

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with John Randle

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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>	Randle, John, 1967-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with John Randle,
<b>Dates:</b>	June 18, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:46:43).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Football player John Randle (1967- ) a defensive lineman signed with the Minnesota Vikings in 1990 and the Seattle Seahawks in 2001, he retired in 2004, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2010. Randle was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 18, 2018, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_123
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Football player John Randle was born on December 12, 1967 in Mumford, Texas. He received his B.S. degree in sociology in 1990 from Texas A&I University, in Kingsville, and played defensive lineman for the Javelinas football Division II championship winning team, receiving Little All-American honors.

The Minnesota Vikings invited Randle to training camp, and later signed him to a free agent contract in 1990. In 1991, Randle started in eight games with 8.5 sacks. In 1993, Randle was credited as one of the dominant defensive tackles of his era and went on to his first NFL Pro Bowl after recording 11.5 sacks. He ranked third in the NFL in sacks, with 9.5 through the Vikings' first 11 games in 1994. During this period, Randle recorded double-digit sacks including a career-high and league-leading 15.5 sacks in 1997. Named All Tackle Machine of 1999 by *Tackle: The Magazine*, he was chosen as starting tackle on the NFL Team of the Decade by the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Selection Committee in 2000. Randle recorded 8 sacks and 31 tackles from 2000 to 2001. Having become a free agent, Randle was released by the Vikings and signed a \$25 million contract with the Seattle Seahawks in 2001. He achieved 11 sacks, and went on to the Pro Bowl in 2001. In 2003, Randle, after sustaining injuries the year before, led the Seahawks with 7 sacks in twelve games. That year, Randle acquired his final sack and then retired from professional football in 2004 tied with Richard Dent for the fifth in number of career sacks. His 137.5 career sacks remain the second highest total by a defensive tackle in NFL history, ranking below fellow Vikings legend Alan Page who had a total of 148.5 sacks. Over his career, he was named to seven Pro Bowl squads.

Randle was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame and inducted into the Minnesota Vikings Ring of Honor in 2008. He was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, and his number retired by his alma mater, Hearne High School team in 2010.

Randle has one daughter, Brittany, and he and his wife Candace, have twins, Ryann and Jonathan.

John Randle was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 18, 2018.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with John Randle was conducted by Larry Crowe on June 18, 2018, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Football player John Randle (1967- ) a defensive lineman signed with the Minnesota Vikings in 1990 and the Seattle Seahawks in 2001, he retired in 2004, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2010.

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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:

Randle, John, 1967-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Randle, John, 1967- --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:

Football 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 John Randle, Section A2018\_123\_001\_001, TRT: 1:28:04 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with John Randle, Section A2018\_123\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:22 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with John Randle, Section A2018\_123\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:18 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with John Randle, Section A2018\_123\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:07 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with John Randle, Section A2018\_123\_001\_005, TRT: 5:29:22 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with John Randle, Section A2018\_123\_001\_006, TRT: 6:29:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with John Randle, Section A2018\_123\_001\_007, TRT: 7:30:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with John Randle, Section A2018\_123\_001\_008, TRT: 8:20:54 ?