

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with John X. Miller

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Miller, John Xavier, Jr., 1955-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with John X. Miller,
Dates:	August 13, 2014
Bulk Dates:	2014
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:36:53).
Abstract:	Journalist John X. Miller (1955 -) , managing editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, has served as an editor for several newspapers, including The Reporter, The Sun News, the Detroit Free Press, and the Hickory Daily Record. He was also one of the original staff members of USA Today, and served as CEO of The Heat and Warmth Fund. Miller was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 13, 2014, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2014_236
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Journalist John Xavier Miller, Jr. was born on September 11, 1955 in Henderson, North Carolina to John Miller, Sr. and Betty Faison. Miller was raised in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he graduated from R.J. Reynolds High School in 1973. He went on to receive his B.A. degree in journalism from Washington and Lee University in 1977.

Miller began his career with an internship at the *Twin City Sentinel* in the 1970s. From 1978 to 1982, he worked as a copy editor for *The Roanoke Times & World News* and as a sports copy editor for the *Charlotte Observer*. Miller then became an original staff member of *USA Today* when he was hired as the newspaper's sports copy desk chief in 1982. In 1991, he was named executive editor of *The Reporter* in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. In 1996, he was appointed as the managing editor of *The Sun News* in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. From 1999 to 2007, Miller worked at the *Detroit Free Press* and the Detroit Media Partnership (DMP), first as the *Free Press*' public editor, then as the DMP's director of community affairs.

In December of 2007, Miller was named chief executive officer of The Heat and Warmth Fund, a Detroit, Michigan-based nonprofit organization. Three years later, in 2010, he moved to the *Hickory Daily Record*, where he served as editor. In August of 2013, Miller became the first African American managing editor of the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

Miller has served on numerous boards including the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, the Pew Center for Civic Journalism, the Michigan Humanities Council, and various American Society of News Editors and Associated Press Media Editors boards and committees. He was a founding member of the National Association of Minority Media Executives and former board chairman of ARISE Detroit!. He has been a Pulitzer Prize Juror, a facilitator at the American Press Institute in Reston, Virginia, and was the first Donald W. Reynolds Distinguished

Visiting Professor of Journalism at Washington and Lee University in 2005. Miller received the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in 1973 and the Spark Plug Award from the Chicora District BSA in 1997.

John X. Miller was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 13, 2014.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with John X. Miller was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 13, 2014, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Journalist John X. Miller (1955 -) , managing editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, has served as an editor for several newspapers, including The Reporter, The Sun News, the Detroit Free Press, and the Hickory Daily Record. He was also one of the original staff members of USA Today, and served as CEO of The Heat and Warmth Fund.

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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:

Miller, John Xavier, Jr., 1955-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Miller, John Xavier, Jr., 1955---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Journalist

HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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 John X. Miller, August 13, 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 John X. Miller, Section A2014_236_001_001, TRT: 1:29:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with John X. Miller, Section A2014_236_001_002, TRT: 2:27:55 ?
Video Oral History Interview with John X. Miller, Section A2014_236_001_003, TRT: 3:28:36 ?
Video Oral History Interview with John X. Miller, Section A2014_236_001_004, TRT: 4:28:17 ?
Video Oral History Interview with John X. Miller, Section A2014_236_001_005, TRT: 5:27:27 ?
Video Oral History Interview with John X. Miller, Section A2014_236_001_006, TRT: 6:29:24 ?
Video Oral History Interview with John X. Miller, Section A2014_236_001_007, TRT: 7:28:06 ?
Video Oral History Interview with John X. Miller, Section A2014_236_001_008, TRT: 8:08:51 ?
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