

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Carrie Camillo Tankard

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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>	Tankard, Carrie Camillo, 1935-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Carrie Camillo Tankard,
<b>Dates:</b>	June 22, 2005
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2005
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:26:00).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Association branch executive Carrie Camillo Tankard (1935 - ) served as vice president of the Martha's Vineyard branch of the NAACP for nearly forty years, and is the co-founder of the African American Heritage Trail on Martha's Vineyard. Tankard was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 22, 2005, in Oak Bluffs, Maryland. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2005_145
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Carrie C. Tankard has been a contributor to the civic and cultural life on the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts for nearly forty years. Her major work has been in civil rights, historic preservation and education, and intercultural understanding.

Born on February 18, 1935 in Newark, New Jersey, Tankard was one of seven children of Maggie and Felipe Camillo. She graduated from Newark's Southside High School in 1953. After high school, she was employed as a clerk-typist at the

Internal Revenue Service in Newark for four years. She married George Tankard of Newark in 1954, and they had six children between 1955 and 1961.

At the time of the urban civil rights riots in Newark in 1967, the Tankards were living in public housing. The violence, fires and store lootings during the two-day disturbance led her family to flee Newark and they relocated on Martha's Vineyard in the fall of 1967.

While she worked as a dental assistant from 1968 – 2000, Tankard's civic and community involvements and contributions have been significant and acknowledged across the Island. For thirty-eight years she has served as vice-president of the Martha's Vineyard Branch of the NAACP, working on memberships, with youth, and chairing the branch's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Dinner. She is the co-founder of the African American Heritage Trail on Martha's Vineyard, which was established in the early 1990s.

As a lay historian she created African American educational exhibits on Black cowboys and cultural cooking and foods. She has been an active member of the Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust. She served for five years on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters and for two years on the board of the Martha's Vineyard Hospice. She is a former president of a Parent Teacher's Association, and she has been a volunteer tutor of English for Portuguese immigrants to the island.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Carrie Camillo Tankard was conducted by Robert Hayden on June 22, 2005, in Oak Bluffs, Maryland, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Association branch executive Carrie Camillo Tankard (1935 - ) served as vice president of the Martha's Vineyard branch of the NAACP for nearly forty years, and is the co-founder of the African American Heritage Trail on Martha's Vineyard.

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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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Tankard, Carrie Camillo, 1935-

Hayden, Robert (Interviewer)

Neculai Burghelea (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Tankard, Carrie Camillo, 1935---Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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## Occupations:

Association Branch Executive

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Carrie Camillo Tankard, June 22, 2005. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

### 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).

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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 Carrie Camillo Tankard, Section  
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Video Oral History Interview with Carrie Camillo Tankard, Section  
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Video Oral History Interview with Carrie Camillo Tankard, Section  
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Video Oral History Interview with Carrie Camillo Tankard, Section  
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Video Oral History Interview with Carrie Camillo Tankard, Section  
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