

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Regina Jollivette Frazier

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Frazier, Regina Jollivette, 1943-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Regina Jollivette Frazier,
<b>Dates:</b>	March 8, 2017
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:39:45).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Pharmacist Regina Jollivette Frazier (1943 - ) worked at the University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics in the pharmacy department for thirty-seven years. Frazier was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 8, 2017, in Miami, Florida. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_049
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Pharmacist Regina Jollivette Frazier was born on September 30, 1943, in Miami, Florida to pharmacist Cyrus Martin Jollivette, who founded Liberty City's Community Drug Store in 1948, and teacher Frances Reeves Jollivette Chambers, the youngest daughter of *The Miami Times* founder Henry E. S. Reeves. Frazier graduated valedictorian from Northwestern Senior High School in 1961, Frazier received her B.S. degree in pharmacy from Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1966, and her M.B.A. degree from the University of Miami in 1983.

In 1968, Frazier accepted a pharmacist position at Peoples Drug and the National Association of Retired Teachers & American Association of Retired Persons Drug Service. In 1970, she returned to Miami as senior pharmacist for the University of Miami Hospital and Clinics. Three years later, Frazier was promoted to Director of Pharmacy, a position she held until she retired in 2007. As Director of Pharmacy, Frazier also served as a Preceptor for the University of Florida's College of Pharmacy as well as a Clinical Field Instructor for Florida A&M University's College of Pharmacy.

Frazier served on numerous boards, including the United Way of Miami-Dade, New World School of the Arts, National Coalition on Black Voter Participation, the Commonwealth Institute, YWCA of Greater Miami-Dade, of which she is a life member, Miami-Dade County Addiction Services, University of Miami Medical Sciences Subcommittee for the Protection of Human Subjects, and Breakthrough Miami. She was also chairperson of the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, which awarded her the Thanks Badge, and the Miami-Dade County Zoning Appeals Board.

She joined The Links, Incorporated, in 1970, and served as National President from 1986 until 1990, and is the youngest person to hold the position. While National President, she chartered the organization's first international chapter in Nassau, Bahamas. Frazier also holds membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Orange Bowl Committee, and the International Woman's Forum.

Frazier was also active with the Association of Black Health-Systems Pharmacists, from which she received the

Pharmacist of the Year award in 1990, the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, and the National Pharmaceutical Association.

Frazier received numerous recognitions, including Florida Memorial College's Sarah A. Blocker Meritorious Community Service Award; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Beta Lambda Chapter's Distinguished Community Service Award; Women's Committee of 100 Trail Blazer Award; Women in Communication's Community Headliner Award; Bronze Medallion of The National Conference of Christians and Jews; Anti-Defamation League's Woman of Achievement Award; In the Company of Women Award; United Way Starfish Award; Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists' Meritorious Service Award; and Red Cross's Sara Hopkins Woodruff Spectrum Award in Community Service.

She was also cited as one of *Ebony* magazine's One Hundred Most Influential Black Americans from 1987 to 1990, and in 1988, as one of *Dollars and Sense* magazine's selection of America's Top 100 Black Business and Professional Women.

Frazier and her husband have three children: Ronald Eugene II, Robert Christophe, and Rozalynn Suzanne.

Regina Jollivette Frazier was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 8, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Regina Jollivette Frazier was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 8, 2017, in Miami, Florida, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Pharmacist Regina Jollivette Frazier (1943 - ) worked at the University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics in the pharmacy department for thirty-seven years.

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### Restrictions on Access

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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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Persons:

Frazier, Regina Jollivette, 1943-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

**Subjects:**

African Americans--Interviews

Frazier, Regina Jollivette, 1943- --Interviews

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**Organizations:**

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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**Occupations:**

Pharmacist

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**HistoryMakers® Category:**

MedicalMakers

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**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).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Regina Jollivette Frazier, Section A2017\_049\_001\_001, TRT: 1:28:14 ?

