

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Myrna Jackson

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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>	Jackson Myrna, 1941-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Myrna Jackson,
<b>Dates:</b>	May 1, 2017
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:58:34).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Civic leader Myrna Jackson (1941 - ) was active in the Civic Rights Movement in Birmingham, Alabama and was the first vice president of the Metro Birmingham Branch of the NAACP and commissioner of the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District. Jackson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 1, 2017, in Birmingham, Alabama. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_098
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Civic leader Myrna Jackson was born on July 9, 1941 in Birmingham, Alabama to Willie George Carter and Willie Lee Ledger. She graduated from A.H. Parker High School in 1958 at the age of sixteen years old, and attended Barbara Durr Beauty College in 1965, and became a licensed cosmetologist. She later attended Lawson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama, and graduated from Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama with her B.S.W. degree in 2000.

Jackson was active in the civil rights movement in Birmingham and served as the first vice president of the Metro Birmingham Branch of the NAACP. After the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Jackson participated in the Children's March and the Monday Masses, organized by the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights led by Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth. In 1963, Jackson was jailed twice and held in the Birmingham Jail, during the demonstrations that took place after the bombings.

After attending Lawson State Community College, Jackson became a certified substitute teacher and taught at several schools in Birmingham, before working for Macy's and Parisian's department stores where she remained for ten years. Jackson left Parisian's and enrolled at Miles College. After graduation, she worked for workforce development to help provide social services after Hurricane Katrina. She later joined Birmingham Works for Youth to provide job training and skills for school-age children. Jackson then campaigned for Shelia Smoot during her run for Jefferson County Commissioner for District Two. Jackson was then appointed commissioner of the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District by Mayor William Bell. Jackson also helped organize the 2009 conference between youth and law enforcement between the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 2017, Jackson helped commemorate the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument. In 2018, Jackson served as interim president of the Birmingham NAACP.

Jackson was a member of the Top Ladies of Distinction who worked with Top Teens of America to provide

scholarships and funding for students.

In 2013, Jackson was honored along with several other women on the fiftieth anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement by the Metro Birmingham Branch of the NAACP.

Myrna Jackson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 1, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Myrna Jackson was conducted by Denise Gines on May 1, 2017, in Birmingham, Alabama, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Civic leader Myrna Jackson (1941 - ) was active in the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham, Alabama and was the first vice president of the Metro Birmingham Branch of the NAACP and commissioner of the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District.

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## 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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Persons:

Jackson Myrna, 1941-

Gines, Denise (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Jackson Myrna, 1941- --Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Civil Rights Activist

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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 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).

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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 Myrna Jackson, Section A2017\_098\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:43 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Myrna Jackson, Section A2017\_098\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:24 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Myrna Jackson, Section A2017\_098\_001\_003, TRT: 3:38:05 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Myrna Jackson, Section A2017\_098\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:10 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Myrna Jackson, Section A2017\_098\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:30 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Myrna Jackson, Section A2017\_098\_001\_006, TRT: 6:06:05 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Myrna Jackson, Section A2017\_098\_001\_007, TRT: 7:17:37 ?