

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Anthony Jackson

Overview of the Collection

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| Repository: | The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com |
| Creator: | Jackson, Anthony, 1946- |
| Title: | The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Anthony Jackson, |
| Dates: | June 15, 2017 |
| Bulk Dates: | 2017 |
| Physical Description: | 4 uncompressed MOV digital video files (1:17:03). |
| Abstract: | Professor Anthony Jackson (1946 - 2019) co-founded the National Black MBA Association and served as an accounting professor for thirty years at institutions like Miami University in Oxford, Virginia and Hampton University in Virginia. Jackson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 15, 2017, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview. |
| Identification: | A2017_112 |
| Language: | The interview and records are in English. |

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Professor Anthony Jackson was born on June 20, 1946 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Geneva Jackson and Houston Jackson. He attended Washburn Elementary School in Cincinnati. While briefly living in Cleveland, Ohio, Jackson attended Frederick Douglass Elementary School and Empire Junior High School. He then returned to Cincinnati where he graduated from Hughes STEM High School in 1964. As a member of the school's track and basketball teams and the starting quarterback of the football team, Jackson received a full athletic scholarship to the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. There, he served as the first president of the United Black Student Association. Jackson earned his B.B.A. degree in accounting from the University of Cincinnati in 1968, and received his M.B.A. degree in finance from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1970. He later earned his Ph.D. degree in accounting from the University of Cincinnati in 1985.

Jackson was invited to training camp for the San Francisco 49er's football team, but was cut from the team and enrolled in graduate school. While there, Jackson helped establish the National Black MBA Association and helped organize the first annual conference in Chicago, Illinois that included twenty-six schools, two representatives from each school, area business persons, university deans and academic administrators. Jackson also worked with the Breadbasket Commercial Association, Inc. that helped support local black businesses in Chicago, Illinois, and co-founded an accounting practice with James Hill, Jr. After earning his Ph.D. degree, Jackson became a professor of accounting at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and remained for three years until he accepted a position at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where he served as chair of the accounting department. He also held faculty positions at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana; Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois; and Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia. In 1998, Jackson secured a teaching position at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, where he remained until his retirement in 2005.

Jackson and his wife, Ellen Jackson, have two children; Anthony Jackson, Jr. and Meghan Jackson.

Anthony Jackson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 15, 2017.

Jackson passed away on October 11, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Anthony Jackson was conducted by Harriette Cole on June 15, 2017, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was recorded on 4 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Professor Anthony Jackson (1946 - 2019) co-founded the National Black MBA Association and served as an accounting professor for thirty years at institutions like Miami University in Oxford, Virginia and Hampton University in Virginia.

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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:

Jackson, Anthony, 1946-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Jackson, Anthony, 1946- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Association Chief Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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 Anthony Jackson, Section A2017_112_001_001, TRT: 1:28:03 ?
Anthony Jackson was born on June 20, 1946 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Geneva Jackson and Houston Jackson. Both of Jackson's parents were born in Alabama, and migrated to Cincinnati with their respective families. Although they

divorced shortly after his birth, his father remained a part of his life. As a young child, Jackson moved around frequently with his mother and maternal grandmother. He attended the integrated Washburn Elementary School, the all-black Frederick Douglass Elementary School and Empire Junior High School during a brief stay in Cleveland, Ohio. He returned to live in one of Cincinnati's segregated communities, where the white and black residents lived on opposite sides of the street. At Hughes High School, he ran track and played basketball. Jackson was also the starting quarterback of the football team, and later received a full athletic scholarship at the University of Cincinnati. There, he majored in accounting, and served as the first president of the United Black Student Association.

Video Oral History Interview with Anthony Jackson, Section A2017_112_001_002, TRT: 2:28:31 ?

Anthony Jackson was exempt from military duty during the Vietnam War because he did not meet the physical requirements. In 1968, he graduated from the University of Cincinnati; and that summer, was invited to the San Francisco 49er's training camp, although he was quickly cut from the team. In the fall, he studied accounting and finance at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. While there, he helped establish the National Black MBA Association (NBMBA). The organization was comprised of black M.B.A. students from across the country, and convened annually to discuss issues of representation and opportunities for African Americans in business. Its early members included Karen Williamson, William Preston and George Bradshaw. Jackson also worked with the Breadbasket Commercial Association, Inc., and co-founded an accounting practice with James Hill, Jr. After graduating with his M.B.A. degree, Jackson pursued his Ph.D. at the University of Cincinnati, where he developed an interest in teaching.

Video Oral History Interview with Anthony Jackson, Section A2017_112_001_003, TRT: 3:13:49 ?

Anthony Jackson graduated with his Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. He went on to teach at several institutions like Miami University in Oxford, Ohio; Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana; Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois; and Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where he was the chair of the accounting department. In 1998, he secured a teaching position at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, where he remained until his retirement in 2005. He and his wife had two children; teacher Anthony Jackson, Jr. and pediatrician Meghan Jackson. Jackson reflects upon his life and legacy, and shares his advice to aspiring African American entrepreneurs.

Video Oral History Interview with Anthony Jackson, Section A2017_112_001_004, TRT: 4:06:40 ?

Anthony Jackson narrates his photographs.