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.
THE HISTOR YMAKERS FILLS A GAP IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN HISTORY
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

- StyleMakers: 66
- MilitaryMakers: 96
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- ArtMakers: 319
- LawMakers: 330
- BusinessMakers: 344
- MediaMakers: 419
- CivicMakers: 457
- Other: 538
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

Female HistoryMakers: 38% (1370)
Male HistoryMakers: 62% (2212)

HISTORYMAKERS BY AGE

AGE RANGE | # of HISTORYMAKERS
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30-39 | 6
40-49 | 32
50-59 | 237
60-69 | 591
70-79 | 963
80-89 | 522
90-99 | 179
100+ | 8
DECEASED | 926
GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE
ALABAMA
Alabama A&M University
University of Alabama
Tuskegee University

ARKANSAS
Arkansas State University
University of Arkansas
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

CALIFORNIA
Fullerton College
Stanford University
The Claremont Colleges
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Southern California

COLORADO
Colorado State University
United States Air Force Academy

CONNECTICUT
Yale University

DELAWARE
University of Delaware

FLORIDA
Rollins College
Florida A&M University
Florida International University
Palm Beach State College

GEORGIA
Clark Atlanta University
Emory University
Morehouse College
Morehouse School of Medicine
Spelman College

ILLINOIS
Chicago State University
Columbia College Chicago
DePaul University
Dominican University
Governors State University
Northwestern University
Oakton Community College
University of Chicago
University of Illinois, Chicago

INDIANA
Indiana University, Bloomington
Purdue University

IOWA
University of Iowa

KENTUCKY
Bluegrass Community and Technical College
Eastern Kentucky University

LOUISIANA
Dillard University
Grambling State University
Southern University and A&M College
Xavier University of Louisiana

MASSACHUSETTS
Amherst College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Clark University
Harvard University
Lesley University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Northeastern University
Simmons University
Smith College
Tufts University
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Wellesley College
Williams College

MARYLAND
Johns Hopkins University
Morgan State University
Bowie State University
**MAINE**
- Bates College
- Bowdoin College
- Colby College

**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
- University of Missouri, every institution

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**
- Dartmouth College

**NEW JERSEY**
- Monmouth University
- Princeton University
- Rowan University
- Rutgers University

**NEW YORK**
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- CUNY - Lehman College
- New York University
- Pratt Institute
- Stony Brook University
- University of Rochester
- Vassar College
- Wagner College

**RUTHERFORD**
- Brown University

**SOUTH CAROLINA**
- College of Charleston
- South Carolina State University

**TENNESSEE**
- Fisk University
- Tennessee State University
- Vanderbilt University

**TEXAS**
- Prairie View A&M University
- Rice University
- Southern Methodist University
- Texas Southern University
- University of North Texas
- University of Texas at Austin
- Wiley College

**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

**OREGON**
- University of Oregon

**PENNSYLVANIA**
- Bryn Mawr College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Lincoln University
- University of Pennsylvania
| Virginia | Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia State University  
Virginia Tech  
Virginia Western Community College  
William & Mary  
Wytheville Community College  
Washington and Lee University |
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| 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 School | Archbishop Alter High School  
Conestoga High School  
Cornerstone Christian Academy  
Holy Redeemer Christian Academy  
Matteson School District 162  
Niles North High School  
Ralph H Metcalfe School  
The Hotchkiss School |
| Corporation | The Boeing Company  
The Community  
Lincoln Financial Group |
The HistoryMakers groundbreaking Digital Archive, developed over the past 16 years, features:

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