

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Nancy McKeever

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	McKeever, Nancy, 1936-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Nancy McKeever,
Dates:	July 9, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:04:24).
Abstract:	Educator Nancy McKeever (1936-) was a school teacher for Chicago Public Schools before becoming an auxiliary board member of ETA Creative Arts Foundation in Chicago, where she would go on to be named chair of the board of directors. McKeever was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 9, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_061
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Civic leader Nancy McKeever was born on June 8, 1936 in St. Louis, Missouri to John Clarke and Maddy Edna Richardson Clarke. She migrated to Chicago, Illinois, where she lived with her aunt and uncle and attended Hyde Park High School. After graduating from Loretto Academy in 1954, McKeever received her degree in teaching from Chicago Teachers College in 1958.

After graduating from college, McKeever moved to a military base near Salt Lake City, Utah with her husband, Lester McKeever. In 1960, while her husband finished his military service, McKeever returned to Chicago and began her career in education as a third grade teacher at Forestville Elementary School, which later became Carter G. Woodson South Elementary School. She also served as parent coordinator for the PTA and ran the Forestville Special Trips Committee, which took students on trips around the country during school breaks. In 1971, McKeever joined the auxiliary board for Chicago's ETA Creative Arts Foundation, which provided training and performance opportunities for youth and adults. McKeever eventually became chair of ETA Creative Arts Foundation's board of directors, where she planned fundraising events that raised several million dollars for an endowment, before leaving the board in 2014. In the early 1970s, McKeever and her husband purchased and managed a high rise building in Hyde Park. In 1976, the couple purchased Oglesby Towers, a 25-story high-rise apartment building in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood, which she managed until they sold the building in 2008.

McKeever was a member of the Northeasterners and the Contempos social clubs. She also helped establish the Mother's Club, a group of African American women who went horseback riding together. In 2007, McKeever received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Chicago State University for outstanding achievement in the Arts. She was recognized for her work with the Big Shoulders Fund and Catholic Charities by the Chicago Archdiocese with the Bishop Quarter award in 2008. McKeever has also served as a member of Woman's Board for Art Institute of Chicago.

McKeever and her husband, Lester McKeever, reside in Chicago, Illinois and have two adult children: Steve and Susan.

Nancy McKeever was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 9, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Nancy McKeever was conducted by Harriette Cole on July 9, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Educator Nancy McKeever (1936-) was a school teacher for Chicago Public Schools before becoming an auxiliary board member of ETA Creative Arts Foundation in Chicago, where she would go on to be named chair of the board of directors.

Restrictions

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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:

McKeever, Nancy, 1936-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

McKeever, Nancy, 1936---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Civic Leader

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 Nancy McKeever, Section A2019_061_001_001, TRT: 1:29:22
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Video Oral History Interview with Nancy McKeever, Section A2019_061_001_002, TRT: 2:28:28
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Video Oral History Interview with Nancy McKeever, Section A2019_061_001_003, TRT: 3:30:17
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Video Oral History Interview with Nancy McKeever, Section A2019_061_001_004, TRT: 4:29:41
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Video Oral History Interview with Nancy McKeever, Section A2019_061_001_005, TRT: 5:29:17
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Video Oral History Interview with Nancy McKeever, Section A2019_061_001_006, TRT: 6:28:41
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Video Oral History Interview with Nancy McKeever, Section A2019_061_001_007, TRT: 7:08:38
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