

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Darryl Hill

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Hill, Darryl, 1943-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Darryl Hill,
<b>Dates:</b>	March 3, 2004
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2004
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:15:46).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Football player Darryl Hill (1943 - ) was the first African American football player at the U.S. Naval Academy and in Atlantic Coast Conference while attending University of Maryland. Hill was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 3, 2004, in College Park, Maryland. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2004_013
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Football great Darryl Andre Hill was born on October 21, 1943 in Washington, D.C. He is the eldest child of Palestine and Kermit Hill. Hill attended Nevell Thomas and Mott Elementary Schools in Washington, D.C. before attending Holy Name, a private Catholic school in Washington. Hill broke the color barrier on the football field when he enrolled at Gonzaga College High School and graduated in 1960.

From 1960 to 1961, Hill attended Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio on a football scholarship. After a year, he transferred to the plebe team of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland where he broke the color barrier once again as the first African American football player on that team. A starting half back with Navy, Hill caught passes from the now famous quarterback, Roger Staubach. In 1962, Hill left the Naval Academy for the University of Maryland in College Park when he became the first African American to play football in the Atlantic Coast Conference. In 1965, Hill received his B.S. degree in economics from the University of Maryland.

After graduation from Maryland, Hill opened a restaurant in Washington, D.C., called W.H. Bone, which was one of the city's first upscale soul food restaurants. Hill left the restaurant business in 1992 and moved to the West Coast where he ran several successful energy related companies. In 2001, Hill entered into several forestry and packaging ventures in the former Soviet Union. In 2003, Hill returned to his alma mater as the director of major gifts at the University of Maryland.

Hill is the father of three, Tami, Patrick and Maia. He currently resides in Columbia, Maryland and is active in 100 Black Men and The Terrapin Club.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Darryl Hill was conducted by Racine Tucker Hamilton on March 3, 2004, in College Park, Maryland, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Football player Darryl Hill (1943 - ) was the first African American football player at the U.S. Naval Academy and in Atlantic Coast Conference while attending University of Maryland.

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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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Persons:

Hill, Darryl, 1943-

Hamilton, Racine Tucker (Interviewer)

Lane, Edgar Carey (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hill, Darryl, 1943---Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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National Collegiate Athletic Association

## Occupations:

Football Player

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

SportsMakers

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

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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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Darryl Hill, Section A2004\_013\_001\_001, TRT: 0:30:10 ?

Sports figure and entrepreneur Darryl Andre Hill discusses his parents' and grandparents' backgrounds. Hill describes his earliest childhood memories and remembers his life with his younger brother.

Video Oral History Interview with Darryl Hill, Section A2004\_013\_001\_002, TRT: 0:31:10 ?

Sports figure and entrepreneur Darryl Andre Hill describes his childhood environs in Washington, D.C.. Hill shares anecdotes from his early life, including a discussion of his elementary school years. Hill discusses the role of the church in his childhood home and describes his father as his role model. He

goes on to discuss his experiences at a private Jesuit high school.

Video Oral History Interview with Darryl Hill, Section A2004\_013\_001\_003, TRT: 0:30:17 ?

Sports figure and entrepreneur Darryl Andre Hill reveals his ambitions while a high school student. Hill reviews both his high school and college football careers and details the circumstances around his transfer between three universities. He also discusses racial confrontations he experienced as a participant in college athletics.

Video Oral History Interview with Darryl Hill, Section A2004\_013\_001\_004, TRT: 0:28:00 ?

Sports figure and entrepreneur Darryl Andre Hill continues to discuss racist encounters during his time as a college football player. He then describes his early career in business, especially his work advocating for minority businesses. Hill recalls several of his own business ventures, including an endeavor in Russia's forestry industry. Hill discusses his appointment as Director of Major Gifts at his alma mater, The University of Maryland. He goes on to share reflections on his life, including his feelings on having been a trailblazer in a number of respects. He considers his legacy and the impact of history.

Video Oral History Interview with Darryl Hill, Section A2004\_013\_001\_005, TRT: 0:16:09 ?

Sports figure and entrepreneur Darryl Andre Hill presents photographs from his family life, sports career and travels.