

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Louis Dodd

PERSON

Dodd, Louis, 1944-

Alternative Names: Louis Dodd; Louis P. Dodd

Life Dates: February 15, 1944-

Place of Birth: Winona, Mississippi, USA

Residence: Burr Ridge, Illinois

Occupations: Insurance Executive

Biographical Note

Insurance executive Louis Price Dodd was born on February 15, 1944, in Winona, Mississippi, to Willie and Corene Dodd. Dodd graduated valedictorian from Chicago's Dunbar Vocational High School in 1959. He received his B.A. degree in education from Chicago State University in 1963 and has also taken advanced courses at Northeastern Illinois University.

Dodd worked as a Language Arts teacher for the Chicago Board of Education from 1966 to 1971 and was the Director of General Education for Chicago Youth Centers from 1969 to 1971. During this same time period, he was also the Co-Owner and Vice President of Marketing for Bailey's Stamp Works. Since 1971, Dodd has been in the insurance business as an independent agency affiliate of Allstate Insurance. Throughout this time, he has been president and CEO of Dodd's Insurance Agency. Dodd has received numerous awards for his work in the insurance industry and has been Allstate's leading sales agent for the Chicago Metro Region for over fifteen years. From 1977 through 2003, Dodd was the director of Highland Community Bank in Chicago. Building on his success in the insurance industry, Dodd entered the hotel business and is co-owner of three Chicago hotels, The Amber Inn, The Dew Central Motel, and the South Parkway Inn. He is also a partner in two other enterprises, the Rolls Royce Car Wash and Kermit Coleman Medical Center.

Dodd is married to fellow insurance agent Alma Dodd. They have three children: Robert Dodd, Kimberly Yelverton, and Courtney Dodd.

Related Entries

Dunbar Vocational Career Academy High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Chicago State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Edmund Burke Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

University of Nebraska-Lincoln [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Winona High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Allstate Corporation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Insurance Agent

Louis Dodd Insurance Agency [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Independent agent

Bailey's Stamp Works [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Co-Founder

Forrestville Upper Grade Center [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Language Arts Teacher

Montgomery Ward [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Shipping Docks, Warehouse

Esquire Lounge [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Owner

Rolls Royce Car Wash [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Owner

The Amber Inn [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Owner

Dew Central Motel [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Owner

Chicago South Loop Hotel [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Owner

Kermit Coleman Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Owner/Landlord

Dodd's Insurance Agency [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Owner

Highland Community Bank [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member, Stockholder, President

The Guardsmen [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Highland Community Bank [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

President, Board Member

Chicago Assembly [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Chicago Urban League [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

ETA Creative Arts Foundation [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

The Chicagoans [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member