

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Spencer Haywood

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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>	Haywood, Spencer, 1949-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood,
<b>Dates:</b>	October 11, 2017
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:37:28).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Basketball player Spencer Haywood (1949 - ) was a four-time NBA All-Star and Olympic Gold Medalist and played on the Denver Rockets, Seattle Supersonics, New York Knicks, New Orleans Jazz, Los Angeles Lakers and the Washington Bullets. Haywood was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 11, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_180
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Basketball player Spencer Haywood was born on April 22, 1949 in Silver City, Mississippi. After graduating from Pershing High School in Detroit, Michigan in 1967, Haywood attended Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad, Colorado. Haywood was selected to play on the United States men's basketball team in the 1968 Mexico City Olympic Games and won a gold-medal for the United States. In 1969, Haywood transferred to the University of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan for his sophomore year. After experiencing racial discrimination on the University of Detroit basketball team, Haywood decided to leave college and play basketball professionally.

In 1969, Haywood played for the American Basketball Association's (ABA) Denver Rockets. In 1970, at the age of twenty-one Haywood was voted ABA Rookie of the Year, Haywood signed with the National Basketball Association's (NBA) Seattle Supersonics. At the time, the NBA prohibited teams from drafting players who were less than four years out of high school. Supersonics owner, Sam Schulman, and Haywood filed an anti-trust lawsuit against the NBA. The case reached the U.S. Supreme Court (Haywood v. National Basketball Association), which ruled in Haywood's favor. The NBA subsequently changed their policy, allowing younger players to enter the NBA draft if they could provide evidence of "hardship." Haywood played a total five seasons with the Seattle Supersonics. He was traded to the New York Knicks in 1975. In 1979, Haywood transferred to the Los Angeles Lakers, playing for a single season before moving to Italy to play basketball for an Italian league in 1980. After returning to the United States, Haywood played for the Washington Bullets. He retired from professional basketball in 1983. Haywood published his autobiography, entitled *Spencer Haywood: The Rise, The Fall, The Recovery* in 1992.

Over the course of his career with the NBA, Haywood made four NBA All-Star Teams, two All-NBA First Teams, and two All-NBA Second Teams. He retired from the NBA with a total of 14,592 career points and 7,038 rebounds. Haywood was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015.

Spencer Haywood has three daughters.

Spencer Haywood was interviewed by *TheHistoryMakers* on October 11, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Spencer Haywood was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 11, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Basketball player Spencer Haywood (1949 - ) was a four-time NBA All-Star and Olympic Gold Medalist and played on the Denver Rockets, Seattle Supersonics, New York Knicks, New Orleans Jazz, Los Angeles Lakers and the Washington Bullets.

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### 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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Haywood, Spencer, 1949-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Haywood, Spencer, 1949- --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:

Basketball Player

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

SportsMakers

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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 Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_001, TRT: 1:28:20  
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Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_002, TRT: 2:30:02  
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- Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:18 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:13 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:29 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_006, TRT: 6:28:51 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_007, TRT: 7:27:25 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_008, TRT: 8:28:29 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_009, TRT: 9:27:34 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Spencer Haywood, Section A2017\_180\_001\_010, TRT: 10:19:47 ?