

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Veronica Airey-Wilson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Airey-Wilson, Veronica, 1953-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Veronica Airey-Wilson,
Dates:	February 17, 2005
Bulk Dates:	2005
Physical Description:	6 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:52:10).
Abstract:	City council member Veronica Airey-Wilson (1953 -) sits on the Hartford, Connecticut Court of Common Council, where she was the first Jamaican to serve as the city's deputy mayor. She is also the owner of the Airey-Wilson Insurance Group, a full service financial agency. Airey-Wilson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 17, 2005, in Hartford, Connecticut. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2005_052
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

City council member Veronica Airey-Wilson, former deputy mayor of Hartford, Connecticut, was born on August 4, 1953, in Kingston, Jamaica, to Narciso and Clariana Airey. Moving to Hartford in 1960, Airey-Wilson attended both Brackett Elementary School and Arsenal Elementary School. Airey-Wilson was a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the cheerleading team at Weaver High School from which she graduated in 1972. Attending Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York on a full scholarship, Airey-Wilson graduated in 1975.

In 1976, Airey-Wilson was hired by Aetna where she rose from claims adjuster to equal employment opportunity counselor. Leaving Aetna in 1985, Airey-Wilson started her own business, Verjen Boutique, in Hartford's Richardson Mall; she later returned to the insurance business by opening an AllState Insurance Company franchise, which eventually became the Airey-Wilson Insurance Group, a full service financial agency.

In 1994, Airey-Wilson was elected to the Hartford Court of Common Council, where she was the first Jamaican to serve as the city's deputy mayor; in 2003, she served as co-chair of the Youth Workforce Development Task Force. Airey-Wilson has served as an executive member of the Capital Region Council of Government Joint Policy Steering Committee; chair of the Republican State Convention; and an executive member of the Capital Region Council of Government Joint Policy Board. Airey-Wilson was vice president of the Association of Caribbean American Leaders and a member of the NAACP. In addition to her professional activities, Airey-Wilson has raised two children.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Veronica Airey-Wilson was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 17, 2005, in Hartford, Connecticut, and was recorded on 6 Betacame SP videocassettes. City council member Veronica Airey-Wilson (1953 -) sits on the Hartford, Connecticut Court of Common Council, where she was the first Jamaican to serve as the city's deputy mayor. She is also the owner of the Airey-Wilson Insurance Group, a full service financial agency.

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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:

Airey-Wilson, Veronica, 1953-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Airey-Wilson, Veronica, 1953---Interviews

African American politicians--Interviews

African American businesspeople--Interviews

African American women executives--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

Hartford (Conn.). Court of Common Council

Occupations:

City Council Member

HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 2/5/2020 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 Veronica Airey-Wilson, Section A2005_052_001_001, TRT: 0:29:10 2005/02/17

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African American businesspeople--Interviews.

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