

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ann Dibble Jordan

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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>	Jordan, Ann
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ann Dibble Jordan,
<b>Dates:</b>	June 26, 2010
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2010
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:35:12).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Community leader Ann Dibble Jordan (1934 - ) was an associate professor at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration. She served as a director of many companies, including Johnson & Johnson and Revlon. Jordan was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 26, 2010, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2010_068
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Corporate executive and social work professor Ann Dibble Jordan was born to a prominent family in Tuskegee, Alabama in 1934. In 1955, Jordan graduated from Vassar College with her B.A. degree, and in 1961, she earned her M.A. degree from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago. From 1970 to 1987, Jordan worked as an Associate Professor at the School of Social Service Administration, and from 1970 to 1985, she served as the Director of Social Services of Chicago Lying-in Hospital, a maternity and women's hospital at the University of Chicago Medical Center. From 1986 to 1987, Jordan

served as the Director of the Department of Social Services for the University of Chicago Medical Center. In 1986, she married Vernon Jordan, who made history when he helped organize the integration of the University of Georgia in 1961.

From 1981 to 2007, Jordan served as a director of Johnson & Johnson, and from 1989 to 2007, she served on the board of directors of Citigroup as the Field Work Director. In 1990, Jordan became a director of National Health Laboratories, now called LabCorp, and one year later she became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Brookings Institution, a non-profit public policy organization in Washington, D.C. From 1993 to 2007, Jordan served on the board of directors of Automatic Data Processing (ADP), a global provider of integrated computing and business outsourcing.

In 1994, Jordan and her husband organized a Democratic fundraiser that raised \$3 million for the Clinton Campaign; one year later, they were recognized as a power couple by Forbes Magazine. In 1996, Jordan co-chaired President Clinton's Inauguration, becoming the first African American to chair a Presidential Inaugural. The recipient of a 2004 American Woman Award from the Women's Research & Education Institute, Jordan became a Director of Revlon in March 2009. Currently Jordan and her husband, Vernon, reside in Washington, D.C. and have four adult children.

Ann Dibble Jordan was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on June 26, 2010.

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## **Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Ann Dibble Jordan was conducted by Larry Crowe on June 26, 2010, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Community leader Ann Dibble Jordan (1934 - ) was an associate professor at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration. She served as a director of many companies, including Johnson & Johnson and Revlon.

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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:

Jordan, Ann

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Jordan, Ann--Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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## Occupations:

Community Leader

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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

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### 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 Ann Dibble Jordan, Section  
A2010\_068\_001\_001, TRT: 0:28:13 2010/06/26

Ann Dibble Jordan was born on August 13, 1934 in Tuskegee, Alabama to Helen Taylor Dibble and Eugene H. Dibble, Jr. Her maternal grandfather, Robert Robinson Taylor, was the first African American to earn an architecture degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and worked closely with Booker T. Washington to design the historically black Tuskegee Institute. Her paternal grandfather, Eugene Dibble, was descended from former slaves, and ran a successful store in Camden, South Carolina. There, her mother was raised in a large, well-appointed home; and went on to study music at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Dibble Jordan's father graduated from the Howard University College of Medicine, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He became the chief of medicine at Tuskegee's John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital and the Tuskegee Veterans Administration Medical Center. Dibble Jordan remembers growing up in Tuskegee, and the large pine forests near her home.

Video Oral History Interview with Ann Dibble Jordan, Section  
A2010\_068\_001\_002, TRT: 0:26:59 2010/06/26

Ann Dibble Jordan grew up in Tuskegee, Alabama, near the campus of the historically black Tuskegee Institute. There, she enjoyed swimming, playing tennis and exploring the pine woods of central Alabama. On Sundays, she attended Reverend Raymond Harvey's services at the university chapel. Dibble Jordan began her education at Tuskegee's Chambliss Children's House School, and went on to attend Tuskegee High School. After two years, she transferred to the Northfield School for Girls, a boarding school in Gill, Massachusetts, where

she was one of four black students. Upon graduating in 1951, Dibble Jordan matriculated at the majority-white Vassar College, where she made a number of lifelong friends, including Joan Bunche, who was active in Mississippi's voter registration movement; and Patricia Stubbs Fleming, who became an advisor to President Bill Clinton. After earning a sociology degree in 1955, Jordan enrolled at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

Video Oral History Interview with Ann Dibble Jordan, Section A2010\_068\_001\_003, TRT: 0:29:13 2010/06/26

Ann Dibble Jordan grew up in the all-black community of Tuskegee, Alabama, where she experienced little racial discrimination. She was exposed to a predominantly white community for the first time as a teenager, when she enrolled at the Northfield School for Girls in Gill, Massachusetts. She went on to attend another majority-white school, Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where she earned a sociology degree in 1955. Then, Dibble Jordan entered the master's degree program at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration in Chicago, Illinois. She completed fieldwork at the Briar School, an agency for homeless youth; and, after graduating in 1961, served as a social worker at the University of Chicago Medical Center, where she often encountered child abuse cases. Dibble Jordan worked as an associate professor at the School of Social Service Administration from 1970 to 1987, and went on to become the director of social services at the university's Chicago Lying-In Hospital.

Video Oral History Interview with Ann Dibble Jordan, Section A2010\_068\_001\_004, TRT: 0:28:42 2010/06/26

Ann Dibble Jordan was active in the struggle against racial discrimination in Chicago, Illinois. She took part in Reverend Jesse L. Jackson's Operation PUSH in the 1970s, and Harold Washington's mayoral campaigns in the 1980s. During this time, Dibble Jordan also served on the board of Johnson and Johnson Products. Through her involvement with Chicago's Urban League, Dibble Jordan met the organization's national president, Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. In 1986, they married and moved to

Washington, D.C., where Dibble Jordan served from 1989 to 2007 as the director of the board of Citigroup Inc. She was also active with the National Symphony; the Child Welfare League of America; and the Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc., a shelter for homeless teenagers. In addition, Dibble Jordan talks about her fundraising work for Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns, and her perspective on President Barack Obama's proposal for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

Video Oral History Interview with Ann Dibble Jordan, Section A2010\_068\_001\_005, TRT: 0:07:43 2010/06/26

Ann Dibble Jordan talks about the legislative proposal for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; which, at the time of the interview, had recently been passed by the U.S. Congress. She also talks about the importance of education in the African American community, and the problems in the American public education system. Dibble Jordan reflects upon her legacy and family, and concludes the interview by describing how she would like to be remembered.

Video Oral History Interview with Ann Dibble Jordan, Section A2010\_068\_001\_006, TRT: 0:23:32 2010/06/26

Ann Dibble Jordan narrates her photographs.

Video Oral History Interview with Ann Dibble Jordan, Section A2010\_068\_001\_007, TRT: 0:10:50 2010/06/26

Ann Dibble Jordan concludes the interview by narrating her photographs.