

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Bob Nash

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Nash, Bob J., 1947-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Bob Nash,
Dates:	October 7, 2003 and October 8, 2003
Bulk Dates:	2003
Physical Description:	5 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:56:20).
Abstract:	Presidential appointee Bob Nash (1947 -) is the vice chairman ShoreBank, and was a presidential appointee under the Clinton Administration. Nash was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 7, 2003 and October 8, 2003, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2003_249
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Businessman and government adviser Bob Nash was born on September 26, 1947 in Texarkana, Arkansas. After graduating from Washington High School, Nash attended the University of Arkansas, earning a B.A. degree in sociology in 1969. From there, he attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., earning his master's degree in urban studies in 1972.

While attending night school at Howard, Nash worked for the City of Washington in the Deputy Mayor's Office as a management analyst and later as an administrative assistant in the City Manager's Office of Fairfax, Virginia. Upon

completion of his M.A. degree, Nash went to work in the National Training and Development Service, serving as an administrative officer, and remained there for two years. Nash returned to Arkansas in 1974, working first at the state's Department of Planning before being hired by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation as vice president. There, he was responsible for rural economic development and grant management. In 1983, Nash was appointed by Governor Bill Clinton to serve as the senior executive assistant for economic development, and in 1989, he was appointed president of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority. Following Clinton's election to the presidency, Nash was once again nominated for a position in his administration, first serving in the Department of Agriculture, and in 1995, he was named assistant to the president and director of presidential personnel. Today, Nash serves as vice chairman of ShoreBank Corporation in Chicago. ShoreBank operates banks, nonprofit and for-profit organizations and provides consulting services throughout the Midwest and eighteen foreign countries.

In addition to his governmental and private sector work, Nash is active with several organizations, including serving on the board of directors of the Urban League of Little Rock, Arkansas; Mercy Housing; and the Southern Center for International Studies. He also serves as the chairman of several of ShoreBank's nonprofit ventures, such as the Neighborhood Institute and Enterprise Detroit and Cleveland. Nash and his wife, Janis, live in Chicago. He has two children from a previous marriage.

Nash was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 7, 2003.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Bob Nash was conducted by Larry Crowe and Scott Stearns on October 7, 2003 and October 8, 2003, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Presidential appointee Bob Nash (1947 -) is the vice chairman ShoreBank, and was a presidential appointee under the Clinton Administration.

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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:

Nash, Bob J., 1947-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

(Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Nash, Bob J., 1947---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Presidential Appointee

HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

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 Bob Nash, Section
A2003_249_001_001, TRT: 0:29:10 2003/10/07

Bank executive and civic leader Bob Nash shares his family background and describes his childhood growing up in Texarkana, Arkansas. Nash talks about life on the farm and his schooling, explaining his decision to attend Arkansas AM&N College in Pine Bluff. Nash describes becoming involved in social activism in college, which is one reason he decided to major in sociology.

Video Oral History Interview with Bob Nash, Section
A2003_249_001_002, TRT: 0:28:15 2003/10/07

Bank executive and civic leader Bob Nash describes his experiences in higher education while getting his bachelor's degree at Arkansas AM&N College and his master's degree at Howard University. Nash then discusses his early career in public service, including his internship with Walter Washington, his vice presidency at the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, and multiple positions working in the Arkansas governor's office during Bill Clinton's administrations.

Video Oral History Interview with Bob Nash, Section
A2003_249_001_003, TRT: 0:28:50 2003/10/07

Bank executive and civic leader Bob Nash details his time in Bill Clinton's presidential administration. He recalls stories from the campaign trail in 1992, and outlines his achievements as the White House Director of Personnel, including assembling the most diverse presidential staff in history. Nash also speaks about Clinton's personality and his ability to connect with African Americans. Nash then

discusses his career at ShoreBank Corporation following the end of the Clinton presidency.

Video Oral History Interview with Bob Nash, Section
A2003_249_001_004, TRT: 0:11:50 2003/10/07

Bank executive and civil leader Bob Nash discusses the mission of community development banks and explains why ShoreBank Corporation has been successful. Nash reflects on his life and career, sharing his hopes for the black community, and considering his legacy and future plans.

Video Oral History Interview with Bob Nash, Section
A2003_249_002_005, TRT: 0:18:15 2003/10/07