Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Brenda Hughes Andrews

Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers®
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Creator: Andrews, Brenda H., 1947(?)-

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Brenda Hughes Andrews,

Dates: January 16, 2018

Bulk Dates: 2018

Physical Description: 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:04:51).

Abstract: Newspaper publisher Brenda H. Andrews (-) was the president and chief executive officer of the New Journal and Guide in Norfolk, Virginia. Andrews was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 16, 2018, in Richmond, Virginia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2018_001

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Newspaper publisher Brenda H. Andrews was born on August 13 in Lynchburg, Virginia to Mabel Hughes and Earl Hughes. In 1962, Andrews and three other African American students Cee Cee Jackson, Lynda Woodruff, and Owen Cardwell integrated Lynchburg’s E.C. Glass High School. One year later, Andrews attended the March on Washington in Washington, D.C. Andrews graduated from E.C. Glass in 1965, and briefly attended Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, before marrying and moving to California. Andrews graduated with her B.A. degree in English and psychology from California State University, Sacramento in 1970. From 1970 to 1973, Andrews worked as a teacher in Rancho Cordova, California. In 1977, she joined the U.S. Army, where she edited a military community paper in Nuremburg, West Germany, and worked as an associate editor of the Army’s Newswire Service at the Pentagon. After leaving the Army in 1982, Andrews began working as the assistant to the publisher at Journal and Guide, a prominent black newspaper in Norfolk, Virginia. In 1987, she became the newspaper’s publisher and president, and owner in 1991, at a critical time in the paper’s existence, changing its name to New Journal and Guide. Under Andrews’ leadership, the Guide celebrated its one hundred eighteenth year anniversary in 2018, as one of the nation’s oldest members of the Black Press. She established a website and other digital and social media to meet the changing news industry. In 2014, she incorporated the Guide Historical Society as a 501-c-3 nonprofit arm of the business to preserve the paper’s historic archives and award journalism internships. Andrews has been the recipient of various honors including the 2013 MLK Memorial Award from Old Dominion University and the Tidewater Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities in 2016. In 2015, Andrews was named one of the 25 Women in Arts by the Southeastern Virginia Arts Association and one of the top 25 businesswomen in Inside Business, The Hampton Roads Business Journal. In 2017, Andrews was a Journey for Success “Legendary Pearl” honoree. She is a member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, and serves as an honors fellow and foundation board member at Norfolk State University as well as on the board of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Brenda H. Andrews was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on January 16, 2018.
Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Brenda Hughes Andrews was conducted by Harriette Cole on January 16, 2018, in Richmond, Virginia, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Newspaper publisher Brenda H. Andrews (-) was the president and chief executive officer of the New Journal and Guide in Norfolk, Virginia.

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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Andrews, Brenda H., 1947(?)-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Andrews, Brenda H., 1947(?)- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection
**Occupations:**

Newspaper Publishing Chief 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**


**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**

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