

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Patterson, Alonzo B., 1937-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson,
Dates:	May 18, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:16:19).
Abstract:	Religious leader Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson (1937 -) served as the pastor at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska for forty-seven years, and was the founder of Shiloh Community Development, Incorporated. Patterson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 18, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_095
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Religious leader Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson was born on November 5, 1937 in Wilson, Louisiana to Alonzo Patterson Sr. and Susie Milligan Patterson. Patterson enlisted in the military in 1955, and was sent to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1962, where he was stationed until his retirement from the military in 1966. In 1974, Patterson earned his B.A. degree in psychology at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He later earned his D.Div. degree from the American Bible Institute in Kansas.

After retiring from the military, Patterson founded and served as pastor of Corinthians Baptist Church in Fairbanks. In 1970, he relocated to Anchorage, becoming the pastor at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, the largest African American congregation in the city. Under his leadership, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church became a member of the National Baptist and American Baptist Conventions, and expanded their facilities to include an educational wing, a youth and family support center, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Life Center. In 1996, Patterson became the coordinator of the American Baptist Missionary Society's Alaskan Ministries; and in 2001, he founded Shiloh Community Development Incorporated, a non-profit organization that provided mentoring, education, and other services to disadvantaged youth in Anchorage. Patterson was also the founder of Bridge Builders, and a youth mentoring program called Young Lions of America. Under his pastorate, Patterson licensed and ordained more than fifty-five individuals, and mentored hundreds of deacons and deaconesses. Patterson retired as head pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in 2017 after forty-seven years of service, remaining as pastor emeritus.

Patterson became the chairperson of the Alaskan State Board of Parole in 1984. He also served as chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of Alaska, the Alaska Black Leadership Conference, and the Greatland State Baptist Convention. In addition to his role as president of the board of directors for Shiloh Community Development, Incorporated, Patterson also served as the director of Alaska Ministries for The American Baptist Churches, USA, and as the executive minister for The Alaska Baptist Churches. In 2015, the Alonzo B. Patterson

Job Placement and Workforce Development Center was named in his honor. Patterson was named Alaskan of the Week by U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan in October 2017.

Patterson and his wife, Shirley, have five children.

Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 18, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 18, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Religious leader Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson (1937 -) served as the pastor at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska for forty-seven years, and was the founder of Shiloh Community Development, Incorporated.

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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:

Patterson, Alonzo B., 1937-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Patterson, Alonzo B., 1937- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Religious Leader

HistoryMakers® Category:

ReligionMakers

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 Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson, Section A2018_095_001_001,

TRT: 1:30:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson, Section A2018_095_001_002,
TRT: 2:28:59 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson, Section A2018_095_001_003,
TRT: 3:28:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson, Section A2018_095_001_004,
TRT: 4:28:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson, Section A2018_095_001_005,
TRT: 5:27:06 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson, Section A2018_095_001_006,
TRT: 6:31:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Alonzo B. Patterson, Section A2018_095_001_007,
TRT: 7:21:26 ?