

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Maxine B. Mimms

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Mimms, Maxine, 1928-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Maxine B. Mimms,
Dates:	October 29, 2007 and October 7, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2007 and 2017
Physical Description:	14 Betacame SP videocassettes uncompressed MOV digital video files (6:20:42).
Abstract:	Academic administrator and education professor Maxine B. Mimms (1928 -) is the former dean of Evergreen College Tacoma campus. She founded the Maxine Mimms Academy, a non-profit organization in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood established to serve youth expelled or suspended from public schools. Mimms was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 29, 2007 and October 7, 2017, in Shelton, Washington and Tacoma, Washington. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2007_312
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Educational institution founder, Maxine Mimms was born on March 4, 1928, in Newport News, Virginia, to Isabella DeBerry Buie and Benson Ebenezer Buie. Influenced by her grandparents' love for Marcus Garvey and educational lectures by Howard Thurman and other black leaders at nearby Hampton University, Mimms attended Booker T. Washington School and graduated from Huntington High School with highest honors in 1946. She earned her B.A. degree from Virginia Union University in 1950. In the early 1950s, Mimms served as a social worker in Detroit, Michigan. There, she was married and would eventually earn her Ph.D. in educational administration from Union Graduate School.

Accompanying her husband to Seattle, Washington, in 1953, Mimms taught at Leschi Elementary School, where Jimi Hendrix was a student. In 1961, Mimms taught in Washington's Kirkland Public Schools until working for the Seattle Public School Administration in 1964. In 1969, Mimms served as the assistant to the director of the Women's Bureau in the United States Department of Labor. In 1972, Mimms returned to the education field, working as a faculty member at Evergreen State College. At Evergreen State College, Mimms focused on developing an educational program that would serve place-bound working adult students. Her focus on serving the educational needs of urban, African American adult learners combined with an interest in teaching inner-city adults, led to the founding principles of the Tacoma Campus. Mimms eventually became the first Director of the Tacoma Campus, where she used her position to help satisfy the African American community's demand for adult education programs.

In 1982, the Evergreen-Tacoma campus was formally established under Mimms's leadership. Mimms's mission as Director of Evergreen-Tacoma was to increase the number of African Americans in Washington with degrees and improve the household value on education for the African American community. Mimms became a national

consultant in curriculum design and instructional methods. In 1990, Mimms retired as Director of Evergreen-Tacoma and became an emeritus faculty member. In 2001, Mimms was awarded the first annual Sustainable Community Outstanding Leadership Award. Recently, Mimms founded the Maxine Mimms Academy, a non-profit organization in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood established to serve youth expelled or suspended from public schools.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Maxine B. Mimms was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 29, 2007 and October 7, 2017, in Shelton, Washington and Tacoma, Washington, and was recorded on 14 Betacame SP videocassettes uncompressed MOV digital video files. Academic administrator and education professor Maxine B. Mimms (1928 -) is the former dean of Evergreen College Tacoma campus. She founded the Maxine Mimms Academy, a non-profit organization in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood established to serve youth expelled or suspended from public schools.

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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:

Mimms, Maxine, 1928-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Mimms, Maxine, 1928- --Interviews

African American educators--Washington (State)--Interviews

Youth workers--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Evergreen State College

Occupations:

Academic Administrator

Education Professor

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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 Maxine B. Mimms, Section A2007_312_002_001, TRT: 1:27:49 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Maxine B. Mimms, Section A2007_312_002_002, TRT: 2:28:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Maxine B. Mimms, Section A2007_312_002_003, TRT: 3:28:17 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Maxine B. Mimms, Section A2007_312_002_004, TRT: 4:27:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Maxine B. Mimms, Section A2007_312_002_005, TRT: 5:19:13 ?

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