

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Emmett D. Carson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Carson, Emmett Devon
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Emmett D. Carson,
Dates:	December 16, 2015
Bulk Dates:	2015
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:08:46).
Abstract:	Nonprofit chief executive Emmett D. Carson (1959 -) was the president and CEO of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the president and CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation. Carson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 16, 2015, in Mountain View, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2015_013
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit chief executive Emmett D. Carson was born on October 6, 1959, in Chicago, Illinois to city business inspector Emmett Carson and Chicago Public School's head cook Mary Carson. He graduated from Emil G. Hirsch High School in 1977 and received his B.A. degree in economics from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia in 1980. In 1983, he obtained his M.P.A. degree in international affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, followed by his Ph.D. degree in 1985.

In 1985, Carson became a social legislation analyst at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., before taking a position as a project director at the Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies in 1986. There, he designed and directed the first national comparative study of black and white charitable giving and volunteerism in America. He was an adjunct professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park from 1987 until 1989, when he became a program officer at the Ford Foundation in New York City. He managed the foundation's Rights & Social Justice Program and its Governance & Public Policy Program. In 1994, Carson was named president and CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation in Minnesota, one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations, whose total assets more than tripled under his management. After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused over \$120 billion in damage to Louisiana and surrounding states, Carson headed the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation. He left the Minneapolis Foundation for the San Francisco Bay Area, where he merged the Community Foundation Silicon Valley and the Peninsula Community Foundation into the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, becoming its president and CEO.

In addition, Carson served on the board of directors of the National Economics Association, a professional association for minorities in the field, from 1993 to 1995; as chair of the board of the Association of Black Foundation Executives from 1994 to 1995; and on the board of Joint Venture Silicon Valley, which coordinates efforts between charitable foundations and Silicon Valley corporations. His research has received awards from the Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies and the National Economics Association.

Carson is married to professor and nonprofit executive Jacqueline Copeland-Carson, and they have one daughter, Yetunde Olagbaju, a graduate of Beloit College in Wisconsin.

Emmett D. Carson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 16, 2015.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Emmett D. Carson was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on December 16, 2015, in Mountain View, California, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit chief executive Emmett D. Carson (1959 -) was the president and CEO of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the president and CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation.

Restrictions

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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:

Carson, Emmett Devon

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Carson, Emmett Devon--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Nonprofit Chief Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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

Video Oral History Interview with Emmett D. Carson, Section A2015_013_001_001, TRT: 1:32:42
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Video Oral History Interview with Emmett D. Carson, Section A2015_013_001_002, TRT: 2:30:08
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Video Oral History Interview with Emmett D. Carson, Section A2015_013_001_003, TRT: 3:29:02
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Video Oral History Interview with Emmett D. Carson, Section A2015_013_001_004, TRT: 4:33:43
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Video Oral History Interview with Emmett D. Carson, Section A2015_013_001_005, TRT: 5:28:24
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Video Oral History Interview with Emmett D. Carson, Section A2015_013_001_006, TRT: 6:32:17
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Video Oral History Interview with Emmett D. Carson, Section A2015_013_001_008, TRT: 8:30:30
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