THE HIST ORY MAKERS®

THE DIGITAL REPOSITORY OF THE BLACK EXPERIENCE
WHAT IS THE HISTORYMAKERS?

- A 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Educational Institution, Founded In 2000
- The Largest Collection Of African American Video Oral Histories
- A Robust Primary Source Research Database
- A Rich Data-Set For Digital Humanities Exploration & Experimentation
Prior to The HistoryMakers, there was only one other large-scale, methodic attempt to document African American history in the first-person – the WPA Slave Narratives.

Now, The HistoryMakers has carried this tradition from the 20th century forward to the 21st century, joining the stories of the enslaved with the stories of their descendants permanently at the Library of Congress.

Before The HistoryMakers, this important history was hidden from view.
WHO IS A HISTORYMAKER?

A HISTORYMAKER Is An African American By Descent Who:

▪ Has Made Significant Accomplishments In His Or Her Own Life; and/or

▪ Is Associated With A Particular Movement, Organization Or Association And Event Or Time That Is Important To The African American Community.
15 DISTINCT SUBJECT CATEGORIES

- Style Makers: 63 (1.5%)
- Entertainment Makers: 92 (2.2%)
- Military Makers: 95 (2.2%)
- Sports Makers: 98 (2.4%)
- Religion Makers: 115 (2.9%)
- Medical Makers: 156 (4.1%)
- Science Makers: 234 (5.6%)
- Music Makers: 257 (6.3%)
- Political Makers: 272 (7.0%)
- Art Makers: 327 (8.1%)
- Education Makers: 329 (8.3%)
- Law Makers: 337 (12.9%)
- Business Makers: 408 (10.6%)
- Media Makers: 458 (11.4%)
- Civic Makers: 548 (14.4%)
BY THE NUMBERS

The earliest recollection in the Collection: 1700s
Cities and towns where interviews have been conducted: 451
Age of the youngest HistoryMaker at time of interview: 28
Age of oldest HistoryMaker at time of interview: 109
Stories available on The HistoryMakers Digital Archive: 140,000+
Hours of primary source, first-person testimony: 11,000
BY THE NUMBERS

HISTORYMAKERS BY GENDER

38% 1303 Female HistoryMakers
62% 2161 Male HistoryMakers

HISTORYMAKERS BY AGE

AGE RANGE
30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 79-79 80-89 90-99 100+ DECEASED

# of HISTORYMAKERS
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179 INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIBERS
**New York**
Cornell University
CUNY - Lehman College
New York University
Stony Brook University
University of Rochester

**North Carolina**
Duke University
East Carolina University
Johnson C. Smith University
North Carolina A&T State University
Wake Forest University

**Ohio**
College of Wooster
Denison University
Ohio State University

**Oregon**
University of Oregon

**Pennsylvania**
Bryn Mawr College
Carnegie Mellon University
Franklin & Marshall College
Lincoln University
University of Pennsylvania

**Michigan**
Michigan State University
University of Michigan

**Minnesota**
Carleton College
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**Mississippi**
Mississippi Valley State University

**Missouri**
Southeast Missouri State University
Washington University in St. Louis

**New Hampshire**
Dartmouth College

**New Jersey**
Monmouth University
Princeton University
Rutgers University
Vassar College

**New York**
Bard College
Binghamton University
Columbia University

**Rhode Island**
Brown University

**South Carolina**
South Carolina State University

**Tennessee**
Fisk University
Tennessee State University
Vanderbilt University

**Texas**
Prairie View A&M University
Southern Methodist University
Texas Southern University
University of North Texas
University of Texas at Austin

**Virginia**
Blue Ridge Community College
Central Virginia Community College
Christopher Newport University
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Danville Community College
Eastern Shore Community College
George Mason University
## Virginia
- Germanna Community College
- Hampton University
- J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- James Madison University
- John Tyler Community College
- Longwood University
- Lord Fairfax Community College
- Mountain Empire Community College
- New River Community College
- Norfolk State University
- Northern Virginia Community College
- Old Dominion University
- Patrick Henry Community College
- Paul D. Camp Community College
- Piedmont Virginia Community College
- Radford University
- Rappahannock Community College
- Richard Bland College (not part of the VCCS)
- Southside Virginia Community College
- Southwest Virginia Community College
- Thomas Nelson Community College
- Tidewater Community College
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Richmond
- University of Virginia
- University of Virginia’s College at Wise
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Highlands Community College

## Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech
- Virginia Western Community College
- William & Mary
- Wytheville Community College
- Washington and Lee University

## Washington, D.C.
- American University
- Georgetown University
- Howard University

## Wisconsin
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

## Federal Institution
- Library of Congress

## Public Museum
- Getty Research Institute

## Public Libraries
- Alaska Library Network
- Boston Public Library
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
- Chicago Public Library
- Cleveland Public Library
- Dallas Public Library

## Public Libraries
- Detroit Public Library
- Forsyth County Library
- Free Library of Philadelphia
- Houston Public Library
- Los Angeles Public Library
- Lucius Beebe Memorial Library
- Martinsburg-Berkeley Public Library
- Miami-Dade Public Library
- New York Public Library
- New Orleans Public Library
- Saint Paul Public Library
- Shreve Memorial Library

## Educational and Research Institutions
- Institute for Advanced Learning and Research
- Roanoke Higher Education Center
- Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

## K12 Schools
- Archbishop Alter High School
- Conestoga High School
- Cornerstone Christian Academy
- Holy Redeemer Christian Academy
- Matteson School District 162
- Ralph H Metcalfe School
- The Hotchkiss School

## Corporation
- ALIVE
- The Boeing Company
- The Community
- Lincoln Financial Group
The HistoryMakers groundbreaking Digital Archive, developed over the past 17 years, features:

- Mobile Device Compatibility
- Keyword And Faceted Searching
- HD Quality Video
- Metadata-rich Transcripts
- Custom Playlist Creation And Sharing