

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr.

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Pierce, Joseph A., 1935-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr.,
Dates:	June 8, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:14:34).
Abstract:	Anesthesiologist Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr. (1935-) served in private practice for Anesthesia Consultants in San Antonio, Texas and was the co-founder of San Antonio Ethnic Arts Society in 1983, and Premier Artworks, Inc. in 1990 with his wife Aaronetta. Pierce was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 8, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_121
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Anesthesiologist Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr. was born on August 13, 1935 in Marshall, Harrison County, Texas to Joseph A. Sr., and Juanita George Pierce. He attended Oglethorpe Elementary School in Atlanta, Georgia. Pierce graduated from Jack Yates High School, in Houston, Texas in 1952. He joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Honor Society in 1955 at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas where he received his B.S. degree in chemistry in 1957, and his father Joseph Pierce, Sr. served as dean of the graduate school in 1952; and later, president in 1967. He earned his M.D. degree in medicine in 1961 from Meharry Medical College of Medicine, in Nashville, Tennessee. Pierce completed his internship at GW Hubbard Hospital of Meharry College of Medicine.

Pierce entered the United States Army in 1962. He completed a residency in anesthesiology at Brooke General Hospital/Fort Sam Huston in San Antonio in 1967, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel and he completed a tour of duty in West Germany from 1967 to 1970. Then, in 1970, Pierce received his Texas State medical license and entered into private practice with Anesthesia Consultants in San Antonio, and joined the American Medical Association.

Pierce and his wife, Aaronetta, co-founded the San Antonio Ethnic Arts Society in 1983 to increase the awareness and understanding of visual art of African American ancestry. They also started Premier Artworks, Inc., specializing in the marketing and sale of artwork and books by African Americans. Pierce amassed a collection of roughly 8000 books by African American authors, including mostly first editions. Pierce was also a part owner of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs basketball team from 1974 to 1988. Pierce was a life member of the NAACP. His other memberships include the Texas Society of Anesthesiology, the San Antonio Society of Anesthesiology, Bexar County Medical Society and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. Pierce was inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2008.

Pierce and his wife, Aaronetta, have two sons, Joseph and Michael.

Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr. was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 8, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr. was conducted by Larry Crowe on June 8, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Anesthesiologist Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr. (1935-) served in private practice for Anesthesia Consultants in San Antonio, Texas and was the co-founder of San Antonio Ethnic Arts Society in 1983, and Premier Artworks, Inc. in 1990 with his wife Aaronetta.

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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:

Pierce, Joseph A., 1935-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Pierce, Joseph A., 1935- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Anesthesiologist

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

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 Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr., Section A2018_121_001_001, TRT: 1:30:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr., Section A2018_121_001_002, TRT: 2:27:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr., Section A2018_121_001_003, TRT: 3:23:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr., Section A2018_121_001_004, TRT: 4:31:20 ?

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Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr., Section A2018_121_001_006, TRT: 6:28:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr., Section A2018_121_001_007, TRT: 7:28:48 ?

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Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr., Section A2018_121_001_009, TRT: 9:26:12 ?