

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Charles Teamer, Sr.

PERSON

Teamer, Charles, 1933-

**Alternative Names:** Charles Teamer, Sr.;

**Life Dates:** May 20, 1933-

**Place of Birth:** Shelby, North Carolina, USA

**Residence:** New Orleans, LA

**Work:** New Orleans, LA

**Occupations:** Banker; Civic Leader;

## Biographical Note

Banker and civic leader Charles Teamer, Sr. was born on May 20, 1933 in Shelby, North Carolina to B.T. Teamer and Mary Teamer. He received his B.S. degree from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958, and later received his M.A. degree from the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Teamer worked in the office of the business manager at South Carolina State University in 1954. He then became assistant business manager at Tennessee State University in 1958; and, in 1962, Teamer was hired as business manager at Wiley College. In 1965, Teamer became vice president of finance at Dillard University and was promoted to chief financial officer in 1968. In 1983, he was appointed by Louisiana Governor David Treen as the first African American on the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans. From 1985 to 1988, Teamer served as the national president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. In 1993, Teamer co-founded the Dryades Savings Bank and served as chairman. He later retired from Dillard University in 1997, and continued to work as a consultant to Clark Atlanta University. In 2001, Teamer led a partnership of investors in opening The Cotton Exchange and Holiday Inn Express Hotel in downtown New Orleans, and became president of the World Trade Center of New Orleans in 2003.

Former executive director of the Amistad Research Center and a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, Teamer has held numerous board appointments on the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, the Ford Foundation, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Common Fund, the National Association of Colleges and University Business Officers, the Ochsner Medical Foundation and the Audubon Institute. Teamer also served as board chair for the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, the Metropolitan Area Committee, Harrah's New Orleans Casino, the Greater New Orleans Foundation and the United Way. He was a member of the business and higher-education council for the University of New Orleans and served on the board of the Southern Education Foundation. Teamer was president of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers and vice president of fiscal affairs at Dillard University and Clark Atlanta University. He was a member of the board of

supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and was on the board of administrators of Tulane University. Teamer was also the director of Entergy New Orleans.

Teamer was married for forty-seven years to the late Mary Dixon Teamer. They have three children: Charles, Jr., Roderic, Sr. and Cheryl. Teamer has six grandchildren.

Charles Teamer, Sr. was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 28, 2008 and April 27, 2019.

## **Related Entries**

**Cleveland School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Tulane University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Ph.D.**

**University of Nebraska-Omaha** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Ph.D.**

**J.C. Price High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**H.S.**

**Clark Atlanta University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.S.**

**Texas Southern University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Asst. Business Manager 1958**

**Wiley College** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 196206 to ?]

**Business Manager**

**Dryades Savings Bank, F.S.B.** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to 2010]

**Co-Founder and Chairman**

**Tennessee State University** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 195807 to ?]

**Assistant Business Manager**

**South Carolina State College** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Business Officer**

**Clark Atlanta University** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Business Officer**

**Dillard University** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1968 to 1997]

**Chief Financial Officer**

**World Trade Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 2003 to ?]

**President**

**U.S. Army** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1956 to ?]

**Administrative Support**

[EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Dillard University** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 196508 to 1968]

**Vice President of Finance**

**Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule)** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**President**

**The Metropolitan Area Committee** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Chairman**

**Boy Scouts of America** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1985 to 1988]

**President**

**Krewe of Rex** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Prince Hall Freemasonry** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Commonfund** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Board member**

**Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans**

[MEMBEROF]

[from 1983 to ?]

**Member/Chairman**

**Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana**

**System** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Board of Trustees of Tulane University** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Trustee**

**Business and Higher Education Council at the  
University of New Orleans** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Urban League of Greater New Orleans** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Chairman**

**United Way** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Chairman**

[MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]