

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ralph Simpson

PERSON

**Simpson, Ralph, 1963-**

**Alternative Names:** Ralph Simpson;

**Life Dates:** December 14, 1963-

**Place of Birth:** Atlanta, Georgia, USA

**Residence:** Atlanta, GA

**Work:** Jonesboro, GA

**Occupations:** High School Principal

## Biographical Note

High school principal Ralph Simpson was born on December 14, 1963 in Atlanta, Georgia to Roxie and Harry Simpson. Simpson was an average student and attended the Atlanta Public Schools and graduated from Southwest High School. Simpson enrolled in West Georgia College and received his B.A degree in criminal justice in 1986.

After graduation, Simpson worked for the Georgia State Department of Corrections for four years to become a teacher. He was employed with the DeKalb County Board of Education. In the DeKalb School System, he experienced tremendous success as a teacher, mentor, and leader.

Simpson returned to West Georgia College to pursue his M.A. degree in administration and supervision. In 1996, Simpson was promoted to assistant principal of discipline, instruction, and attendance at Miller Grove Middle School in Lithonia, Georgia. In 1998, Simpson was assigned to Stone Mountain High School as the assistant principal of discipline, and in 2000, Simpson became the first African American principal in the history of Stone Mountain, Georgia. Simpson earned his Ph.D. in educational leadership at the University of Sarasota in February of 2004.

Simpson became the first principal of Miller Grove High School, which is the largest high school in DeKalb County, Georgia. He is involved in several professional and public service organizations. Among these are the National Association of Educators, Georgia Association of Educators, DeKalb Association of Secondary School Administrators, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

## **Related Entries**

**Southwest High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**University of West Georgia** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Beecher Hills Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Woodson Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Argosy University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Metro Correctional Institution** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Guard**

**Main Street Elementary School** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1992 to 1994]

**Teacher**

**Miller Grove Middle School** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1996 to 1998]

**Assistant Principal**

**Stone Mountain High School** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1998 to 2004]

**Assistant Principal; Principal**

**Miller Grove High School** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2004 to ?]

**Principal**

**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Chapter President**

**DeKalb Association of Secondary School**

**Administrators** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**National Association of Educators** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

