

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Cal Williams

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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>	Williams, Cal, 1941-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Cal Williams,
<b>Dates:</b>	May 19, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:38:09).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Community activist Cal Williams (1941- ) named chair of the Alaska Democratic Party District 22 in 2018, had served as President of the Alaska Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Williams was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 19, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_097
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Community activist Cal Williams was born on November 30, 1941 in Monroe, Louisiana. A college graduate, Williams served in Vietnam in the United States Air Force during the early 1960s and participated in the historic March on Washington and was affiliated with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). In 1965, he moved from Louisiana to Alaska, seeking job opportunities, racial integration and a better life. In Alaska, Williams continued his political and civic activism working with the AdHoc Democrats organization in Alaska. He was named President of the Alaska Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He also served as a member of the Alaska Delegation at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado. In 2012, Williams ran for the Alaska House of Representatives District 17-serving the communities of Mountain View, Airport Heights, and Russian Jack in the Anchorage area, and was defeated by opponent Geran Tarr in the August 28th Democratic primary. Williams served as the Filipino choir director at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and also as the Chappie James American Legion Post 34 chaplain in Anchorage. He worked as a photographer and also helped to exhibit the collection of the late Alaskan historian George Harper, who documented the history of African Americans in Alaska, including the black U.S. Army troops who worked on the Alaska Highway. Williams was elected to the board of directors for Anchorage Senior Activity Center in 2016.

Williams was named in the Anchorage Municipal Assembly for his contributions to the growth and strength to the State of Alaska. In 2017, Williams was the recipient of the St. Francis of Assisi Award. Williams has served as Grand Knight of the Council of Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick's Church in Anchorage, as well as in 2018, he served as the District 22 chair for the Alaska Democratic Party.

Cal Williams was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 19, 2018.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Cal Williams was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 19, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Community activist Cal Williams (1941- ) named chair of the Alaska Democratic Party District 22 in 2018, had served as President of the Alaska Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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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:

Williams, Cal, 1941-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Williams, Cal, 1941- --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:

Community Activist

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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

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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).

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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 Cal Williams, Section A2018\_097\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:36 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Cal Williams, Section A2018\_097\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:14 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Cal Williams, Section A2018\_097\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:25 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Cal Williams, Section A2018\_097\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:11 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Cal Williams, Section A2018\_097\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:17 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Cal Williams, Section A2018\_097\_001\_006, TRT: 6:30:42 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Cal Williams, Section A2018\_097\_001\_007, TRT: 7:29:14 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Cal Williams, Section A2018\_097\_001\_008, TRT: 8:13:30 ?

