

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Zenobia Washington

PERSON

Washington, Zenobia, 1966-

**Alternative Names:** Zenobia Washington;

**Life Dates:** November 24, 1966-

**Place of Birth:** Newark, New Jersey, USA

**Residence:** Georgetown, SC

**Occupations:** Doll Artist

## Biographical Note

Artist Zenobia Grant Washington was born in Newark, New Jersey, on November 24, 1966, to J.H. Grant and Susan Armstrong. She graduated from Winyah Senior High School in Georgetown, South Carolina, in 1984. In 1987, Washington received an A.A. from the Art and Fashion Institute in Atlanta.

In 1998, Washington was deeply affected by the death of her only brother, Trevor, after which she was inspired to embark on a new phase of her life as an artist. Washington began to create handmade dolls of traditional African American women as "The Healer" and "The Washer Woman" that grew into a successful collection she calls "Women of Inspiration."

Washington took a nine-week entrepreneurial course at the Five Rivers Community Development Corporation's Diamonds in the Rough training program, where she learned to run her own business. She has served on the Five Rivers Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors in every capacity except treasurer. She served as the art and culture editor for the International Association of Special Education's newsletter. Washington's artwork has been featured in numerous art galleries and is enjoyed in many private art collections.

Washington married Willie Washington on October 5, 1991 in Georgetown, South Carolina. They have a daughter, Susan Alexis Washington, who was born in on July 29, 1994.

## Related Entries

**Winyah Senior High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Bynum Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Ps 166 Richard Rogers School For The Arts & Scienc** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Kensington Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Art Institute of Atlanta** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Associates**

**Columbia Junior College** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**German Federal Government (Bundesregierung)** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Passport Identification Agent**

**Hospice of Georgetown County** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Clinical Secretary**

**Artistry of Zenobia Washington** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Owner/Designer**

**Five Rivers Community Development Corporation** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**President**

**International Association of Special Education(IASE)** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Art Cultural Editor**