

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Shawn A. Taylor

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Taylor, Shawn A., 1959-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor,
Dates:	February 17, 2020
Bulk Dates:	2020
Physical Description:	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:20:13).
Abstract:	Franchise owner and operator Shawn A. Taylor (1959-) was a franchise owner of thirty-three Taco Bells for eleven years. Taylor was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 17, 2020, in Houston, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2020_013
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Franchise owner and operator Shawn A. Taylor was born on December 21, 1959 in Chicago, Illinois to Evangeline Katherine Irving. He graduated from Chicago Vocational School in 1978 and went on to receive his B.S. degree in accounting, with distinction, from Purdue University in 1982.

From 1982 to 1987, Taylor worked as a senior staff auditor at Arthur Andersen & Co., LLP in Dallas, Texas. He left Arthur Andersen & Co. in 1987 and went to work for American Express as a personal investment advisor until 1991 when he returned to Arthur Andersen & Co. as the first African American manager. In 1996, he founded Family EATS L.P. as a general partner, president, and CEO of the Taco Bell Franchise in Houston, Texas. Taylor owned, developed, and operated thirty-three Taco Bell locations in Houston, which he successfully sold in 2007. He then became the president and operating partner of Zaxby's Houston, LLC in 2013 and sold his franchise operations in 2019. In 2011, Taylor joined the Houston Baseball Partners, LLC as a limited partner/owner and board member of the Houston Astros. He later sold his interest in the Astros in 2017, but remained as an advisor.

Taylor served on many boards, including the Houston Astros Foundation, Cadence Bank, the accounting advisory council of the University of Texas' McCombs School of Business, the Houston Zoo, the YMCA of Greater Houston, and the Boys and Girls Club of Houston. He was president of the Houston Community College Foundation and a trustee of the Taco Bell/Teen Supreme Foundation. He was also an advisor for Purdue University's Krannert Graduate School of Management, for BBVA Compass Bank in Houston, Texas, and for the finance committee of the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System.

Taylor has received numerous awards throughout his career. Including serving as the commencement speaker for the 226th Purdue University graduation and the 2019 Houston Community College graduation. He was awarded the Krannert Business Leadership Award from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management and the Think Outside the Bun Award by Taco Bell Corporation for his community service following the Gulf Coast hurricanes. He was also named one of the Top 30 Influential Leaders by AACSB International's Global Accrediting Body for

Business Schools and Entrepreneur of the Year by Purdue University's Krannert School of Management.

Taylor has two children, Austin and Erin.

Shawn A. Taylor was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 17, 2020.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Shawn A. Taylor was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on February 17, 2020, in Houston, Texas, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Franchise owner and operator Shawn A. Taylor (1959-) was a franchise owner of thirty-three Taco Bells for eleven years.

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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Taylor, Shawn A., 1959-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Taylor, Shawn A., 1959---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Franchise Owner and Operator

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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 Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_001, TRT: 1:34:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_002, TRT: 2:32:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_003, TRT: 3:30:46 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_004, TRT: 4:28:03 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_005, TRT: 5:30:10 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_006, TRT: 6:31:49 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_007, TRT: 7:30:31 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_008, TRT: 8:29:25 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_009, TRT: 9:34:58 ?
Video Oral History Interview with Shawn A. Taylor, Section A2020_013_001_010, TRT: 10:37:27 ?