

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Harold Lewis

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Lewis, Harold, 1947-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis,
Dates:	November 23, 2013
Bulk Dates:	2013
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:07:53).
Abstract:	Restaurant owner and operator Harold Lewis (1947 -) Lewis was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 23, 2013, in Las Vegas, Nevada. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2013_324
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Restaurant owner and operator Harold Lewis and his wife, Tina Lewis, have managed twenty McDonald's restaurant franchises since 1987. Lewis's father was the sole-proprietor of one of the largest African American-owned contracting firms in Los Angeles, California. Following the death of his father at age seven, Lewis' and his mother kept the business going along with an uncle.

In 1972, Lewis met his wife, Tina Lewis, while working in the airline industry. Lewis was employed with United Airlines in management positions in sales and human resources; Tina worked as a flight attendant and an in-flight services instructor with United Airlines and Continental Airlines, respectively. In 1982, Lewis and his wife embarked on their first business venture when they purchased a Sir Speedy Printing franchise in Los Angeles. Lewis co-managed the business for four years and assisted in winning a printing contract with the U.S. Olympics Committee. He and his wife sold the Sir Speedy Printing franchise in 1986 and began the process of becoming McDonald's restaurant franchise owners and operators. In 1987, Lewis and his wife established HRL Group, LLC and opened their first McDonald's restaurant franchise in San Diego, California. From 1987 to 2011, HRL Group, LLC operated twenty McDonald's restaurants.

Lewis has been a leader in the San Diego County McDonald's Operators Association. As a community leader, he has contributed numerous hours and resources to a variety of community organizations and causes. In 1993, Lewis and his wife founded The African American Visionary and Inspirational Leaders (AVAIL) Scholarship Program, which has awarded more than \$550,000 to graduating high school seniors in the San Diego County. In addition, Lewis and his wife have provided scholarships through the Trumpet Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia.

The McDonald's Corporation has recognized Lewis' contributions by bestowing upon him the distinguished "Ronald Award" which honors operators for outstanding service to the community. Lewis is also a recipient of the McDonald's "Outstanding Store Award," one of the companies highest regarded achievements.

Lewis lives in Las Vegas, Nevada with his wife, Tina Lewis. They have three children: Jeremy Lewis (a second generation McDonald's restaurant franchise owner and operator), and twins, Jonathan Lewis and Jennifer Lewis.

Harold Lewis was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 23, 2013.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Harold Lewis was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on November 23, 2013, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Restaurant owner and operator Harold Lewis (1947 -)

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

Restrictions may be applied on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of The HistoryMakers®.

Restrictions on Use

All use of materials and use credits must be pre-approved by The HistoryMakers®. Appropriate credit must be given. Copyright is held by The HistoryMakers®.

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:

Lewis, Harold, 1947-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Lewis, Harold, 1947---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Restaurant 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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis, November 23, 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).

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 Harold Lewis, Section A2013_324_001_001, TRT: 1:32:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis, Section A2013_324_001_002, TRT: 2:29:29 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis, Section A2013_324_001_003, TRT: 3:32:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis, Section A2013_324_001_004, TRT: 4:33:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis, Section A2013_324_001_005, TRT: 5:32:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis, Section A2013_324_001_006, TRT: 6:32:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis, Section A2013_324_001_007, TRT: 7:29:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Harold Lewis, Section A2013_324_001_008, TRT: 8:24:43 ?