

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Edward R. Redd

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Redd, Edward R., 1948-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Edward R. Redd,
Dates:	August 16, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:33:00).
Abstract:	Judge The Honorable Edward R. Redd (1948-) was the executive secretary of the Boston NAACP and served on the bench of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Redd was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 16, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_156
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Judge The Honorable Edward R. Redd was born on August 11, 1948, in New York City, to Frances and Everett Redd. He attended the William Lloyd Garrison School and graduated from Boston Technical High school in Boston, Massachusetts. Redd went on to receive his B.A. degree in psychology and sociology in 1971, from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, and his J.D. degree from the Boston College Law School in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts in 1974.

In 1971, while attending law school, Redd worked as the assistant director of the Harvard Upward Bound Program in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The next year, he served as a legal intern at the Boston College Legal Assistant Program, and as a research aide to the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus. In 1974, Redd became the executive secretary of the Boston NAACP, where he was involved with the desegregation of Boston Public Schools. He then went on to become a consultant at the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare under two presidents – President Gerald Ford and President Jimmy Carter. In 1977, Redd opened his own private law firm and real estate development company. Then, in 1979, he became the assistant general counsel for the Massachusetts Port Authority. During the administration of President Ronald Reagan, Redd served as a presidential appointee to the Commission on Presidential Scholars. In 1984, Redd left his private practice and joined the law firm of Brown and Prince in Boston. He then went on to become the chairman of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission in 1991. Two years later, Redd was nominated by Governor William Weld to serve on the Trial Court of the Commonwealth as an associate justice. Within the court's Roxbury Division, Redd was promoted to acting presiding justice, associate justice and finally presiding justice in 2005. In 2010, he moved to the Central Division of the court as the associate justice where he presided until his retirement in 2012.

Redd served on the advisory task force of the Dudley Square Vision Project; as a committee member on the search

committee for a new Commissioner of Probation for Massachusetts; and as the ambassador of the Polar Bears on Martha's Vineyard. He was also a member of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley.

Redd and his wife, Shirley Johnson Redd, lived in Boston, Massachusetts. They have three children, Ivy Redd Couch, Sara Redd and Rachel Redd.

Redd was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 16, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Edward R. Redd was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 16, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Judge The Honorable Edward R. Redd (1948-) was the executive secretary of the Boston NAACP and served on the bench of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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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:

Redd, Edward R., 1948-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Redd, Edward R., 1948- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Judge

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Edward R. Redd, August 16, 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 The Honorable Edward R. Redd, Section A2018_156_001_001,
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TRT: 2:28:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Edward R. Redd, Section A2018_156_001_003,
TRT: 3:28:58 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Edward R. Redd, Section A2018_156_001_004,
TRT: 4:29:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Edward R. Redd, Section A2018_156_001_005,
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