

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Hoyt, Kenneth Michael, 1948-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt,
Dates:	March 5, 2014
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Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:21:10).
Abstract:	Judge The Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt (1948 -) was the second African American to be named a federal judge in the state of Texas. He served on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Hoyt was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 5, 2014, in Houston, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2014_084
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Judge Kenneth Michael Hoyt was born on March 2, 1948 in San Augustine County, Texas. His father, Earl, was a barber; his mother, Fannie, a beautician. Hoyt attended Lincoln Elementary School and Lincoln High School, both in San Augustine, Texas. He received his A.B. degree from Texas Southern University in 1969 and his J.D. degree from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1972, where he served as an editor for the Law Review.

From 1972 to 1981, Hoyt worked as an attorney at the Houston, Texas law firms of Wickliff, King, Hoyt & Jones; Anderson, Hodge, Hoyt & Jones; and Hoyt, Webster, Shepard & Anderson. While practicing law, Hoyt also fulfilled a six year military reserve commitment from 1972 to 1978. In addition, he served as city attorney for Kendleton, Texas and Prairie View, Texas from 1975 until 1981.

In 1981, Governor Bill Clements appointed Hoyt to preside over the 125th Civil District Court of Texas. He also practiced law through his firm, Kenneth M. Hoyt, P.C., from 1982 to 1985. During that time, Hoyt was a member of the faculty of the South Texas College Trial Advocacy Program, and from 1983 to 1984, he was an adjunct professor at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. From 1985 to 1988, Hoyt served as a justice of the First Court of Appeals of Texas. Then, on November 24, 1987, Hoyt was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to a seat on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. He was confirmed by the United States Senate in March of 1988, and received his commission on April 1, 1988. Hoyt was the second African American federal judge in the state of Texas. He took senior status on March 2, 2013.

Hoyt has received numerous awards, including the City of Kendleton Service Award, the Willie Melton Civic Memorial Award, three Houston Business and Professional Men's Club awards, the Ethel Ranson Art and Literary Award, the National Black Law Students Association President's Award, an Institute for Social Justice Award, the

Houston Lawyers Association Outstanding Service Award, the Gardere 10th Annual Martin Luther King Oratory Award, San Augustine's Key to the City Award, the Thurgood Marshall Christian Legal Society Award, an NAACP award, and multiple awards from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Hoyt has also served on many state and local bar committees, including the Thurgood Marshall School of Law ABA Blue Ribbon Committee and the Governor's Blue Ribbon Criminal Justice Corrections Committee.

Hoyt lives in Houston, Texas with his wife, Veola Johnson Hoyt. They have three children: Michael, an economist, Stacy, an educator, and Justin, a chemist.

Kenneth Hoyt was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 5, 2014.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 5, 2014, in Houston, Texas, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Judge The Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt (1948 -) was the second African American to be named a federal judge in the state of Texas. He served on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

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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:

Hoyt, Kenneth Michael, 1948-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Hoyt, Kenneth Michael, 1948---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Judge

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 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

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Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt, Section A2014_084_001_003, TRT: 3:29:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt, Section A2014_084_001_004, TRT: 4:28:41 ?

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