Finding Aid to Pioneers in the Struggle: The History of African Americans in the Illinois Legislature (Chicago 2001)

Overview of the Collection

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Title: Pioneers in the Struggle: The History of African Americans in the Illinois Legislature (Chicago 2001),

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Physical Description: 44 Betacam SP videocassettes (21:14:57).

Abstract: This collection contains footage and detailed records of Pioneers in the Struggle: The History of African Americans in the Illinois Legislature. As part of a $300,000 grant from the State of Illinois, The HistoryMakers produced the educational program entitled Pioneers in the Struggle. Pioneers in the Struggle is a three-part educational package that includes a documentary video, interactive CD-ROM and teachers' curriculum guide that chronicles the little known and fascinating history of African American participation in the Illinois General Assembly from 1877-2001. This is a finding aid for the documentary video. Pioneers in the Struggle traces the history of African Americans in the Illinois General Assembly from the Reconstruction Days of John W.E. Thomas to 2001, when the project was completed. These African American statesmen and stateswomen were responsible for many of the civil rights that today's citizens hold. Pioneers in the Struggle features interviews from former Senate President Emil Jones, Jr., Secretary of State Jesse White, Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, the late Mayor Harold Washington, President Barack Obama, when he was a State Senator and many others who served in the Illinois General Assembly. The HistoryMakers also interviewed political science scholars Charles Branham, Christopher Reed, David Joens, and Dick Simpson for the project. The Pioneers in the Struggle documentary was produced by Julieanna L. Richardson. The HistoryMakers videotaped the following interviews as part of this documentary: State Senators: Ethel Skyles-Alexander, Howard Brookins, Earlean Collins, James Clayborne, Jr., Rickey Hendon, Emil Jones, Jr., Kimberly Lightford, Barack Obama, Alice Palmer, William "Bill" Shaw State Representatives: Larry Bullock, Monique Davis, Mary Flowers, Calvin Giles, Constance Howard, Howard Kenner, Jesse Madison, Charles Morrow III, Sylvester Rhem, Monica Faith Stewart, Arthur Turner, Todd Stroger, Jerry Washington, Paul Williams, Clarence Williamson, Jesse White and Anthony Young.

Identification: S2001_005

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

The HistoryMakers

The HistoryMakers is a national 501(c)(3) non profit educational institution founded in 1999, committed to
preserving, developing and providing easy access to an internationally recognized, archival collection of thousands of African American video oral histories. The HistoryMakers is the single largest archival collection of its kind in the world designed to promote and celebrate the successes and to document movements, events and organizations that are important to the African American community and to American society.

The HistoryMakers is the next methodic and wide-scale collection effort since the WPA Slave Narratives Project from 1936 to 1938. The HistoryMakers goal is to complete 5,000 interviews of both well-known and unsung African American HistoryMakers. In recording messages of leadership, achievement and perseverance embodied in these life stories, The HistoryMakers has disseminates its holdings through traditional and interactive media as well as public programs, special events, an interactive website and a unique digital archive.

The purpose of this archive is to educate the world on the accomplishments of African Americans, show the breadth and depth of this important American history as told in the first person, highlight the accomplishments of individual African Americans, showcase those who have played a role in African American-led movements and/or organizations and preserve these video oral histories for years and generations to come.

Hon. Ethel Skyles Alexander

State representative and state senator Hon. Ethel Skyles Alexander (1925 - ) was known for waving a red handkerchief in the air whenever she wanted to discuss an issue with fellow legislators, and served as vice chair of the Elections and Reapportionment Committee in the Illinois State Senate. She co-sponsored a bill that prohibited state agencies from trading with apartheid-era South Africa and sponsored legislation that toughened child pornography laws.

Hon. Howard Brookins

State senator Hon. Howard Brookins (1932 - ) is the owner of Brookins Funeral Home, and has served in both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois State Senate.

Hon. Larry Bullock

State representative Hon. Larry Bullock (1946 - ) has served a total of four terms in the Illinois House of Representatives, is an ordained minister at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church and is the president of his own construction company.

