

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jerry Rice

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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>	Rice, Jerry
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice,
<b>Dates:</b>	July 1, 2022 and October 17, 2013
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2013 and 2022
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:42:02).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Football player Jerry Rice (1962 - ) is widely regarded as the greatest wide receiver in NFL history and one of the greatest football players of all time. He played twenty seasons in the NFL primarily with the San Francisco 49ers, including in three Super Bowl wins, and was named MVP of Super Bowl XXIII. Rice was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 1, 2022 and October 17, 2013, in Menlo Park, California and Palo Alto, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2022_071
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Football player Jerry Rice was born on October 13, 1962 in Starkville, Mississippi to Eddie and Joe Rice. He graduated from B.L. Moor High School in Oktoc, Mississippi in 1980 and enrolled in Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi in 1981.

Under head football coach Archie Cooley at Mississippi Valley State University, Rice played as a wide receiver and was the all-time NCAA leader in receiving touchdowns. He was then drafted by the San Francisco 49ers as the sixteenth pick overall in 1985 under head coach Bill Walsh. Rice played with the San Francisco 49ers in their wins at Super Bowl XXIII in 1988, where he was voted MVP, Super Bowl XXIV in 1989, and Super Bowl XXIX in 1994. Following the 2000 football season, Rice signed with the Oakland Raiders under head coach Jon Gruden. He then briefly played for the Seattle Seahawks in 2004 and the Denver Broncos in 2005 before retiring as a San Francisco 49er later that year. Over his twenty-season career, Rice had fourteen 1,000-yard seasons, 22,895 receiving yards, 1,549 receptions, 208 touchdowns, and played a total of 303 games. In 2019, he co-founded G.O.A.T. Fuel, Inc., an energy drink company where he serves as executive chair.

Rice is widely regarded as the greatest wide receiver in NFL history and one of the greatest football players of all time. He is the career leader in most major statistical categories for wide receivers, including receptions, receiving touchdowns, receiving yards, scrimmage yards, and total touchdowns, holding the postseason records for these statistics, and held the single season records for yards and touchdowns. He scored more points than any other non-kicker in NFL history with 1,256 points. Rice was selected to the Pro Bowl 13 times and named first-team All-Pro ten times, tied for the most by any player. He also was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006, Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, and Black College Football Hall of Fame and Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2010. The NFL honored him as a member of both the NFL 75th

Anniversary All-Time Team and NFL 100th Anniversary All-Time Team. In 1999, The Sporting News listed Rice second behind football legend Jim Brown on its list of "Football's 100 Greatest Players." In 2010, he was chosen by NFL Network's NFL Films production *The Top 100: NFL's Greatest Players* as the greatest player in NFL history.

Rice has co-authored two books about his life: *Rice*, with Michael Silver, published in 1996, and *Go Long: My Journey Beyond the Game and the Fame*, with Brian Curtis, published in 2007. In 2019, he co-authored the book *America's Game: The NFL at 100* with Randy O. Williams.

Rice and his wife, Latisha Rice, live in San Francisco. They have four children, Jaqui Rice, Jerry Rice Jr., Jada Rice, and Brenden Rice.

Jerry Rice was interviewed by *The History Makers* on July 1, 2022.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Jerry Rice was conducted by Larry Crowe and Paul Monusky on July 1, 2022 and October 17, 2013, in Menlo Park, California and Palo Alto, California, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Football player Jerry Rice (1962 - ) is widely regarded as the greatest wide receiver in NFL history and one of the greatest football players of all time. He played twenty seasons in the NFL primarily with the San Francisco 49ers, including in three Super Bowl wins, and was named MVP of Super Bowl XXIII.

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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:

Rice, Jerry

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Monusky, Paul (Interviewer)

Allan, Mark (Videographer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

## **Subjects:**

African Americans--Interviews

Rice, Jerry--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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National Football League.

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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**

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, July 1, 2022 and October 17, 2013. 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 Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_001\_002, TRT: 2:30:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:58 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_001\_004, TRT: 4:33:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_001\_005, TRT: 5:29:20 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_002\_006, TRT: 1:05:06 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_002\_007, TRT: 1:06:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_Rice\_Jerry\_06\_MED\_001, TRT: 1:29:50 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_Rice\_Jerry\_06\_MED\_002, TRT: 2:29:50 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_Rice\_Jerry\_06\_MED\_003, TRT: 2:35:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_Rice\_Jerry\_06\_MED\_004, TRT: 4:29:50 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jerry Rice, Section A2022\_071\_Rice\_Jerry\_06\_MED\_005, TRT: 5:02:48 ?