

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Munir Muhammad

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Muhammad, Munir, 1950-2019
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Munir Muhammad,
Dates:	May 5, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:36:19).
Abstract:	Community activist Munir Muhammad (1950 -) co-founded the Coalition for the Remembrance of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad (C.R.O.E.) in 1987, and hosted The Munir Muhammad Show and Muhammad and Friends on C.R.O.E. TV. Muhammad was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 5, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_093
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Community activist Munir Muhammad was born on March 27, 1950 in Birmingham, Alabama to Mary Henley Waller and Robert L. Waller. After graduating from Wenonah High School in 1968, Muhammad moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he first worked in the shipping and receiving department for DeMert & Dougherty, a hair care product and grooming supply company. Then, in 1970, Muhammad became an assistant code enforcer for the City of Chicago.

Muhammad joined the Nation of Islam in 1972, and began reading the texts of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Although he left the Nation of Islam following the death of Elijah Muhammad in 1975, he co-founded The Coalition for the Remembrance of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad (C.R.O.E.) in 1987, along with Halif Muhammad and Shahid Muslim. The organization started as a small group of individuals meeting at Muhammad's home on the South Side of Chicago to study and discuss Elijah Muhammad's teachings and speeches. In 1994, C.R.O.E. launched C.R.O.E. TV; and in 1997, the organization established the C.R.O.E. TV Production Studio in the West Englewood neighborhood. Muhammad served as the executive producer for C.R.O.E. TV. He also hosted several television programs, including *The Munir Muhammad Show* and *Muhammad and Friends*, in addition to radio programs *Political Talk* and *The Muhammad Speaks Radio Show*. Muhammad interviewed a number of notable individuals, including Minister Louis Farrakhan, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, Illinois Representative Gus Savage, and actor Harry Lennix. C.R.O.E. TV's programming broadcast in many cities across the United States, including in Chicago, Atlanta, New York City, and Charlotte. Muhammad and Colonel Eugene Scott also initiated an editorial partnership between *The Chicago Defender* and C.R.O.E. TV in 2001. In 2018, C.R.O.E. held its 31st Annual Founders Day celebration, which was attended by news anchorman John E. Davis, Judges Anne Burke and Dorothy Brown, and Reverend Al Sampson. Muhammad also served as the business manager of C.R.O.E. for over thirty years.

Muhammad served on the Illinois Human Rights Commission, and was also appointed to the Cook County Board

of Corrections in 2004.

Munir Muhammad was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 5, 2018.

Muhammad passed away on July 9, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Munir Muhammad was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 5, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Community activist Munir Muhammad (1950 -) co-founded the Coalition for the Remembrance of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad (C.R.O.E.) in 1987, and hosted The Munir Muhammad Show and Muhammad and Friends on C.R.O.E. TV.

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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:

Muhammad, Munir, 1950-2019

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Muhammad, Munir, 1950-2019 --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Community Activist

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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 Munir Muhammad, Section A2018_093_001_001, TRT: 1:29:23
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Video Oral History Interview with Munir Muhammad, Section A2018_093_001_002, TRT: 2:30:58
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Video Oral History Interview with Munir Muhammad, Section A2018_093_001_003, TRT: 3:30:55
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Video Oral History Interview with Munir Muhammad, Section A2018_093_001_004, TRT: 4:31:43
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Video Oral History Interview with Munir Muhammad, Section A2018_093_001_005, TRT: 5:29:35
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Video Oral History Interview with Munir Muhammad, Section A2018_093_001_006, TRT: 6:30:20
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Video Oral History Interview with Munir Muhammad, Section A2018_093_001_007, TRT: 7:33:25
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