

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ronnie Agnew

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Agnew, Ronnie, 1962-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ronnie Agnew,
Dates:	May 25, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:57:17).
Abstract:	Broadcast executive Ronnie Agnew (1962 -) was executive director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting and was the first African American executive editor of <i>The Clarion-Ledger</i> . Agnew was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 25, 2017, in Jackson, Mississippi. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_103
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Broadcast executive Ronnie Agnew was born on October 10, 1962 in Saltillo, Mississippi. He graduated from Saltillo High School in 1980 and attended the University of Mississippi, and worked at *The Greenwood Commonwealth* in Greenwood, Mississippi. Agnew received his B.A. degree in English in 1984.

After graduation, Agnew moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. In 1993, Agnew became the managing editor for *The Hattiesburg American*. He worked at *The Hattiesburg American* until 1997, and was hired as media general and editor at the *Dothan Eagle* in Dothan, Alabama. Agnew then served as the managing editor at *The Clarion-Ledger* in 2001, and was promoted to executive editor in 2002. He was the first African American to head *The Clarion-Ledger*. Agnew left the newspaper industry in 2011, when he was hired as the executive director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

In addition to his career in journalism and PBS-TV, Agnew chaired the Mississippi Council on Economic Education, the Association of Public Television Stations and the journalism program at Jackson State University. He was also a member of the journalism advisory boards for the University of Southern Mississippi and the Meek School of Journalism at the University of Mississippi. Agnew also served on the board of directors for the Associated Press Media Editors and as a board member of the National Board of Directors for the Public Broadcasting System. He was an executive committee member of the National Educational Telecommunications Association, and was a member of the Organization of State Broadcasting Executives. He served as a judge for the Pulitzer Prize four times and was a diversity chairman for the American Society of News Editors. Agnew also worked as an adjunct professor of communications at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi.

Agnew is the recipient of Gannett Co., Inc.'s four President's Rings, the University of Mississippi's Silver Em Award. He was also inducted into the Ole Miss Alumni Hall of Fame. In 2016, Agnew received the National Advocacy Award by America's Public Television Stations.

Agnew and his wife, Cynthia have three children, Rachel, Victoria and Christopher.

Ronnie Agnew was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 25, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Ronnie Agnew was conducted by Denise Gines on May 25, 2017, in Jackson, Mississippi, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Broadcast executive Ronnie Agnew (1962 -) was executive director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting and was the first African American executive editor of The Clarion-Ledger.

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:

Agnew, Ronnie, 1962-

Gines, Denise (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Agnew, Ronnie, 1962- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Broadcast Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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).

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 Ronnie Agnew, Section A2017_103_001_001, TRT: 1:28:29 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ronnie Agnew, Section A2017_103_001_002, TRT: 2:29:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ronnie Agnew, Section A2017_103_001_003, TRT: 3:29:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ronnie Agnew, Section A2017_103_001_004, TRT: 4:29:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ronnie Agnew, Section A2017_103_001_005, TRT: 5:29:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ronnie Agnew, Section A2017_103_001_006, TRT: 6:31:10 ?