

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Antonio Anderson

PERSON

Anderson, Antonio D.

Alternative Names: Antonio Anderson;

Life Dates: January 22, 1965-

Place of Birth: Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Residence: Conyers, GA

Occupations: Beauty Shop Owner; Hair Stylist

Biographical Note

Antonio Darcy Anderson was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 22, 1965. Anderson's parents are Linda Johnson, an Atlanta businesswoman, and Bennie Anderson, an original member of the music group, the Drifters. Anderson's mother raised their family as a single parent until she married Herman Johnson, who had a significant impact on Anderson.

Anderson graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School in 1983. He immediately began to train as a hairstylist with Frank Arnold at Arnold's International in Atlanta, Georgia. While attending school and working full-time at ITE, an electrical company, Anderson also apprenticed with David Fields of Daweed's Hair Design in Lithonia, Georgia. He trained as well at Pivot Point International System of Cosmetology Science and became proficient as a colorist.

After graduating from Arnold's International, Anderson performed platform work for Pro-Line International, Inc. as one of its youngest instructors. In 1986, with his training, family support and an established clientele, Anderson opened Styles by San Antonio in Decatur, Georgia when he was twenty-one years old. The salon continues to service clients after twenty years.

In 2001, after his third child Gabriel was born, Anderson, with the help of his wife, Raquel, designed the Gabriel Feeding Pad Break-Away to help parents multi-task while bottle feeding their baby. An appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show landed them a contract with the Babies R Us Company. The Gabriel product line is sold all over the world.

Anderson resides in Conyers, Georgia with his wife and three children.

Anderson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on December 12, 2006.

Related Entries

Southwest DeKalb High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

D. H. Stanton Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Columbia High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Arnold International [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Daweed's Hair Designs [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1984 to 1985]

stylist

Styles By San Antonio [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1985 to ?]

Founder

Pro-Line [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1986 to 1987]

Stylist