

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dominic Ozanne

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Ozanne, Dominic, 1953-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dominic Ozanne,
Dates:	February 13, 2014
Bulk Dates:	2014
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:16:17).
Abstract:	Construction chief executive Dominic Ozanne (1953 -) served as president of the Ozanne Construction Company, one of the nation's first black-owned construction companies. Ozanne was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 13, 2014, in Cleveland, Ohio. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2014_046
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Construction entrepreneur and chief executive Dominic Ozanne was born on April 10, 1953 in Cleveland, Ohio to Betty and Leroy Ozanne. Ozanne earned his B.S./B.A. degree in finance from Boston University in 1975. He then attended Harvard Law School, where he was senior comments editor for the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review and received his J.D. degree in 1978.

Ozanne worked briefly for the law firm Thompson, Hine, & Flory, after which he joined the Ozanne Construction Company as general counsel. His father had founded the company in 1956, making it one of the nation's first black-owned construction companies. In 1990, Ozanne was named president and Chief Executive Officer of the company. He expanded the firm beyond the greater Cleveland area and secured a number of significant contracts for projects such as the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools Rebuilding Program, the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Rebuilding Program, the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Administrative Campus, and the Elkton, Ohio Correctional Facility.

In recognition of his achievements, Ozanne was awarded the 1991 *Engineering New Record* Award for Excellence and served as president of the National Association of Minority Contractors from 1989 to 1990. The Ozanne Construction Company was ranked no. 61 on *Black Enterprise's* list of the top 100 industrial/service companies in 1998, named the Best-in-Class in Workforce Diversity for middle market companies by the Greater Cleveland Partnership in 2011, and listed in the top 100 Construction Management-for-Fee Firms by *Engineering New Record* in 2011. The company is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Ozanne has been a member of a number of civic, educational, and professional groups such as the Case Western Reserve University Board of Trustees, the Cleveland Museum of Art Board of Trustees, the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Advisory Board – Harvard Law School, the Construction Employers Association Board of Trustees, the Lay Finance Advisory Board, Diocese of Cleveland, the St. Ignatius High

School Board of Regents, and member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

Ozanne is married to Gaile Cooper Ozanne and they have four children; Dominic II, Monique, Olivia, and Joshua. Dominic II has worked as a project engineer at the Ozanne Construction Company's New Orleans office.

Dominic Ozanne was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 13, 2014.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dominic Ozanne was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 13, 2014, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Construction chief executive Dominic Ozanne (1953 -) served as president of the Ozanne Construction Company, one of the nation's first black-owned construction companies.

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:

Ozanne, Dominic, 1953-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Ozanne, Dominic, 1953---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Construction Chief Executive

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 Dominic Ozanne, Section A2014_046_001_001, TRT: 1:28:48 ?

- Video Oral History Interview with Dominic Ozanne, Section A2014_046_001_002, TRT: 2:30:00 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Dominic Ozanne, Section A2014_046_001_003, TRT: 3:28:46 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Dominic Ozanne, Section A2014_046_001_004, TRT: 4:30:04 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Dominic Ozanne, Section A2014_046_001_005, TRT: 5:29:21 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Dominic Ozanne, Section A2014_046_001_006, TRT: 6:31:00 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Dominic Ozanne, Section A2014_046_001_007, TRT: 7:18:18 ?