Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with Pierpont Mobley

Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616

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Creator: Mobley, Pierpont, 1937-

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley,

Dates: July 24, 2013

Bulk Dates: 2013

Physical Description: 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:05:56).

Abstract: Federal government appointee Pierpont Mobley (1937 -) worked for more than two

decades to increase minority and female employment opportunities in the White House and federal government. Mobley was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 24, 2013, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original

video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2013 196

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Equal employment opportunity advocate and activist Pierpont Mobley was born in 1937. Mobley attended Antioch School of Law, where he received his M.A.degree in equal employment opportunity/employment law and his M.L.S. degree.

Mobley's tenure in federal service began as the federal government started to implement affirmative action and equal employment opportunity programs in the private sector. However, Mobley's career focused on expanding employment opportunities within the federal government. For more than twenty-five years, Mobley worked as a personnel and equal employment opportunity specialist for various agencies in the federal government. Under President Jimmy Carter's administration, he was appointed chief of civil rights and equal employment opportunity programs for the United States Drug Administration. He later served as the equal employment opportunity manager for the White House. In this position, Mobley was responsible for overseeing personnel relations in the White House and writing equal employment opportunity policies for both the White House and the Executive Office of the President. He also worked for the Department of the Army as a military personnel and race relations specialist. Before retiring from federal service, Mobley worked for the Department of the Interior as the chief of complaints and adjudication for the Bureau of Mines. Mobley developed the White House's first affirmative action plan. He also championed equal employment opportunity within the federal sector as popular support for affirmative action and equal employment opportunity began to wane.

Following a career that spanned four presidential administrations, Mobley retired as a federal appointee. In 1995, Mobley co-founded the JPM Group with his wife, Jeannette Mobley. The JPM Group is a consulting firm that specializes in the areas of management and human resources for private businesses and government agencies. The JPM Group's clients include Verizon, Inc., D.C. Public Schools, the Federal Drug Administration, and the White House Office. Mobley remains active in local politics. A longtime resident of Washington, D.C., he served as the re-election campaign manager for Councilman Vincent Orange in 2002.

Pierpont Mobley was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 24, 2012.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Pierpont Mobley was conducted by Larry Crowe on July 24, 2013, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Federal government appointee Pierpont Mobley (1937 -) worked for more than two decades to increase minority and female employment opportunities in the White House and federal government.

Restrictions

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Related Material

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:

Mobley, Pierpont, 1937-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews Mobley, Pierpont, 1937- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Federal Government Appointee

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

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 Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013 196 001 001, TRT: 1:29:04?

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Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_003, TRT: 3:29:27?

Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_004, TRT: 4:29:46?

Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_005, TRT: 5:29:43? Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_006, TRT: 6:28:18? Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_007, TRT: 7:29:19? Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_008, TRT: 8:30:12? Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_009, TRT: 9:30:13? Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_010, TRT: 10:31:20? Video Oral History Interview with Pierpont Mobley, Section A2013_196_001_011, TRT: 11:07:54?