

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dorian W. Mullens

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Mullens, Dorian Wesley, 1969-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dorian W. Mullens,
Dates:	March 20, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2022
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:51:50).
Abstract:	Entrepreneur Dorian Mullens (1969 -) has served as CEO of the holding company the Wesley Group, Dorman Energy, Modern Packaging, Sterling Prospect, the computer technology company Afflon, and the international commodities company Valindo. Mullens was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 20, 2022, in Detroit, Michigan. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2022_031
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Entrepreneur Dorian Mullens was born on October 16, 1969 in Buffalo, New York to Lula and Delbert Mullens. He received his B.S. degree in industrial engineering studies in 1992 from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan and his M.B.A. degree with a concentration in finance in 1997 from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Mullens, whose expertise is in manufacturing, worked as a senior financial analyst at Old Kent Bank in Grand Rapids, Michigan from 1998 to 2000. In 1999, he joined Wesley Industries, later Wesley International and the Wesley Group, his family's holding company based in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, as executive vice president. Wesley Industries included New Haven Foundry, Flint Coatings, Yale Powder Coatings, Arnold Defense and Electronics, and Dorman Energy with annual revenues of over \$100 million. He also worked as executive vice president and engineer at the New Haven Foundry iron works, in New Haven, Michigan, which manufactured automotive engine parts, from 1998 to 2002. Mullens worked as president and CEO of Modern Packaging Corporation, which manufactured folding cartons, in Monroe, Michigan from 2001 to 2002, when he founded and worked as president and CEO of Dorman Energy in Jackson, Michigan. From 2003 to 2004, Mullens worked as executive vice president and partner at Arnold Defense and Electronics, a defense manufacturing company. From 2009 to 2012, Mullens worked as president and CEO of Sterling Prospect, which dealt in sales to online universities. Mullens also has served as president and CEO of the computer technology company Afflon, president and CEO of the international commodities company Valindo. In 2015, Mullens and his father founded Proteus Trade and Commodities, partnering with Venezia Food and Beverages in India. In 2017, Mullens joined the advisory firm Hilkiah Group LLC and, in 2019, Mullens became an owner and director of MTB Golf Resort Bhopal Private Limited in Raisen, India. Mullens has also served as a distinguished guest lecturer at Tennessee State University's School of Management as well as on the board of the construction company MJC of Michigan and the board of the India-based artificial intelligence company AIVOT, which he joined in 2015.

Mullens has served as a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. since 1995 and as a member of the Michigan Minority Business Development Council. In 2001, he joined the board of the not-for-profit World Exposure, Inc., where he served as its vice-chairman. In 2020, he joined the board of the youth development not-for-profit Empowered Minds, Inc., where he also has served as its vice-chairman.

Mullens and his wife, Cecelia Mullens, live in Sterling Heights, Michigan. They have two children, Nya and Kalyn.

Dorian Mullens was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 20, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dorian W. Mullens was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 20, 2022, in Detroit, Michigan, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Entrepreneur Dorian Mullens (1969 -) has served as CEO of the holding company the Wesley Group, Dorman Energy, Modern Packaging, Sterling Prospect, the computer technology company Afflon, and the international commodities company Valindo.

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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:

Mullens, Dorian Wesley, 1969-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Mullens, Dorian Wesley, 1969---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Entrepreneur

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 Dorian W. Mullens, Section A2022_031_001_001, TRT: 1:29:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dorian W. Mullens, Section A2022_031_001_002, TRT: 2:29:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dorian W. Mullens, Section A2022_031_001_003, TRT: 3:29:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dorian W. Mullens, Section A2022_031_001_004, TRT: 4:30:38 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dorian W. Mullens, Section A2022_031_001_005, TRT: 5:30:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dorian W. Mullens, Section A2022_031_001_006, TRT: 6:23:17 ?