# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with Kenneth Bacon

# **Overview of the Collection**

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Bacon, Kenneth, 1954-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kenneth Bacon,
Dates:	February 2, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:54:38).
Abstract:	Corporate executive Kenneth Bacon (1954 - ) served as a senior vice president and executive vice president for Fannie Mae from 1993 to 2012. He co-founded Railfield Realty Partners in 2012. Bacon was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 2, 2017, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_015
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

# **Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®**

Corporate executive Kenneth Bacon was born on October 12, 1954 in Houston, Texas. He earned his B.A. degree in anthropology from Stanford University in Stanford, California in 1976, and earned his M.Sc. degree in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science where he studied as a Marshall Scholar in London, England in 1980. Bacon received his M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1982.

Bacon began his career as a vice president at Kidder, Peabody & Co. in New York in 1982. In 1987, he joined Morgan Stanley as a vice president. Bacon then became director of the office of securitization for Resolution and Trust Company in Washington, D.C. in 1990. He remained in that position until 1993, when he became an executive vice president at Fannie Mae. In 1998, he was hired to lead Fannie Mae's American Communities Fund. In 2005, he became the executive vice president of housing and community development at Fannie Mae until 2012. Bacon co-founded Railfield Realty Partners in 2012 and served as its managing partner. In 2017, he was named as the director for the Fannie Mae Foundation.

Bacon was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his contributions to the Marshall Scholars program.

Bacon served on the board of directors for Comcast Corporation, Ally Financial, Forest City Realty Trust, the National Multifamily Housing Council, the Real Estate Roundtable, The Urban Land Institute, the Stanford Center on Longevity, Bentall Kennedy Management (U.S.) Limited Partnership, and Welltower, Inc. He also served as the vice chairman of the Real Estate Executive Council. Bacon was a member of the Pension Real Estate Association and a member of the advisory board at Shift Capital, LLC as well. Bacon also was active in several non-profit and trade groups serving on the boards of the Corporation for Supportive Housing and the Real Estate Executive Council. A former Stanford University trustee, Bacon was a member of the Stanford Parent's Advisory Board.

Bacon and his wife, Judy; have one son, Daniel and one daughter, Kimberly.

Kenneth Bacon was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 2, 2017.

# **Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Kenneth Bacon was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 2, 2017, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Corporate executive Kenneth Bacon (1954 - ) served as a senior vice president and executive vice president for Fannie Mae from 1993 to 2012. He co-founded Railfield Realty Partners in 2012.

## 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:

Bacon, Kenneth, 1954-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

#### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews Bacon, Kenneth, 1954- --Interviews

### **Organizations:**

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with Kenneth Bacon

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

### **Occupations:**

Corporate Executive

### HistoryMakers® Category:

**BusinessMakers** 

### 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**

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kenneth Bacon, February 2, 2017. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

#### **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 Kenneth Bacon, Section A2017\_015\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:32 ? Video Oral History Interview with Kenneth Bacon, Section A2017\_015\_001\_002, TRT: 2:31:34 ? Video Oral History Interview with Kenneth Bacon, Section A2017\_015\_001\_003, TRT: 3:36:40 ? Video Oral History Interview with Kenneth Bacon, Section A2017\_015\_001\_004, TRT: 4:21:49 ? Video Oral History Interview with Kenneth Bacon, Section A2017\_015\_001\_005, TRT: 5:31:33? Video Oral History Interview with Kenneth Bacon, Section A2017\_015\_001\_006, TRT: 6:19:21? Video Oral History Interview with Kenneth Bacon, Section A2017\_015\_001\_007, TRT: 7:03:09?