Hon. James Clayborne

Lawyer and state senator Hon. James Clayborne (1963 - ) Hon. James Clayborne was appointed to complete Senator Kenneth Hall's unexpired term when he died in 1995. Clayborn was then elected in 1997 and sat on the Committees of Appropriations, Commerce & Industry, and Revenue, for which he is the Minority Spokesperson.

Hon. Earlean Collins

City commissioner and county commissioner Hon. Earlean Collins ( - ) was introduced to politics by her former husband Otis Collins. In 1976, Collins became the first African American female to be elected to the Illinois Senate. After twenty years in the Illinois State Senate, Collins was elected to be the Commissioner of the Cook County Board.

Hon. Ray Ewell

State representative Hon. Ray Ewell (1928 - ) served in the Illinois State Legislature until 1983, during which the first Black Caucus was formed. Upon retirement, Ewell began managing his own real estate firm.
Hon. Mary Flowers

State representative Hon. Mary Flowers (1951 - ) started her career in politics as a volunteer for Harold Washington's mayoral campaign and was subsequently elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1985. Flowers represents the 31st District in Chicago focusing on health care and children’s rights legislation, including the Illinois Managed Care Act.

Hon. Calvin Giles

State representative Hon. Calvin Giles (1962 - ) represents the Chicago Westside 8th Congressional District.

Hon. Rickey Hendon

State senator Hon. Rickey Hendon (1953 - ) was elected to the Illinois State Senate, where he served as the Senate Minority Spokesperson of the State Government Operations Committee as well as a member of the Committees on Appropriations and Insurance & Pensions.

Hon. Constance "Connie" Howard

State representative Hon. Constance "Connie" Howard (1942 - ) was the Democratic State Central Committeeperson from the 1st Congressional District, and held a seat in the Illinois General Assembly.

Hon. Howard A. Kenner


Hon. Kimberly Lightford

State senator Hon. Kimberly Lightford (1968 - ) was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 1998. Senator Lightford serves as Minority Spokesperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions as well as Co-Chair of the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.

Hon. Jesse Madison

State representative Hon. Jesse Madison (1939 - ) served in the Illinois House of Representatives, after which he was appointed as the Vice President of Finance and Administration for the National Urban League. He later accepted an appointment as the Commissioner of Consumer Services and Commissioner of the Chicago Park District under Mayor Harold Washington.

Hon. Charles Morrow

State representative Hon. Charles Morrow (1956 - ) represents the 32nd district of Illinois and was first elected in 1987. Prior to that, Morrow worked for People's Gas and the Coca Cola Company for eighteen years.

Hon. Barack Obama

State senator, president, and U.S. senator Hon. Barack Obama (1961 - ) ran for a vacant State Senate seat in 1996, and was successfully elected to represent the 13th Legislative District. In 2004, Obama successfully ran for a seat
in the United States Senate representing Illinois, becoming only the fifth African American Senator in United States history. On November 4, 2008, Obama became the first African American president-elect when he won the election for President of the United States. Obama was sworn-in as U.S. president on January 20, 2009.

Alice Palmer

State senator Alice Palmer (1939 - ) served as the associate dean and director of African American Student Affairs at Northwestern University before replacing Richard Newhouse in the Illinois Senate, where she was a member of the Appropriations II Committee.

Hon. Sylvester Rhem

State representative Hon. Sylvester Rhem (1929 - ) was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, where he served from 1981 to 1985. Rhem also worked for the Department of Human Services for the City of Chicago and A.J. Rhem and Associates, a technology services consulting firm.

Hon. William E. Shaw

State senator and mayor Hon. William E. Shaw (1937 - 2008 ) served in the Illinois General Assembly for twenty years. Ten of those years were spent as a state senator. After leaving the senate, Shaw was elected mayor of Dalton, Illinois. Shaw was instrumental in promoting legislation that would guarantee a minimum of $4,225 to be spent on the education of each child in Illinois.

Hon. Monica Stewart

State representative and state government official Hon. Monica Stewart (1952 - ) was elected to the Illinois General Assembly in 1981, where she served on the Executive and Public Utilities Committees. Since 1994, Stewart has served as the director of the Illinois Office of Trade and Investment in South Africa.

