

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Samuel F. Morrison

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Morrison, Samuel F., 1936-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Samuel F. Morrison,
Dates:	March 7, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:06:05).
Abstract:	Librarian Samuel F. Morrison (1936 -) was chief librarian and deputy commissioner of the Chicago Public Library and served as the director of the Broward County Library. In 2002, he opened the African American Research Library & Cultural Center in Broward County, Florida. Morrison was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 7, 2017, in Miami, Florida. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_046
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Librarian Samuel F. Morrison was born on December 19, 1936 in Flagstaff, Arizona. Morrison received his A.A. degree in English from Compton Junior College in Compton, California in 1955, his B.A. degree in English from California State University in Los Angeles, California in 1971, and his M.L.S. degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Champaign, Illinois in 1972. Morrison completed his studies at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1989.

Morrison served in the United States Air Force from 1955 until 1959. In 1972, he was hired as director of the Frostproof Living Learning Library. Two years later, he joined the Broward County Library System as assistant to the director and was promoted to deputy director in 1976. In 1987, Morrison was hired as chief librarian and deputy commissioner of the Chicago Public Library. Morrison was responsible for the planning, design, and initial construction phases of the Harold Washington Library Center. In 1989, Morrison became the director of the Broward County Library System, which received the accolade of “Library of the Year” by the *Library Journal* and Gale Research in 1996, under his leadership. The year previous, Morrison announced his goal of building the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, which opened in 2002. He retired in 2003. Morrison was the chairman of the Greater Hollywood Arts Foundation, a trustee of NOVA Southeastern University, and served on the Broward County Children’s Service Council. He was a member of Southeast Florida Library Information Network, Bonnet House, Boys and Girls of Broward County, Gold Coast Jazz Society, and the NAACP. Morrison is an honorary life member of the American Library Association and the Florida Library Association.

Morrison received the Publisher’s Award from *Sun Sentinel* in 1997, the Diversity Champion Award from the Urban League in 1998, the NAACP’s President Award in 1998, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science in 1999, the Cato and Margaret Roach Award for Exemplary Human Relations in 2003, and the Citizen Recognition Award from the City of Fort

Lauderdale in 2003.

Samuel F. Morrison was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 7, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Samuel F. Morrison was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 7, 2017, in Miami, Florida, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Librarian Samuel F. Morrison (1936 -) was chief librarian and deputy commissioner of the Chicago Public Library and served as the director of the Broward County Library. In 2002, he opened the African American Research Library & Cultural Center in Broward County, Florida.

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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:

Morrison, Samuel F., 1936-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Morrison, Samuel F., 1936- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Librarian

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

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 Samuel F. Morrison, Section A2017_046_001_001, TRT: 1:28:52 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Samuel F. Morrison, Section A2017_046_001_002, TRT:
2:29:55 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Samuel F. Morrison, Section A2017_046_001_003, TRT:
3:32:23 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Samuel F. Morrison, Section A2017_046_001_004, TRT:
4:28:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Samuel F. Morrison, Section A2017_046_001_005, TRT:
5:28:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Samuel F. Morrison, Section A2017_046_001_006, TRT:
6:27:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Samuel F. Morrison, Section A2017_046_001_007, TRT:
7:10:46 ?