

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr.

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Franklin, John E., 1924-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr.,
Dates:	June 21, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:28:54).
Abstract:	Medical doctor Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr. (1924 -) owned and operated a private practice in Inkster, Michigan for nearly three decades. Franklin was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 21, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_114
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Medical doctor Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr. was born on June 6, 1924 in Barbourville, Kentucky to Sally Lewis Franklin and Stanley Franklin. Franklin and his family migrated to Detroit, Michigan in the early 1930s. In 1942, he graduated summa cum laude from Southeastern High School in Detroit, Michigan becoming the second in his family to earn a high school diploma. He enrolled in night classes at the Detroit Institute of Technology in Detroit, Michigan before enlisting in the U.S. Army. While enlisted, he briefly enrolled at Prairie View University in Prairie View, Texas and later received his B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1949, where he was the recipient of The Bomber Scholarship for WWII veterans. He also received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1953.

Franklin worked for the Ford Motor Company and attended night school before he enlisted in 1942 into the U.S. Army where he served in World War II. Upon completing basic training at Fort Wayne in Michigan, he was transferred to Aberdeen Proving Ground in Baltimore, Maryland. Subsequently, he entered the Army Specialized Training Program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. After two months, he was transferred to Prairie View, Texas and later to the 92nd Infantry Division in Fort Watauga, Arizona as a French horn player and clerk. He served overseas in Italy and later received an honorable discharge. He returned to the U.S. and finished college on the G.I. Bill. After graduation, he completed his surgical residency at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Unable to obtain a surgical position due to racial discrimination, Franklin returned to Michigan and opened a private practice in Inkster, Michigan in 1958. Over the next three decades, Franklin cared for Inkster's African American population. He retired in 1989.

Franklin was also a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Franklin and his wife, Arlena Scott Franklin, had five children: Dr. Michael Franklin, Dr. John E. Franklin, Jr., Dr. Paula Franklin, Attorney Renee Franklin Hill, and Dennis Wallace Franklin (deceased at age 9).

Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr. was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 21, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr. was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on June 21, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Medical doctor Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr. (1924 -) owned and operated a private practice in Inkster, Michigan for nearly three decades.

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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:

Franklin, John E., 1924-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Franklin, John E., 1924- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Medical Doctor

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

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 Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr., Section A2018_114_001_001, TRT: 1:31:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr., Section A2018_114_001_002, TRT: 2:34:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr., Section A2018_114_001_003, TRT: 3:29:52 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr., Section A2018_114_001_004, TRT:
4:29:02 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr., Section A2018_114_001_005, TRT:
5:28:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr., Section A2018_114_001_006, TRT:
6:33:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. John E. Franklin, Sr., Section A2018_114_001_007, TRT:
7:22:13 ?