

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Carolyne S. Blount

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Blount, Carolyne S., 1943-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Carolyne S. Blount,
Dates:	April 20, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:23:07).
Abstract:	Magazine editor Carolyne S. Blount (1943-) was the co-owner, editor, and executive director of About...Time Magazine in Rochester, New York since 1972. Blount was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 20, 2018, in Rochester, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_069
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Magazine editor Carolyne S. Blount was born on March 21, 1943 in Richmond, Virginia to Callie Brown Scott and Earl Scott, Sr. Blount graduated from Ruthville High School in Ruthville, Virginia, and received her B.S. degree in education, library science, and history from Virginia State University in 1963. She then earned her M.A. degree in library science from Drexel University in 1964.

From 1964 to 1967, Blount worked as an assistant librarian at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1967, she accepted the position of technical reports specialist in the federal systems division at IBM in Owego, New York. From 1969 to 1971, Blount worked as a reference librarian in IBM's systems development division in Endicott, New York. Once Blount and her husband, James M. Blount, assumed ownership of *About...Time* Magazine, Inc. in 1972, she became the executive editor. Under her leadership, *About...Time* researched and published a six-part history series called "Rochester Roots/Routes" in 1984.

Since then *About...Time* Magazine has edited, designed, and printed other books: *The City of Frederick Douglass: Rochester's African-American People and Places* by Eugene E. Du Bois; *Mount Olivet Baptist Church: 100th Anniversary History, 1910-2010*; *The State of Black Rochester 2013: Education + Employment = Equity*, edited by Dana K. Miller; *Decades of Timeless Service and Divine Sisterhood: Delta Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated*; *150 Ancestors Commemoration*, which highlights pioneering African Americans in Rochester; and *Beyond These Gates: Mountains of Hope in Rochester's African-American History*, a walking tour book of black history in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, NY.

About...Time published other notable articles such as "Last Mile of a 400-Year Journey," which examined the spirituality of African burial grounds, and "Katrina Echoes: Storm Season Aftermath is Hard to Erase." In addition to her publishing, Blount was involved with the Southern Black Heritage Collection's research on black elementary and high school histories in Charles City County, Virginia.

Blount serves on the board of directors of the national Gateways Music Festival, celebrating classical musicians of

African descent, and is a member of the Rochester Association of Black Journalists and Delta Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Blount received a number of awards over her career including the Howard Coles Communications Award in 1983 and 1985, the Media Achievement Award from Virginia State University National Alumni Association, Women's History Month Award from the Rochester Board of Education, as well as a Global Ministries Humanitarian Award for international reporting, presented at the United Nations by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's International Division.

Blount and her husband, James M. Blount, have three children: James Ural, Christina, and Cheryl.

Carolyn S. Blount was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 20, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Carolyn S. Blount was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 20, 2018, in Rochester, New York, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Magazine editor Carolyn S. Blount (1943-) was the co-owner, editor, and executive director of About...Time Magazine in Rochester, New York since 1972.

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:

Blount, Carolyn S., 1943-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Blount, Carolyne S., 1943- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Magazine Editor

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 Carolyn S. Blount, Section A2018_069_001_001, TRT: 1:27:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn S. Blount, Section A2018_069_001_002, TRT: 2:29:09 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn S. Blount, Section A2018_069_001_003, TRT: 3:30:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn S. Blount, Section A2018_069_001_004, TRT: 4:28:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn S. Blount, Section A2018_069_001_005, TRT: 5:28:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn S. Blount, Section A2018_069_001_006, TRT: 6:28:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carolyn S. Blount, Section A2018_069_001_007, TRT: 7:30:52 ?