

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Eleanor Louise Andrews

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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>	Andrews, Eleanor, 1944-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews,
<b>Dates:</b>	March 2, 2020 and May 21, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018 and 2020
<b>Physical Description:</b>	13 uncompressed MOV digital video files (6:10:24).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Civic leader and municipal administrator Eleanor Andrews (1944- ) was commissioner of administration for the State of Alaska from 1983 to 1986. She founded The Andrews Group in 1987, and co-founded the Anchorage Urban League in 2006. Andrews was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 2, 2020 and May 21, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_101
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Civic leader and municipal administrator Eleanor Andrews was born on April 12, 1944 in Los Angeles, California to Jimmie Williams and Muriel Williams Poole. She received her diploma from Compton High School in 1962, and completed courses in general education and public administration at California State University, Los Angeles and the University of Alaska.

Upon moving to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1965, Andrews worked in various part time positions before becoming a youth counselor at the McLaughlin Youth Center for the State of Alaska in 1968. From 1975 to 1979, she served as a union representative and negotiator for the Alaska Public Employees Association. In 1980, she was hired as the union representative and negotiator for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547. In this role, she advocated for safety precautions, and fought to preserve the rights of electrical and communications workers, as well as local government employees and health care industry employees. In 1982, Andrews served as manager and director of human resources of the Municipality of Anchorage, where she handled over 3,500 employees. Serving as commissioner of administration for the State of Alaska from 1983 to 1986, Andrews was responsible for managing an annual operating budget of over \$250 million, developing policy, and providing administrative support for the state government. In 1987, she established The Andrews Group, which offered assistance to small businesses pursuing U.S. government contracts. Andrews retired in 2007.

Andrews has received many awards including an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Alaska Anchorage and the ATHENA Society Leadership Award from the Anchorage ATHENA Society. Andrews served as the chancellor's advisor to the University of Alaska, Anchorage from 2000 to 2012, and on the Alaska Judicial Council from 2000 to 2007. She helped found the Anchorage Urban League affiliate unit in 2006, serving as its board chair in 2007. Additionally, she served on boards of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Providence Alaska Foundation and Commonwealth North, Inc. In 2014, she was inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame.

Andrews resides in Alaska, and was married to Franklin S. Andrews.

Eleanor Andrews was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 21, 2018 and March 2, 2020.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 2, 2020 and May 21, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska, and was recorded on 13 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Civic leader and municipal administrator Eleanor Andrews (1944- ) was commissioner of administration for the State of Alaska from 1983 to 1986. She founded The Andrews Group in 1987, and co-founded the Anchorage Urban League in 2006.

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## 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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Andrews, Eleanor, 1944-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Andrews, Eleanor, 1944- --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:

Civic Leader

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# HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

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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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, March 2, 2020 and May 21, 2018. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## 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 Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_001\_001, TRT: 1:26:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_001\_003, TRT: 3:30:20 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_001\_005, TRT: 5:26:00 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_002\_006, TRT: 1:29:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_002\_007, TRT: 7:31:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_002\_008, TRT: 8:31:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_002\_009, TRT: 9:29:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_002\_010, TRT: 10:30:29 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_002\_011, TRT: 11:30:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_002\_012, TRT: 12:29:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Eleanor Louise Andrews, Section A2018\_101\_002\_013, TRT: 13:16:18 ?