

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ann B. Walker

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Walker, Ann B., 1923-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker,
Dates:	November 16, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:51:19).
Abstract:	Radio host Ann B. Walker (1923 -) hosted the “Ann Walker Show” and “Youth Speaks” on WVKO-AM in Columbus, Ohio and was appointed special assistant to the director of The White House Public Affairs Office during the administration of President Jimmy Carter. Walker was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 16, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_204
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Radio host Ann B. Walker was born on November 1, 1923 in Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from East High School in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Prairie View A&M College in Texas on a tennis scholarship prior to receiving her B.A. degree from George Williams College, in Chicago, Illinois in 1944.

She served as journalist, editor and columnist for the *Ohio Sentinel*, and is best known for her column “Ann Walker’s Party Line.” In the 1960s, she joined the radio station WVKO-AM in Columbus and served as assistant news director, community services director and the on-air host of the “Ann Walker Show” and “Youth Speaks”. In 1970, Walker also served as a member of the Columbus Consumer Protection Committee. In 1972, she became the on-air talent, producer and community services director for WLWC-TV in Columbus, and the first female in broadcast management at the station. In 1978, Walker was inducted into the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame as the first woman broadcaster to report on the Ohio legislature. In 1980, Walker became the creator and host of WCMH-TV’s new public affairs program. In the same year, Walker was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as special assistant to the director of The White House Public Affairs Office. In 1991, Walker established her own company, Ann B. Walker and Associates. Then, in 2002, Walker wrote the introduction to *A Piece of My Damn Mind!* by Calvin H. Stillwell.

Walker received numerous acknowledgements and recognition for her contributions to the local media industry and the community. She was listed among the “Who’s Who in Black Central Ohio” in 2000. Her work is archived in the Columbus Metropolitan Library African American history collection. Her name and image are included among the honorees on the Long Street Cultural Wall in Columbus. As a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Walker served as the 24th Alpha Sigma Omega Chapter President in Columbus, Ohio. She also served as a ruling elder at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Columbus. In 2004, she helped established the Linwood P. Walker Scholarship, named in honor of her late husband.

Walker is widowed and has four children.

Ann B. Walker was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 16, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Ann B. Walker was conducted by Larry Crowe on November 16, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Radio host Ann B. Walker (1923 -) hosted the “Ann Walker Show” and “Youth Speaks” on WVKO-AM in Columbus, Ohio and was appointed special assistant to the director of The White House Public Affairs Office during the administration of President Jimmy Carter.

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:

Walker, Ann B., 1923-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Walker, Ann B., 1923- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Radio Host

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, November 16, 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

Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, Section A2017_204_001_001, TRT: 1:29:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, Section A2017_204_001_002, TRT: 2:31:54 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, Section A2017_204_001_003, TRT: 3:28:53 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, Section A2017_204_001_004, TRT: 4:28:13 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, Section A2017_204_001_005, TRT: 5:36:16 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, Section A2017_204_001_006, TRT: 6:27:48 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, Section A2017_204_001_007, TRT: 7:35:14 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Ann B. Walker, Section A2017_204_001_008, TRT: 8:13:35 ?