

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ingrid Saunders Jones

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Jones, Ingrid Saunders, 1945-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones,
Dates:	April 14, 2023 and December 9, 2005
Bulk Dates:	2005 and 2023
Physical Description:	10 Betacame SP videocassettes uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:39:16).
Abstract:	Corporate executive Ingrid Saunders Jones (1945 -) is the Senior Vice President of the Coca-Cola Company, and Chairperson for the Coca-Cola Foundation. Jones has been an effective corporate and civic leader in the Atlanta region as well as globally. Jones was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 14, 2023 and December 9, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2005_261
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Corporate executive Ingrid Saunders Jones was born on December 27, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan to Georgia Ann Lyles Saunders and Homer Leon Saunders. She attended Therkell Elementary School and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1964. Jones studied at Michigan State University and graduated with her B.S. degree in education in 1969. She went on to earn her M.A. degree in education from Eastern Michigan University in 1973. Jones completed her student teaching at Therkell Elementary in her old neighborhood and taught in the Detroit Public Schools until 1974.

Moving to Atlanta, Georgia in 1974, Jones served as executive director of the Child Care Coordinating Council from 1974 to 1977. She was a special assistant to the Atlanta City Council from 1977 to 1978, and from 1978 to 1979, Jones served as a legislative analyst. She was named executive assistant to Atlanta's first African American mayor, Maynard Jackson in 1979 and served until 1982. Joining The Coca-Cola Company in 1982, Jones was appointed vice president of Urban and Governmental Affairs in 1987. Since 1991, Jones has served as chair of the Global Coca-Cola Foundation, which is committed to education and educational outreach programs. As foundation chair, Jones oversees the granting of over \$200 million annually. The foundation funds programs in the United States, Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Jones serves on the boards of numerous worthy organizations including the Woodruff Art Center; the Apollo Theatre Foundation; Clark Atlanta University; the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; Girls Incorporated; the Ohio State University's President's Council on Women; and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University.

Jones was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 9, 2005.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson and Larry Crowe on April 14, 2023 and December 9, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia, and was recorded on 10 Betacame SP videocassettes uncompressed MOV digital video files. Corporate executive Ingrid Saunders Jones (1945 -) is the Senior Vice President of the Coca-Cola Company, and Chairperson for the Coca-Cola Foundation. Jones has been an effective corporate and civic leader in the Atlanta region as well as globally.

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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:

Jones, Ingrid Saunders, 1945-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Jones, Ingrid Saunders, 1945- --Interviews

African American businesspeople

African American businesspeople--Georgia--Atlanta--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Coca-Cola Company

Occupations:

Corporate Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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 Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_001_001, TRT: 0:29:20 ?

Ingrid Saunders Jones was born on December 27, 1945, in Detroit, Michigan. Her mother, Georgia Ann Lyles Saunders, was born in Augusta, Georgia in 1915. Jones' father, Homer Leon Saunders, was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1913. Her parents met at Knoxville College and moved to Michigan to continue their educations. Jones' father earned his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and her mother earned her M.A. degree from Wayne State University in Detroit. Jones' parents moved to the Sojourner Truth Housing Project in Detroit where her mother worked in education and her father managed public housing. Jones' earliest childhood memory is of attending nursery school; and, she recalls shopping on Woodson Avenue in Detroit. Jones attended church at the Shrine of the Black Madonna where she befriended the pastor's daughter, HistoryMaker Pearl Cleage. Jones attended Thirkell Elementary School then Northwestern High School where one of her teachers helped her apply to Michigan State University.

Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_001_002, TRT: 0:12:53 ?

Ingrid Saunders Jones's parents were founding members of the Shrine of the Black Madonna in Detroit, Michigan. Jones was well-prepared for college due to the instruction and support of her high school teacher Eula Cutt. She attended Michigan State University in East Lansing where she participated in the school's NAACP chapter, which was started by HistoryMaker Ernest Green. HistoryMaker Robert Green was a professor at Michigan State at the time. Jones' recalls the death of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 and an encounter with a racist advisor who suggested she get a degree in physical education rather than in an academic subject. After graduating with her B.A. degree in education in 1969, Jones began teaching in Atlanta, Georgia. After her second year of teaching, she decided to pursue graduate studies at Atlanta University. The following year, Jones moved back home to continue her graduate work at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and taught at her former school, Thirkell Elementary

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Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_002_004, TRT: 4:30:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_002_005, TRT: 5:31:31 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_002_006, TRT: 6:31:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_002_007, TRT: 7:32:59 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_002_008, TRT: 8:32:46 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_002_009, TRT: 9:30:30 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Ingrid Saunders Jones, Section A2005_261_002_010, TRT:
10:17:05 ?