Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Otis L. Story

Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers®
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Creator: Otis L. Story

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Otis L. Story,

Dates: September 12, 2007

Bulk Dates: 2007

Physical Description: 3 Betacam SP videocassettes (1:29:00).

Abstract: Healthcare chief executive Otis L. Story (1951 - ) is president and CEO of the Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia. Story was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 12, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2007_256

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Healthcare chief executive Otis Leon Story, Sr., was born on November 17, 1951, in Anniston, Alabama, to Martha Lou and Tom Elbert Story, Sr. Story earned his B.A. degree in social sciences from Cornell University in 1976, his M.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1977, and his second M.A. degree in hospital and health administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1981. Story began his career in hospital administration at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, and became a member of the National Association of Health Services Executives in 1982. From 1985 to 1990, he worked as an administrator at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and became the chief operating officer at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1990.

On January 7, 1991, Story married Ava D. McNair. The Storys went on to have three children: Jasmyn, Avana and Prince James. From 1996 to 1998, Story served as the associate executive officer at University Hospital, which was part of the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati. In 1998, Story worked as the executive vice president and chief operating officer for the Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia. In 2001, Story was named the interim executive officer to the Board of directors of Shands Jacksonville Medical Center. Story served as the executive director at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center in Elmhurst, New York, before the Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority unanimously appointed him president and chief executive officer of the Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia in 2007.

Otis L. Story was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on September 12, 2007.

Scope and Content
This life oral history interview with Otis L. Story was conducted by Denise Gines on September 12, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia, and was recorded on 3 Betacam SP videocassettes. Healthcare chief executive Otis L. Story (1951 - ) is president and CEO of the Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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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:

Story, Otis L.

Gines, Denise (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Otis L. Story--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

HistoryMakers® Category:
Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation


Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 8/9/2011 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, September 12, 2007

Video Oral History Interview with Otis L. Story, Section A2007_256_001_001, TRT: 0:29:40 2007/09/12

Otis L. Story begins the interview by discussing his favorite things and his family's history. He notes that his mother, Mary Lou, and her siblings were raised by their grandmother outside of Anniston, Alabama. His mother was a strong and considerate woman who valued spirituality. His father, Tom Elbert Story, was different from the other men in the neighborhood, because he was not a day laborer. Story's father worked in a dry cleaners and at the local Kroger's grocery store. African American families--Alabama. African Americans--employment--Alabama--1950-1960.

Video Oral History Interview with Otis L. Story, Section A2007_256_001_002, TRT: 0:29:40 2007/09/12
Otis L. Story discusses race relations in the segregated South. He states that, when he was growing up, African Americans were not supposed to look at white people, and remembers his surprise when he saw white people at his great aunt's funeral in 1961. Story eventually learned that they were his father's first and second cousins who had moved to California.

Segregation--Southern states.
Southern states--Race relations.
African American families--Social conditions.
Miscegenation.

Video Oral History Interview with Otis L. Story, Section A2007_256_001_003, TRT: 0:29:40 2007/09/12

Otis L. Story discusses his childhood. He remembers living next to a teacher who did not really speak to anyone, and had a driver take her to the county school every day. He remembers the chores he was responsible for, and the games he played with his friends. He states that his friend's mom, Mrs. Ringo, was envied in the community because she had a job at the Coca-Cola plant instead of being a domestic like the other women. Story also reminisces about the close relationship he had with his mother and how she cared for him when he suffered from seizures.

African American--Family relationships.
Convulsions in children.
Seizures.