# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with La June Montgomery Tabron

### Overview of the Collection

**Repository:** The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616

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Creator: Tabron, La June Montgomery, 1962-

**Title:** The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with La June Montgomery Tabron,

**Dates:** June 27, 2014

Bulk Dates: 2014

**Physical Description:** 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:34:33).

**Abstract:** Foundation chief executive La June Montgomery Tabron (1962 - ) was the president and

chief executive officer of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where she worked for over twenty-six years. Tabron was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 27, 2014, in East Battle Creek, Michigan. This collection is comprised of the original video footage

of the interview.

**Identification:** A2014 134

**Language:** The interview and records are in English.

# Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Foundation chief executive La June Montgomery Tabron was born in Detroit, Michigan. She was raised in a family of ten children and attended public schools in Detroit. Tabron graduated from Cass Technical High School and went on to receive her B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. She then received her M.B.A. degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and became a certified public accountant and management accountant.

Tabron first worked as an auditor for Plante & Moran PLLC in the mid-1980s. In 1987, she was hired as a financial controller for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. Tabron was soon promoted to assistant vice president for finance and assistant treasurer of the Kellogg Foundation. She was then made vice president for finance and later appointed as executive vice president of operations and treasurer. She also became instrumental in developing the Kellogg Foundation's strategic focus on the educational achievements of young men of color through place-based work in New Orleans, Louisiana and the State of Mississippi. In October of 2013, Tabron was named president and chief executive officer of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, becoming the first woman and African American to head the foundation.

In addition to her work at the Kellogg Foundation, Tabron serves as president of the board of the Western Michigan University Foundation. She is also a board member of the Bronson Healthcare Group, Southwest Michigan First, Battle Creek Community Health Partners, the Mississippi Center for Education Innovation, and the Kellogg Company. Tabron has served on the Kalamazoo Retirement Investment Committee, the Battle Creek Community Foundation Audit Committee, the Council on Foundations' Public Policy Committee, and the Independent Sector Board Development Committee. She is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Management Accountants, and the Foundation Financial Officers Group. In addition, she serves as a member of the Kalamazoo Chapter of the Links, Incorporated.

La June Montgomery Tabron was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 27, 2014.

# **Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with La June Montgomery Tabron was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on June 27, 2014, in East Battle Creek, Michigan, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Foundation chief executive La June Montgomery Tabron (1962 - ) was the president and chief executive officer of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where she worked for over twenty-six 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:

Tabron, La June Montgomery, 1962-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews Tabron, La June Montgomery, 1962---Interviews

# Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

# Occupations:

Foundation Chief Executive

# HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

### 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 La June Montgomery Tabron, June 27, 2014. 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 La June Montgomery Tabron, Section A2014 134 001 001,

TRT: 1:27:53?

Video Oral History Interview with La June Montgomery Tabron, Section A2014 134 001 002,

TRT: 2:29:18?

Video Oral History Interview with La June Montgomery Tabron, Section A2014\_134\_001\_003, TRT: 3:35:38?

Video Oral History Interview with La June Montgomery Tabron, Section A2014\_134\_001\_004, TRT: 4:27:42?

Video Oral History Interview with La June Montgomery Tabron, Section A2014\_134\_001\_005, TRT: 5:32:14?

Video Oral History Interview with La June Montgomery Tabron, Section A2014\_134\_001\_006, TRT: 6:27:58?

Video Oral History Interview with La June Montgomery Tabron, Section A2014\_134\_001\_007, TRT: 7:33:50?