

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reverend Dr. Johnie H. Flakes, Jr.

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Flakes, Johnie H., Jr., 1935-2012
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Johnie H. Flakes, Jr.,
Dates:	March 16, 2002
Bulk Dates:	2002
Physical Description:	4 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:37:45).
Abstract:	Pastor Reverend Dr. Johnie H. Flakes, Jr. (1935 - 2012) was pastor of 4th Street Missionary Baptist Church and served as chairman of American Baptist College. Because of Flakes' dedicated Christian and civic service, he has received hundreds of awards and honors, including the 2000 Operation PUSH Martin Luther King Award. Flakes was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 16, 2002, in Columbus, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2002_019
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

The Reverend Dr. Johnie H. Flakes, Jr., was born in Phoenix City, Alabama, on January 12, 1935. Flakes started his education in the Russell County Public School System. Since 1961, he has been the pastor at the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia, as well as an outspoken activist.

Flakes earned his B.A. degree from the American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, an honorary doctorate from the American Baptist College and an honorary doctorate from A. B. Lee Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida.

Flakes has numerous local, national and international affiliations with religious and civic organizations. He is the chairman of the Board of Trustees at the American Baptist College. Because of Flakes' dedicated Christian and civic service, he has received hundreds of awards and honors, including the 1971 Outstanding Personality of the South; one of the Ten Outstanding Ministers in Georgia for 1991; the Columbus Ledger 2000 Edition – People Who Made a Difference; the 2000 Alpha Phi Alpha Martin Luther King Award; the 2000 Operation PUSH Martin Luther King Award; and the Congress of Christian Education's Knighthood Award.

He is married to Robena Gaines Flakes. They have three children, Sencira Flakes Williams, Johnie Flakes, III and Merle Flakes. They are also the grandparents of Braya J. Flakes and Christina E. Flakes.

Rev. Dr. Johnie Flakes passed away on November 12, 2012.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Reverend Dr. Johnie H. Flakes, Jr. was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on March 16, 2002, in Columbus, Georgia, and was recorded on 4 Betacame SP videocassettes. Pastor Reverend Dr. Johnie H. Flakes, Jr. (1935 - 2012) was pastor of 4th Street Missionary Baptist Church and served as chairman of American Baptist College. Because of Flakes' dedicated Christian and civic service, he has received hundreds of awards and honors, including the 2000 Operation PUSH Martin Luther King Award.

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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:

Flakes, Johnie H., Jr., 1935-2012

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Flakes, Johnie H., Jr., 1935-2012--Interviews

African American clergy--Georgia--Interviews.

African American religious leaders--Interviews.

Phenix City (Ala.)--Race relations.

Slavery--United States.

Mothers--Death--Psychological aspects.

Suicide, Attempted--Adolescent--Personal Narratives

American Baptist College

Segregation--Georgia--Columbus

Brewer, Thomas H.

Social integration--Georgia--Columbus

Voter registration--Georgia--Columbus.

African Americans--Georgia--Political activity.

National Baptist Convention of America.

Civil rights movements--Georgia--History.

Black theology.

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Pastor

HistoryMakers® Category:

ReligionMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Johnnie H. Flakes, Jr., March 16, 2002.
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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 Reverend Dr. Johnnie H. Flakes, Jr., Section
A2002_019_001_001, TRT: 0:30:13 ?

Noted minister Johnnie Flakes Jr., shares anecdotes from his childhood in Pumpkin Bottom-- a Phenix City, Alabama neighborhood. He describes the loss of his mother when he was just two years old and his father's struggle to raise his 4 children alone. Flakes also discusses his early years in the ministry and how he was initially called to preach.

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Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Johnnie H. Flakes, Jr., Section

A2002_019_001_002, TRT: 0:30:20 ?

Noted minister and civil rights activist, Rev. Johnie Flakes describes life in segregated Columbus, Georgia and his efforts of fellow civil rights activists like Dr. Brewer, Primus King and others to bring about social change in the area. Flakes also discusses his role in the National Baptist Convention and some of the issues the organization has faced.

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Johnie H. Flakes, Jr., Section

A2002_019_001_003, TRT: 0:30:45 ?

Noted minister and civil rights activist, Rev. Johnie Flakes opines on the National Baptist Convention and the civil rights movement in Columbus, Georgia in the 1960s. He also shares thoughts on the nature of black religious expression and his role in the Baptist ministry.

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Johnie H. Flakes, Jr., Section

A2002_019_001_004, TRT: 0:06:27 ?