

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with C. T. King-Miller

PERSON

King-Miller, Carolyn, 1947-

Alternative Names: C. T. King-Miller; ;

Life Dates: July 7, 1947-

Place of Birth: Birmingham, Alabama, USA

Residence: San Francisco, CA

Occupations: Archivist; Cultural Activist

Biographical Note

Researcher and activist Carolyn (Tasmiya) King-Miller was born in 1947 and is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. Her father, Floyd King Sr. was a reverend at a Baptist church in Birmingham. King-Miller attended Wenonah High School for three years and then transferred to Jones Valley High School where she graduated in 1965. King-Miller attended Miles College in 1965 and later transferred to Brooklyn College.

King-Miller was the first African American to integrate and graduate from Jones Valley High School in 1965. Her parents successfully petitioned the school board to admit her at the all white school. While there, she suffered from harassment from both her classmates and teachers. The dance was held at a secret location to intentionally exclude her from participating. After high school, she attended Miles College, an all African American school known for its work in civil rights activities, for two years. Later, she transferred to Brooklyn College in New York and studied communications. In New York, she married and had two children. From 1980 to 1989, King-Miller worked as a supervisor at Dean Witter in San Francisco. From 1989 to 1991, King-Miller worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco as a supervisor. She worked at Charles Schwab Company, from 1994 to 1999, as a researcher. In 1999, King-Miller worked at Creative Genealogy Services and Research as a researcher. King-Miller's interest in genealogy extends to her own family, having conducted extensive research on both sides of her family. In 2000, King-Miller worked at Each One Teach One, an employment recruitment service for high school students. She also published, *Mama, I was the only one there!*, about her experience as a student in 1964.

King-Miller has continued her activism with her involvement at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, where she has participated in many events and programming, including a conciliatory forum that coincided with her first-ever appearance at the Jones Valley

High School reunion for alumni from 1961-1969. The forum provided a space for the community to address past events. King-Miller was given the key to the City of Birmingham and honored with a street dedication for her role in desegregation. Her achievements have been recognized by President Bill Clinton, The St. John Missionary Baptist Church and many others. Her oral history is included in institutions such as the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham Black Radio, and the Smithsonian Institute.

King-Miller was interviewed by Larry Crowe on March 7, 2011.

Related Entries

Powderly Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Elementary

Wenonah High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

High School

Brooklyn College [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

n/a

Jones Valley Kinderg-Eighth Grade [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

High School

Miles College [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

n/a

Creative Genealogy [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 199412 to 2011]

Genealogy Research

Chas Schwak Co. [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 199401 to 200510]

Researcher

Federal Reserve Bank [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 198904 to ?]

Supervisor

Morgan Stanley [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 198009 to 198904]

Supervisor

VFW Ladies Aux [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Jones Valley Black History Tour [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

QTI Trailblazers Program [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]