

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Annie Abrams

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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>	Abrams, Annie, 1931-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Annie Abrams,
<b>Dates:</b>	September 18, 2017
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:44:13).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Educator and civic activist Annie Abrams (1931 - ) was a member of the Arkansas Teachers Association and worked to desegregate Little Rock public schools. Abrams was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 18, 2017, in Little Rock, Arkansas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_170
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Educator and civic activist Annie Abrams was born on September 25, 1931 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas to Queen Victoria Annie Katharine Reed. Abrams attended the Peake School in Arkadelphia until she was thirteen years old. Then, she transferred to Dunbar High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1944. Abrams graduated from Dunbar High School in 1950 and earned her certification in education from Dunbar Junior College in Marianna, Arkansas in 1952. Abrams earned her B.A. degree in special education from Philander Smith College in 1962. In 1956, Abrams accepted a position with the Arkansas Teachers Association (ATA). Through her work with the ATA, Abrams became involved in

the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, working alongside Daisy Bates. She campaigned to rename streets in Little Rock after both Daisy Bates and Little Rock Mayor Charles Bussey. Abrams also led a campaign to rename High Street in honor of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and established Little Rock's Martin Luther King, Jr. parade. In 1978, she represented the Young Women's Christian Association at a United Nations conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

Abrams was a member of the Democratic Party in Arkansas and served as treasurer for the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus. She also served as commissioner for the Fair Housing Commission and was an honorary co-chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. Abrams served as a member of the Little Rock Central High Integration 50th Anniversary Commission, and also served as a board member of the Central Little Rock Community Development Corporation, and was as an advisory board member of the Martin Luther King Heritage and Enrichment Center. In 1978, she was selected to serve as a board member for the national Young Women's Christian Association.

In 2010, Abrams was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. She was also awarded an honorary doctorate degree and a Community Service Award from Philander Smith College. Abrams was the recipient of the Brooks Hays Award for Civil Rights Champions and the Making of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Award.

Annie Abrams was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 18, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Annie Abrams was conducted by Randall Pinkston on September 18, 2017, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Educator and civic activist Annie Abrams (1931 - ) was a member of the Arkansas Teachers Association and worked to desegregate Little Rock public schools.

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## 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.

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## **Controlled Access Terms**

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

### **Persons:**

Abrams, Annie, 1931-

Pinkston, Randall (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### **Subjects:**

Abrams, Annie, 1931---Interviews  
African Americans--Interviews

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## **Organizations:**

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Civic Activist

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Educator

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers|EducationMakers

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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 2/5/2020 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 Annie Abrams, Section  
A2017\_170\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:15 2017/09/18

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Abrams, Section  
A2017\_170\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:50 2017/09/18

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Abrams, Section  
A2017\_170\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:31 2017/09/18

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Abrams, Section  
A2017\_170\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:57 2017/09/18

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Abrams, Section  
A2017\_170\_001\_005, TRT: 5:27:08 2017/09/18

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Abrams, Section  
A2017\_170\_001\_006, TRT: 6:13:50 2017/09/18

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Abrams, Section  
A2017\_170\_001\_007, TRT: 7:04:42 2017/09/18