Hon. Todd Stroger

City alderman and state representative Hon. Todd Stroger (1963 - ) was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1992, and served as Chairperson of the Labor & Commerce Committee. In 2006, Stroger replaced his father, John Stroger, as Cook County Board president.

Hon. Arthur Turner

State representative Hon. Arthur Turner (1950 - ) has been an Illinois State Representative since 1981.

Hon. Jerry Washington

State representative Hon. Jerry Washington (1940 - ) represented the 24th District in the Illinois General Assembly, serving as a member of the House Committees on Appropriation, Election, Revenue and others. He was also a member of the 84th General Assembly Special Education Task Force.

Hon. Jesse White

State government appointee Hon. Jesse White (1934 - ) is the first African American to be elected as Secretary of State for Illinois and is the founder of the world renowned Jesse White Tumblers youth tumbling team.

Hon. Paul Williams
State representative Hon. Paul Williams (1953 - ) was voted one of the “10 Best Legislators” by Chicago Magazine, and has been credited with saving high school health clinics from budget cuts. He was also instrumental in establishing the Chicago Housing Authority Police Force, as well as in forming an independent Cook County Public Defender’s Office.

Hon. Clarence Williamson

State representative Hon. Clarence Williamson (1930 - ) served in the Illinois House of Representatives, and has held positions with New York Life Insurance and the Cook County Department of Probation.

Hon. Anthony Young

County circuit court judge and state representative Hon. Anthony Young (1948 - ) was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1984. In 1992, Young left the Illinois General Assembly and became a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Relations Division. Prior to his career in politics, Young was a member of the United States Air Force and practiced law in Chicago.

Scope and Content

This collection contains footage and administrative records Pioneers in the Struggle: The History of African Americans in the Illinois Legislature (Chicago 2001) produced in 2001, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 44 Betacam SP videocassettes. Pioneers in the Struggle traces the history of African Americans in the Illinois General Assembly from the Reconstruction Days of John W.E. Thomas to 2001, when the project was completed. These African American statesmen and stateswomen were responsible for many of the civil rights that today’s citizens hold. Pioneers in the Struggle features interviews from former Senate President Emil Jones, Jr., Secretary of State Jesse White, Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, the late Mayor Harold Washington, President Barack Obama, when he was a State Senator and many others who served in the Illinois General Assembly. The HistoryMakers also interviewed political science scholars Charles Branham, Christopher Reed, David Joens, and Dick Simpson for the project. The Pioneers in the Struggle documentary was produced by Julieanna L. Richardson. The HistoryMakers videotaped the following interviews as part of this documentary: State Senators: Ethel Skyles-Alexander, Howard Brookins, Earlean Collins, James Clayborne, Jr., Rickey Hendon, Emil Jones, Jr., Kimberly Lightford, Barack Obama, Alice Palmer, William "Bill" Shaw State Representatives: Larry Bullock, Monique Davis, Mary Flowers, Calvin Giles, Constance Howard, Howard Kenner, Jesse Madison, Charles Morrow III, Sylvester Rhem, Monica Faith Stewart, Arthur Turner, Todd Stroger, Jerry Washington, Paul Williams, Clarence Williamson, Jesse White and Anthony Young.

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Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons: Production

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Executive Producer)
Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)
Stearns, Scott (Videographer)
Alan-Mann, Douglas (Narrator)

Persons: Featured

Branham, Charles (Interviewee)
Bullock, Larry (Interviewee)
Clayborne, James, Jr. (Interviewee)
Collins, Earlean (Interviewee)
Davis, Monique (Interviewee)
Flowers, Mary (Interviewee)
Giles, Calvin (Interviewee)
Howard, Constance "Connie" (Interviewee)
Joens, David (Interviewee)
Jones, Emil, Jr. (Interviewee)
Kenner, Howard (Interviewee)
Lightford, Kimberly (Interviewee)
Madigan, Michael J. (Interviewee)
Madison, Jesse (Interviewee)
Morrow, Charles, III (Interviewee)
Obama, Barack (Interviewee)
Reed, Christopher (Interviewee)
Rhem, Sylvester (Interviewee)
Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewee)
Shaw, William "Bill" (Interviewee)
Simpson, Dick (Interviewee)
Skyles-Alexander, Ethel (Interviewee)
Stewart, Monica Faith (Interviewee)
Turner, Arthur (Interviewee)
Washington, Jerry (Interviewee)
White, Jesse (Interviewee)
Williams, Paul (Interviewee)
Williamson, Clarence (Interviewee)
Young, Anthony (Interviewee)

