

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with James Posey

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Posey, James, 1948-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with James Posey,
Dates:	March 2, 2020
Bulk Dates:	2020
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:48:37).
Abstract:	Corporate lawyer James Posey (1948 -) served as a commissioner for the Alaska Public Utilities Commission before becoming general manager of Municipal Light and Power from 2002 until 2014, when he founded Posey Alaska LLC. Posey was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 2, 2020, in Anchorage, Alaska. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2020_012
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Corporate lawyer James Posey was born in 1948 in Beaumont, Texas. He enrolled at Lamar University before leaving to join the United States Air Force, where he served as a combat crewmember. Following his military service, he earned his B.A. degree in American history in 1972 from the University of Kansas. Posey went on to obtain his J.D. degree in 1975 from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Posey first worked in Atlantic Richfield's (ARCO) land department in Dallas, Texas. The next year, ARCO transferred him to Denver, Colorado. He later left ARCO and joined Worldwide Energy Corporation, a small oil and gas company. When ARCO began developing its Kuparuk River Field in Alaska, Posey was recruited and rehired to go to work there for the company. He worked for ARCO for more than fifteen years, retiring in 1996 to serve as Commissioner at Alaska Public Utilities Commission for the State of Alaska until July 1999. In 2000, Anchorage Mayor George Wuerch appointed him director of the Municipality of Anchorage Cultural and Recreational Services Department. He was responsible for oversight of the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson-Center, the Anchorage Municipal Library System, Parks and Beautification, Sports and Recreation, and Chugiak/Eagle River Parks and Recreation. He held this position from July of 2000 to February of 2002. Posey was then named general manager of Municipal Light and Power (ML&P) for the Municipality of Anchorage from February of 2002 to January of 2014. In 2014, Posey founded the consultancy Posey Alaska LLC. From 2017 to 2018, he served as the Commissioner of Baseball for the Alaska Baseball League.

Posey has served as a member of the State of Alaska Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee and on the boards of the American Public Power Association, Northwest Public Power Association, Alaska Power Association and the Anchorage Community Land Trust. He also does work with the nonprofit Anchorage's Promise, and was profiled in the *Alaska Business Monthly* in April of 2014.

Posey resides in Alaska with his wife, Sandi Posey. They have five children.

James Posey was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 2, 2020.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with James Posey was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 2, 2020, in Anchorage, Alaska, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Corporate lawyer James Posey (1948 -) served as a commissioner for the Alaska Public Utilities Commission before becoming general manager of Municipal Light and Power from 2002 until 2014, when he founded Posey Alaska LLC.

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:

Posey, James, 1948-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Posey, James, 1948---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Corporate 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 James Posey, Section A2020_012_001_001, TRT: 1:29:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with James Posey, Section A2020_012_001_002, TRT: 2:28:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with James Posey, Section A2020_012_001_003, TRT: 3:30:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with James Posey, Section A2020_012_001_004, TRT: 4:30:35 ?

Video Oral History Interview with James Posey, Section A2020_012_001_005, TRT: 5:31:01 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with James Posey, Section A2020_012_001_006, TRT: 6:28:46 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with James Posey, Section A2020_012_001_007, TRT: 7:28:21 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with James Posey, Section A2020_012_001_008, TRT: 8:21:59 ?