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PRESERVING 20th CENTURY AFRICAN AMERICAN COLLECTIONS WITH 21ST CENTURY SOLUTIONS
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DIGITAL TRANSITIONS
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UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
ENDANGERED COLLECTIONS

Significant aspects of 20th Century African American history are missing from today’s historical record.
TIME IS RUNNING OUT

2300 HistoryMakers are aged 70 & above or deceased.

Most do NOT have a repository.
TO AVOID PERMANENT LOSS
an ACCELERATED response is needed.

- Automated image to text conversion
- Facial recognition
- Artificial intelligence
- Machine learning
DIGITIZE FOR FREE ACCESS 2022 - 2025

- 100-200 personal collections
- Free, easy user access on The HistoryMakers website
PROOF OF CONCEPT DEVELOPED

To address the thorny challenges inherent in this approach

- Intellectual property
- Privacy & publicity rights
- Controls & logistics for handling
INCOMPARABLE, COMPLETE HISTORY

Video Oral History Interview

Biographical Database

Digitized Materials
OPPORTUNITIES:

• Create a replicable model
• Save collections otherwise lost
• Form visual history through unique primary resources
• Partner with Colleges & Universities