Subjects:
African American politicians--Interviews
Daley, Richard J., 1902-1976
Education
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968
Madigan, Michael J.
Politics
Washington, Harold, 1922-1987

Organizations:
HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)
The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection
Illinois. General Assembly.
Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation


Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 2/8/2014 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 additional data pertaining to this special collection.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Program Footage, 2001

Raw Footage (15 Betacam SP Videocassettes)

Raw Footage: Christopher Reed, TRT: 0:31:19

This tape contains an interview with Professor Christopher Reed. It is the first tape out of three. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Christopher Reed, TRT: 0:31:08

This tape contains an interview with Professor Christopher Reed. It is the second tape out of three. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Christopher Reed, TRT: 0:17:30

This tape contains an interview with Professor Christopher Reed. It is the third tape out of three. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Dempsey Travis, TRT: 0:30:28

This tape contains an interview with Dempsey Travis. It is the first of two tapes. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Dempsey Travis, TRT: 0:15:27

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Raw Footage: Charles R. Branham, TRT: 0:26:10

This tape contains an interview with Charles Branham. This is the first tape out of four from the interview. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Charles R. Branham, TRT: 0:29:30

This tape contains an interview with Charles Branham. This is the second tape out of four from the interview. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Charles R. Branham, TRT: 0:29:30

This tape contains an interview with Charles Branham. This is the third tape out of four from the interview. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Charles R. Branham, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains an interview with Charles Branham. This is the fourth tape out of four from the interview. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Dave Joens, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains an interview with Dave Joens called "The Legacy of J. W. E. Thomas". It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Dick Simpson, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains an interview with Dick Simpson. It is the first of two tapes. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Dick Simpson, TRT: 0:11:00

This tape contains an interview with Dick Simpson. It is the second of two tapes. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Illinois Capitol Building, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains footage of the exterior of the Illinois Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois. It also contains footage of a session of the House of Representatives. This is tape one of three. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Illinois Capitol Building, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains footage of the exterior of the Illinois Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois. It also contains footage of a session of the Senate. This is tape two of three. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Raw Footage: Illinois Capitol Building, TRT: 0:08:00

This tape contains footage of the exterior of the Illinois Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois. This is tape three of three. It was filmed as part of the Pioneers in the Struggle program made by The HistoryMakers in 2001.

Master Versions (3 Betacam SP Videocassettes)

Master, TRT: 0:55:46

African Americans have paved their way in Illinois Politics and the proof
can be found in The HistoryMakers' educational product entitled Pioneers in the Struggle. This three-part educational package includes a documentary video, interactive CD-ROM and teachers' curriculum guide that chronicles the little known and fascinating history of African American participation in the Illinois General Assembly from 1877-2001. Pioneers in the Struggle traces the history of African Americans in the Illinois General Assembly from John W.E. Thomas to Senator Emil Jones, Jr. These African American statesmen and stateswomen were responsible for many of the civil rights that citizens hold. The package features interviews from Senator Emil Jones, Jr., Secretary of State Jesse White and many others. This package is being offered free to all Illinois Public Schools.

Master: Condensed Version, TRT: 0:38:08

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Excerpts, TRT: 0:19:30

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Show Elements (4 Betacam SP Videocassettes)

Show Elements: Voiceover, TRT: 1:22:00

This tape contains an unedited version of the voiceover for Pioneers in the Struggle. The recordings on this tape were later edited before being added to the master copy of the program. The voice over is done by Douglas Alan-Mann. There is also an introduction read by Warner Saunders. This tape contains no video footage, it is only audio. This is the first of two tapes.

