returned home to study at Morehouse College, where he received his M.A. in 1948. He earned his medical degree from Meharry Medical School in Nashville, graduating
summa cum laude in 1951. Following an internship in Chicago and surgical training in St. Louis, Warner entered private practice in Atlanta as a surgeon specializing in breast diseases.

Warner also became heavily involved in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. He purchased his first home on Fielding Lane in Southwest Atlanta, defying the Berlin Wall-like Peyton Road Barricades erected in 1962 by Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. to segregate the community. Warner's act of resistance initiated a campaign for fair housing that opened housing in Southwest Atlanta to African Americans. Warner was also a plaintiff in a 1963 lawsuit that desegregated Emory University and the Fulton County Medical and Dental Society. As the civil rights movement gained momentum, Warner contributed medical and financial services to student activists and was jailed twice in hotel protests in Atlanta. In 1967, he founded the first minority medical surgical group, the Atlanta Surgical Professional Association.

An active member of several medical and civic organizations, Warner has been recognized several times for his contributions to medicine and the community. He served as honorary co-chairman of the Medical Support Group for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, and serves on the board of trustees of Morehouse College. Warner retired from medicine in 1996. He and his wife, Sally Johnson, have one son, Clinton E. Warner, III, and live in Atlanta.

Dr. Clinton Warner passed away on June 30, 2012.

**Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Dr. Clinton Warner was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 12, 2003, in Atlanta, Georgia, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Civil rights activist and surgeon Dr. Clinton Warner (1924 - 2012 ) served in the U.S. Military, facing action in World War II's D-Day invasion, and was active in the Civil Rights Movement.

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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:

Warner, Clinton, 1924-2012
Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)
Versfelt, Porter (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Warner, Clinton, 1924-2012--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)
Occupations:

Civil Rights Activist
Surgeon

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers|MedicalMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation


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

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