

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Charles Lovell, Jr.

PERSON

Lovell, Charles, 1946-

Alternative Names: Dr. Charles Lovell, Jr.;

Life Dates: September 17, 1946-

Place of Birth: Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA

Residence: Portsmouth, VA

Work: Norfolk, VA

Occupations: Medical Scientist

Biographical Note

Medical doctor and epidemiologist Charles Lovell, Jr. was born on September 17, 1946 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to Charles Lovell, Sr. and Rachel Lovell. After Lovell's freshman year in high school, his family sent him to New York City, where he lived with his uncle James Floyd and his aunt Martha. Lovell attended Seward Park High School and after graduation, he was accepted and attended Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After graduating Harvard University, Lovell went on to attend medical school at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York where he earned his M.D. degree in medicine. After graduating from Columbia University, Lovell interned at Harlem Hospital Center. In 1976, Lovell was named chief resident of Harlem Hospital and later went to the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Epidemic Intelligence Service [EIS], where he investigated national and local epidemics.

In 1978, Lovell opened his private medical practice, York Clinical Research and was also appointed assistant professor of clinical research at Eastern Virginia Medical School [EVMS]. That same year, Lovell worked with U.S. Rep. George William Whitehurst to enact legislation to include preventive health services as a part of Medicare. As a result, both Lovell and U.S. Rep. Whitehurst were awarded the American Lung Association's Annual Award in 1981. In 1993, Lovell was the first African American to serve as president of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Board of Medicine. In 2006, Lovell's private practice was distinguished as a Cardiovascular Center of Excellence by the Consortium for Southeastern Hypertension Control in 2006. Lovell divided his time between his private practice and his medical initiative entitled, the 3 Diseases Project, whose mission is to diagnose and treat hypertension,

diabetes and high cholesterol through the utilization of cutting edge technologies. In 2007, Lovell was awarded Dominion's Strong Men & Women: The Series, which highlights African-American men and women whose accomplishments and determination demonstrate true excellence in leadership. Lovell is a former member of the National Vaccine Advisory Board. He is a current member of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity and the Sigma Xi scientific research society. Lovell's wife is Barbara Lovell and they have one daughter, Sarah Rachel.

Charles Lovell, Jr. was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 5, 2012.

Related Entries

Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

M.D.

Harvard University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

A.B.

Seward Park High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Diploma

United States Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1949 to ?]

Epidemiology

C.F. Lovell, MD, PC [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1971 to 2007]

Medical Doctor

Sentara Healthcare [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1952 to ?]

Medical Research

Virginia Board of Medicine [MEMBEROF]

[from 2002 to ?]

President

National Vaccine Advisory Board [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member