

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with N. Charles Anderson

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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>	Anderson, N. Charles, 1953-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with N. Charles Anderson,
<b>Dates:</b>	October 17, 2017
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:08:35).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Nonprofit executive N. Charles Anderson (1953 - ) was the president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan. Anderson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 17, 2017, in Detroit, Michigan. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_184
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Nonprofit executive N. Charles Anderson was born on February 7, 1953 in Gaston County, North Carolina to Fannie Mae Moses Anderson and Nicodemus Anderson. He graduated from West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1971 and attended Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina where he studied business administration. He later received his B.A. degree in humanities from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1981.

Anderson started working at Piedmont Natural Gas in 1972 as a mail clerk when he became involved with the Charlotte NAACP Youth Council, where he later served as president. There, he helped organize the NAACP Youth Council radio show, "Talk to the People" on WGIV Radio in Charlotte, North Carolina and co-hosted the NAACP television program, "Experience!" In 1974, Anderson was hired as a sales representative for American Tobacco Company and later moved to Detroit. After graduating from Wayne State University, Anderson joined the NAACP Detroit Branch as its youth director in 1981. He then served on the national staff as director of the NAACP Midwest Region III from 1983 to 1987. In this role, he directed and managed NAACP state conferences as well as adult branches and college and youth councils in seven states including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and West Virginia. Anderson served as the sixth president and chief executive officer of the Detroit Urban League from 1987 to 1994. In 1994, Anderson was appointed by Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer to serve as executive director of the Department of Human Services for the City of Detroit, a position he held until 1997. In 1997, he rejoined the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan as the organization's eighth president and chief executive officer. For twenty years, he was responsible for the vision, leadership and direction of the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan, which is one of 110 affiliates of the New York-based National Urban League.

Anderson received the Wayne State University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012, and the American Human Rights Council Spirit of Humanity Award in 2018. He served as trustee of the National Urban League, and the New Detroit coalition. He also served on the board of NAACP Youth Council, CityConnect Detroit, New Center

Community Services, Detroit Alliance for Fair Banking, Health Alliance Plan and University Cultural Center Association. Anderson also served as vice chair of the board of trustees, Henry Ford Health System, Inc. and vice chair of City Year Inc.

Anderson and his wife, Marionette Anderson, have three daughters and nine grandchildren.

N. Charles Anderson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 17, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with N. Charles Anderson was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 17, 2017, in Detroit, Michigan, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Nonprofit executive N. Charles Anderson (1953 - ) was the president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan.

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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:

Anderson, N. Charles, 1953-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Anderson, N. Charles, 1953- --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:

Nonprofit Executive

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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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with N. Charles Anderson, October 17, 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).

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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 N. Charles Anderson, Section A2017\_184\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:02 ?

Video Oral History Interview with N. Charles Anderson, Section A2017\_184\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:23 ?

Video Oral History Interview with N. Charles Anderson, Section A2017\_184\_001\_003, TRT: 3:32:38 ?

Video Oral History Interview with N. Charles Anderson, Section A2017\_184\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with N. Charles Anderson, Section A2017\_184\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:49 ?

Video Oral History Interview with N. Charles Anderson, Section A2017\_184\_001\_006, TRT: 6:31:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with N. Charles Anderson, Section A2017\_184\_001\_007, TRT: 7:06:08 ?