Regina Jollivette Frazier was born on September 30, 1943 in Miami, Florida to Frances Reeves Jollivette and Cyrus Jollivette, Sr. Her maternal grandparents, Henry E.S. Reeves and Rachel Cooper Reeves, migrated to Miami from the Bahamas in 1919. Her maternal grandfather was a printer and the founder of The Miami Times, which was the first black newspaper in South Florida. Her mother graduated from Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, and became the principal of Miami's Holmes Elementary School. Frazier's paternal grandparents, Regina Conner Jollivette and Frank Jollivette, raised six children in Baldwin, Louisiana, where her grandfather worked as a plumber. Jollivette's father studied pharmacy at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana. After graduation, he briefly lived in Port Arthur, Texas, and was then recruited to work as a pharmacist at E.A. Ward's Community Drug Store in Miami. There, he met Frazier's mother, whom he married in 1942.

Video Oral History Interview with Regina Jollivette Frazier, Section A2017\_049\_001\_002, TRT: 2:31:24 ?

Regina Jollivette Frazier began her education at the segregated Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School, which was located in the Overtown neighborhood of Miami, Florida. Frazier lived in Overtown until she was six years old, when her family moved to Liberty City, another historically black community. Liberty City was home to her maternal grandfather's newspaper, The Miami Times, as well as her father's Community Drug Store. Frazier continued her education at the Holy Redeemer Catholic School, which was predominantly black. She later returned to public school at Miami Northwestern Senior High School, where she joined the National Honor Society and served as president of the student council. After graduating as valedictorian in 1961, Frazier enrolled at Howard University. She decided to study pharmacy like her father, Cyrus Jollivette, Sr., who died in a fishing accident the previous year. Frazier also talks about traveling in the South, and remembers her maternal grandfather, Henry E.S. Reeves.

Video Oral History Interview with Regina Jollivette Frazier, Section A2017\_049\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:42 ?

Regina Jollivette Frazier's brother, Cyrus Jollivette, Jr., encouraged her to study pharmacy so that she could take over their late father's Community Drug Store in Miami, Florida. She agreed, and enrolled in the College of Pharmacy at Howard University in the fall of 1961. While in school, she joined a steering committee that was formed to address the issue of civil rights demonstrations on campus. Like the administration, Frazier felt that campus protests compromised the learning environment of the university. She was opposed by activists like Stokely Carmichael, who was a vocal student leader at the time. During her

studies, Frazier also worked as an intern at Peoples Drug in Washington, D.C. In 1966, she graduated and married Ronald Frazier. In 1969, they had their first child, Ronald Frazier II, and relocated to Miami, Florida. There, Frazier accepted a position as a pharmacist at the University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics.

Video Oral History Interview with Regina Jollivette Frazier, Section A2017\_049\_001\_004, TRT: 4:31:37 ?

Regina Jollivette Frazier was hired as a staff pharmacist at the University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics, and was promoted to director in 1973. She helped found the black caucus of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, which formed in 1978 to address the underrepresentation of African Americans in the pharmacy profession. In addition to her career as a pharmacist, Frazier followed in her mother's footsteps and joined The Links, Incorporated. She was elected national president of the organization in 1986, and was the first Heir-o-Link to serve in that capacity. During her presidency, Frazier chartered the first international chapters of The Links in Nassau, Bahamas and Frankfurt, Germany. She also partnered with the Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and Jack and Jill of America to create Project L.E.A.D.: High Expectations, which was a program for children that focused on preventing drug use. Frazier completed her presidential term in 1990, and remained an active member of The Links.

Video Oral History Interview with Regina Jollivette Frazier, Section A2017\_049\_001\_005, TRT: 5:27:53 ?

Regina Jollivette Frazier implemented a program called Art Detectives with help from the Greater Miami Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, The Children's Trust and the Perez Art Museum. The initiative focused on improving relations between the Miami-Dade Police Department and youth in the community. Frazier was also a member of the Orange Bowl Committee. She remained an active member of The Links, Incorporated and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the time of the interview. In 2007, Frazier retired from the pharmacy of the University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics, where she served as director for over thirty years. At this point in the interview, Frazier reflects upon her life and career, as well as her concerns for the African American community. She also talks about her family, including her uncle, Garth Reeves. Frazier concludes this part of the interview by describing how she would like to be remembered.

Video Oral History Interview with Regina Jollivette Frazier, Section A2017\_049\_001\_006, TRT: 6:10:55 ?

Regina Jollivette Frazier narrates her photographs.