

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Alvin Spearman

PERSON

Spearman, Alvin, 1926-2016

**Alternative Names:** Alvin Spearman;

**Life Dates:** August 26, 1926-January 14, 2016

**Place of Birth:** Chicago, Illinois, USA

**Residence:** Chicago, IL

**Occupations:** Baseball Player

## Biographical Note

Al Spearman was born on August 26, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois. Spearman was a member of an amateur baseball team when some friends asked him to join Chicago's Negro League team, the Chicago American Giants. He was a pitcher for the American Giants from 1949-51 in addition to serving as an outfielder in a few games for the Kansas City Monarchs. After leaving the Negro Leagues, Spearman played baseball in Mexico, Canada, and Japan- where he was one of four Americans in the Pacific League. Spearman retired from baseball in 1959 to become a salesperson for the 7-Up Bottling Company. Spearman lived in Chicago. Spearman passed away on January 14, 2016.

## Related Entries

**Kennedy–King College** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Willard Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Du Sable Leadership Academy** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Kansas City Monarchs** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to 1995]

**Baseball Player**

**7-Up Bottling Company** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1971 to ?]

**Salesman**

**Chicago American Giants** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 2001 to 2005]

**Baseball Player**

**Idexx Laboratories** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 2001 to ?]

**Courier**