

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lou Della Evans Reid

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Evans Reid, Lou Della, 1930-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Lou Della Evans Reid,
Dates:	March 3, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2022
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:30:44).
Abstract:	Gospel singer Lou Della Evans Reid (1930 -) is a founding member of Chicago's Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as Minister of Music for thirty-seven years. Evans Reid was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 3, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2022_023
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Gospel singer Lou Della Evans Reid was born on July 7, 1930, in Brownsville, Tennessee, to Henry Clay and Estanuly Evans.

In 1950, Evans Reid became a charter member of Chicago's Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, led by her older brother, Reverend Clay Evans. In 1960, she became a surgical nurse in Chicago, working first at Saint Anne's Hospital, then at Saint Luke's. She was appointed Minister of Music at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 1963, where she oversaw the senior, young adult, and youth choirs and taught Sunday School. Her arrangements include "Bringing In The Sheaves" and "New Name In Glory" and her hymnal renditions include "It Is Well," "More Love To Thee," and "Close To Thee." Evans Reid retired as Minister of Music for Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 2000. In retirement, she served as music adviser for Chicago's First Church of Deliverance and led her own community choir, the Lou Della Evans Reid Traditional Gospel Choir. Evans Reid retired from being a surgical nurse in 2007. She has served as music coordinator for Gospel Music According to Chicago, where she also has served on the board. She has taught, consulted, and ministered nationally and internationally, including in Japan, the Netherlands, and Israel.

In 2000, Evans Reid received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Arkansas Baptist College, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Evans Reid lives in Chicago, Illinois, and has one son.

Lou Della Evans Reid was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 3, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Lou Della Evans Reid was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 3, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Gospel singer Lou Della Evans Reid (1930 -) is a founding member of Chicago's Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as Minister of Music for thirty-seven years.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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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:

Evans Reid, Lou Della, 1930-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Evans Reid, Lou Della, 1930---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Gospel Musician

HistoryMakers® Category:

MusicMakers

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 Lou Della Evans Reid, Section A2022_023_001_001, TRT: 1:30:30 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lou Della Evans Reid, Section A2022_023_001_002, TRT: 2:28:57 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lou Della Evans Reid, Section A2022_023_001_003, TRT: 3:28:58 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lou Della Evans Reid, Section A2022_023_001_004, TRT: 4:30:12 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lou Della Evans Reid, Section A2022_023_001_005, TRT: 5:29:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lou Della Evans Reid, Section A2022_023_001_006, TRT: 6:28:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lou Della Evans Reid, Section A2022_023_001_007, TRT: 7:34:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lou Della Evans Reid, Section A2022_023_EvansReid_LouDella_06_MED_001, TRT: 1:15:37