

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Doug Williams

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Williams, Doug, 1955-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Doug Williams,
Dates:	June 18, 2018 and June 22, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:59:55).
Abstract:	Football executive, coach, and player Doug Williams (1955 -) served as senior vice president of player personnel for the Washington Redskins and head football coach for Grambling State University. Previously, he was the first African American quarterback selected in the first round of the NFL Draft and the first African American starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl as part of the 1988 Super Bowl XXII-winning Washington Redskins. Williams was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 18, 2018 and June 22, 2018, in New York, New York and Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_125
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Football executive, coach, and player Doug Williams was born on August 9, 1955 in Zachary, Louisiana to Laura Williams and Robert Williams, Sr. He attended Chaneyville High School, where he initially trained as a linebacker and soon switched to quarterback. Upon graduating in 1973, he was recruited by Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana, where he was mentored by legendary college football coach Eddie Robinson. Williams received his B.S. degree in health and physical education from Grambling State University in 1977.

In 1978, Williams was selected 17th overall in the NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, becoming the first African American quarterback to be picked in the first round. During his five years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, he led the team to the playoffs three times. Williams decided to leave the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1983 to join the newly-formed United States Football League. After the United States Football League folded in 1985, Williams was recruited by the Washington Redskins the following year as a backup quarterback to Jay Schroeder. In the subsequent 1987 season, Williams replaced Schroeder as the starting quarterback. He then led the team to Super Bowl XXII, in which the Washington Redskins defeated the Denver Broncos 42-10. Williams, the first African American starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl, was named MVP with 340 passing yards and 18 of 29 passes completed. In 1989, Williams retired from the NFL and went on to coach at several schools at the high school and college level, including Northeast High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; the U.S. Naval Academy; and Morehouse College. In 1998, Williams succeeded his former coach Eddie Robinson as the head football coach for Grambling State University, a position he held until 2003 and again from 2011 to 2013. In 2017, Williams was named the senior vice president of player personnel for the Washington Redskins. He also served as a personnel executive for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In 1988, Williams founded the Doug Williams Foundation, which awarded more than \$100,000 in college scholarships in its first year.

In recognition of his accomplishments as a football player, Williams was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2001 and into the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Ring of Honor and the Washington Redskins Ring of Fame in 2015.

Williams and his wife, Raunda Ashner Williams, live in Grambling, Louisiana. They have eight children, Doug Williams, Jr., Temessia Williams, Adrian Williams, Leta Williams, Lee Williams, Ashley Williams, Jasmine Williams, and Laura Williams.

Doug Williams was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 22, 2018 and by NFL Films on June 28, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Doug Williams was conducted by Larry Crowe and Steve Trout on June 18, 2018 and June 22, 2018, in New York, New York and Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Football executive, coach, and player Doug Williams (1955 -) served as senior vice president of player personnel for the Washington Redskins and head football coach for Grambling State University. Previously, he was the first African American quarterback selected in the first round of the NFL Draft and the first African American starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl as part of the 1988 Super Bowl XXII-winning Washington Redskins.

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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:

Williams, Doug, 1955-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Trout, Steve (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Neef, Howard (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Williams, Doug, 1955- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Football Player

HistoryMakers® Category:

SportsMakers

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 Doug Williams, June 18, 2018 and June 22, 2018.
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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 Doug Williams, Section A2018_125_001_001, TRT: 1:32:59 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Doug Williams, Section A2018_125_001_002, TRT: 2:28:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Doug Williams, Section A2018_125_001_003, TRT: 3:29:07 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Doug Williams, Section A2018_125_001_004, TRT: 4:28:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Doug Williams, Section A2018_125_001_005, TRT: 5:29:31 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Doug Williams, Section A2018_125_001_006, TRT: 6:28:43 ?

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