

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Joyce Moorehead

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Moorehead, Joyce, 1946-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Joyce Moorehead,
Dates:	September 23, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:30:04).
Abstract:	Lawyer Joyce Moorehead (1946 -) was a senior attorney at Legal Services of Greater Miami, and served as general counsel for Chicken George Chicken, Inc. and the NAACP before opening her private law practice and becoming co-owner of BMW of Sterling and MINI of Sterling in Virginia with her husband. Moorehead was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 23, 2019, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_103
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Joyce Moorehead was born on May 29, 1946 in Buffalo, New York to Rita Faragher and Ernest Hanks. She was raised in Crescent City, Florida. In 1967, she graduated from Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida with her B.S. degree in sociology with a concentration in criminology. Moorehead then graduated from the University of Arkansas with her J.D. degree in 1976.

Moorehead served as assistant city prosecutor in Fayetteville, Arkansas for a year, before returning to Miami, Florida to serve as assistant director of a public interest law firm. In 1978, she was elected to the Miami-Dade County School Board, which she served on until 1982. Moorehead was subsequently hired by the Legal Services of Greater Miami as a senior attorney. In 1984, she moved to Baltimore, Maryland upon accepting a position as general counsel for Chicken George, Inc. She was then made associate general counsel for the NAACP, where she assisted in the development of civil rights litigation and handled cases in the federal system concerning employment and labor issues, as well as voting rights and education. Moorehead was also the primary liaison to multiple attorneys affiliated with various NAACP regions and several attorneys outside the organization. Starting in 1991, she worked as a senior associate at Hollis & Associates in Baltimore, specializing in employment and family cases. Moorehead left the firm in 1993 and started her own private practice focusing on employment, family, and labor issues. In 2004, she and her husband, Thomas Moorehead, established the Joyce and Thomas Moorehead Foundation to assist working families and provide college scholarships for graduating high school seniors. She also became co-owner of Sterling Motorcars with her husband in Sterling, Virginia. Thomas Moorehead was the first African American awarded a full franchise of Rolls Royce, McLaren, and Lamborghini brands.

Moorehead has served on the boards of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, the Family League of Baltimore, the Sexual Assault Recovery Center, Bethune-Cookman University, the Urban League of Greater Miami, WPBT-

TV of South Florida, the Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida, and the Library of Congress. She has also been a member of the Maryland and Florida Bars, the Monumental City Bar Association, the Baltimore City Bar Association, the Maryland Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Citizens Planning and Housing Authority of Baltimore, of which she was also chairman, and the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys, where she was a former president as well.

Moorehead resides in Virginia with her husband.

Joyce Moorehead was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 23, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Joyce Moorehead was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 23, 2019, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Joyce Moorehead (1946 -) was a senior attorney at Legal Services of Greater Miami, and served as general counsel for Chicken George Chicken, Inc. and the NAACP before opening her private law practice and becoming co-owner of BMW of Sterling and MINI of Sterling in Virginia with her husband.

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:

Moorehead, Joyce, 1946-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Moorehead, Joyce, 1946---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Lawyer

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

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 Joyce Moorehead, Section A2019_103_001_001, TRT: 1:28:33
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Video Oral History Interview with Joyce Moorehead, Section A2019_103_001_002, TRT: 2:30:44
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Video Oral History Interview with Joyce Moorehead, Section A2019_103_001_003, TRT: 3:28:57
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Video Oral History Interview with Joyce Moorehead, Section A2019_103_001_004, TRT: 4:29:41
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Video Oral History Interview with Joyce Moorehead, Section A2019_103_001_005, TRT: 5:29:29
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Video Oral History Interview with Joyce Moorehead, Section A2019_103_001_006, TRT: 6:29:24
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