

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Evander Holyfield

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Holyfield, Evander
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Evander Holyfield,
Dates:	January 24, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	11 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:05:34).
Abstract:	Boxer Evander Holyfield (1984 -) a record-setting five-time heavyweight champion of the world, is known for his 1996 win over Mike Tyson named “Fight of the Year” and “Upset of the Year” by The Ring magazine. Holyfield was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 24, 2017, in Miami, Florida. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_019
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Boxer Evander Holyfield was born on October 19, 1962 in Atmore, Alabama, to Annie Riggen Holyfield and Isom Coley. Holyfield’s family moved to Atlanta, Georgia when he was four years old and at eight years old, he joined the Boys & Girls Club and met Carter Morgan, who introduced him to the field of boxing. Holyfield graduated from Fulton High School in 1980. In 1984, Holyfield became the National Golden Gloves Champion and went on to represent the United States at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California, where he received the bronze medal in the light heavyweight division. He turned professional at the age of twenty-one, and moved to the cruiserweight division in 1985, and won his first world championship the following year for the WBA title. He became the undisputed cruiserweight champion after defeating Ricky Parkey and Carlos de Leon and winning the WBC and IBF titles.

In 1988, Holyfield moved up to the heavyweight division and later defeated Buster Douglas in 1990 to claim the unified WBA, WBC and IBF heavyweight titles and the undisputed heavyweight championship. He successfully defended his titles against heavyweights like George Foreman and Larry Holmes, before his first professional loss to Riddick Bowe in 1992. The following year, Holyfield regained his WBA and IBF titles in a rematch with Bowe. In 1994, he lost those titles in a match against Michael Moorer. That year, Holyfield was forced to retire after being diagnosed with a heart condition. He returned to boxing a year later, and defeated Mike Tyson in 1996 to reclaim the WBA title becoming the first boxer since Muhammad Ali to win a world heavyweight title three times, in what *The Ring* magazine named the “Fight of the Year” and “Upset of the Year.” In the 1997 rematch with Tyson, Holyfield won after Tyson was disqualified for biting Holyfield’s ear. Holyfield also later reclaimed the IBF title from Moorer.

In 1999, Holyfield fought Lennox Lewis for the undisputed heavyweight championship of the world, ending in a draw. Holyfield was defeated in the rematch with Lewis eight months later. In 2000, he defeated John Ruiz to regain the WBA title, passing Muhammad Ali to become the first boxer to win a heavyweight championship four

times. In 2001, Holyfield lost the title in a rematch against Ruiz. Holyfield continued fighting and in 2010 defeated Francois Botha for the WBF title, again breaking his record and becoming a five-time heavyweight champion of the world. He retired from boxing in 2014.

Holyfield has eleven children.

Evander Holyfield was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 24, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Evander Holyfield was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 24, 2017, in Miami, Florida, and was recorded on 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Boxer Evander Holyfield (1984 -) a record-setting five-time heavyweight champion of the world, is known for his 1996 win over Mike Tyson named “Fight of the Year” and “Upset of the Year” by The Ring magazine.

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:

Holyfield, Evander

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Holyfield, Evander--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Boxer

HistoryMakers® Category:

SportsMakers

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 Evander Holyfield, January 24, 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

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Video Oral History Interview with Evander Holyfield, Section A2017_019_001_003, TRT: 3:29:06
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Video Oral History Interview with Evander Holyfield, Section A2017_019_001_004, TRT: 4:28:20
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