

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Charles O. Stewart

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Stewart, Charles O., 1949-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Charles O. Stewart,
Dates:	September 18, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:50:08).
Abstract:	Bank executive Charles O. Stewart (1949 -) founded the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame and served as executive vice president of Regions Bank. Stewart was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 18, 2017, in Little Rock, Arkansas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_171
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Bank executive Charles O. Stewart was born on February 27, 1949 in Sweet Home, Arkansas to Ola Stewart and Frank Stewart. He graduated from Horace Mann High School in Little Rock, Arkansas and received his B.A. degree in sociology and political science from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock in Little Rock, Arkansas, his graduate certificate in business from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1979, and his certificate in lending from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Stewart worked in accounting for the Teletype Corporation from 1968 to 1971 before being hired at First Commercial Bank as a financial officer. In 1981, he was promoted to senior vice president. In 1997, he left First Commercial Bank and joined Regions Financial Corporation as senior vice president and corporate director of community development and served there for ten years. In 2007, he was promoted to executive vice president of Regions Bank and then he became interim chief executive officer of Heifer International in 2009. In 2014, he founded Stewart Real Estate Development and served as its chief executive officer.

Stewart was a founding board member of Little Rock Preparatory Academy and also served on the board of Heifer International as chair and vice chair as well as on the boards of the Federal Small Business Advisory Council, the Arkansas Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Foundation, Arkansas Repertory Theater, Philander Smith College, the Health Policy Board of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, and the Arkansas State Police Commission. He was also an advisory board member of the National Institutes of Health of Washington, D.C, and on the boards for the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Higher Education. He also served as the founder and chair of the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame.

Stewart has earned many honors including the NAACP Black Corporate Executive Award, The Empowerment Award from the African Women's Health Project International, the Mrs. David Terry Humanitarian Award, the Outstanding Young Executive Award from the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, the President's Award from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian

Award, and in 2006, the executive conference room at Heifer International was named in his honor.

Charles O. Stewart was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 18, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Charles O. Stewart was conducted by Randall Pinkston on September 18, 2017, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Bank executive Charles O. Stewart (1949 -) founded the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame and served as executive vice president of Regions Bank.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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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:

Stewart, Charles O., 1949-

Pinkston, Randall (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Stewart, Charles O., 1949- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Bank Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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 Charles O. Stewart, Section A2017_171_001_001, TRT: 1:26:11
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Video Oral History Interview with Charles O. Stewart, Section A2017_171_001_002, TRT: 2:29:18
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Video Oral History Interview with Charles O. Stewart, Section A2017_171_001_003, TRT: 3:26:53
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Video Oral History Interview with Charles O. Stewart, Section A2017_171_001_004, TRT: 4:29:13
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Video Oral History Interview with Charles O. Stewart, Section A2017_171_001_005, TRT: 5:29:02
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Video Oral History Interview with Charles O. Stewart, Section A2017_171_001_006, TRT: 6:16:54
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Video Oral History Interview with Charles O. Stewart, Section A2017_171_001_007, TRT: 7:12:37
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