Show Elements: Voiceover, TRT: 0:21:00

This tape contains an unedited version of the voiceover for Pioneers in the Struggle. The recordings on this tape were later edited before being
added to the master copy of the program. The voice over is done by Douglas Alan-Mann. This tape contains no video footage, it is only audio. This is the second of two tapes.

Show Elements: Voiceover, TRT: 0:23:30

This tape contains a revised version of the voiceover for Pioneers in the Struggle. The recordings on this tape were later edited before being added to the master copy of the program. The voice over is done by Douglas Alan-Mann. This tape contains no video footage, it is only audio.

Show Elements: Voiceover, TRT: 0:35:17

This tape contains a corrected version of the voiceover for Pioneers in the Struggle. The recordings on this tape were later edited before being added to the master copy of the program. The voice over is done by Douglas Alan-Mann. This tape contains no video footage, it is only audio.

Edit Versions (1 Betacam SP Videocassette)

Rough Cut, TRT: 0:54:00

This tape contains a rough cut of the Pioneers in the Struggle program.

Stock Footage (15 Betacam SP Videocassettes)

Stock Footage: Illinois State Historical Library, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains stock footage photographs from the Illinois State Historical Library. This tape contains footage of fifty photographs. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. They are narrated by Scott Stearns.

Stock Footage: Illinois State Historical Library, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains stock footage photographs from the Illinois State Historical Library. This tape contains footage of fifty photographs. This is the second tape out of five. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. They are narrated by Scott Stearns.

Stock Footage: Illinois State Historical Library, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains stock footage photographs from the Illinois State Historical Library. This tape contains footage of fifty photographs. This is the third tape out of five. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. They are narrated by Scott Stearns.

Stock Footage: Illinois State Historical Library, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains stock footage photographs from the Illinois State Historical Library. This tape contains footage of fifty photographs. This is the fourth tape out of five. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. They are narrated by Scott Stearns.

Stock Footage: Illinois State Historical Library, TRT: 0:05:40

This tape contains stock footage photographs from the Illinois State Historical Library. This tape contains footage of five photographs. This is the fifth tape out of five. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. They are narrated by Scott Stearns.

Stock Footage: Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies, TRT:
This tape contains stock footage photographs from the The Vivian Harsh Collection of the Carter G. Woodson Library. This tape contains footage of thirty-five photographs. This is the first tape of two. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. They are narrated by Scott Stearns.

Stock Footage: Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies, TRT: 0:10:30

This tape contains stock footage photographs from the The Vivian Harsh Collection of the Carter G. Woodson Library. This tape contains footage of twelve photographs. This is the second tape of two. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. They are narrated by Scott Stearns.

Stock Footage: National Archives, TRT: 0:20:00

This tape contains stock footage film from the National Archives. It is a silent film showing the inauguration of Franklin Roosevelt. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program.

Stock Footage: DuSable Museum of African-American History, TRT: 0:08:20

This tape contains stock footage photographs of paintings and Branham slides from the DuSable Museum in Chicago, Illinois. These images were used as part of the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program.

Stock Footage: WGN, TRT: 0:14:30

This tape contains a stock footage of WGN news reels. There is footage of Martin Luther King, Jr., Richard J. Daley and Harold Washington. The footage came from the Chicago Historical Society. The footage was used for the Pioneers in the Struggle program.

Stock Footage: Illinois Historical Library, TRT: 0:28:50

This tape contains stock footage of African American Illinois legislators. The images come from the Illinois Historical Library. The footage was used for the Pioneers in the Struggle program. There are thirty-seven photographs on this tape.

Stock Footage: National Archives and Records Administration, TRT: 0:46:02

This tape contains stock footage. The footage comes from the National Archives and Records Administration. The footage was used for the program Pioneers in the Struggle. The tape mostly contains footage of the city of Chicago in the 1960s.

Stock Footage: Chicago Historical Society: Tape 1, TRT: 0:30:00

This tape contains stock footage of archival documents from the Chicago Historical Society. The footage was used in the 2001 production of "Pioneers in the Struggle: The History of African Americans in the Illinois Legislature, 1877-2001." Scott Stearns provides a brief description of most of the documents. The documents are videotaped from several pans and camera angles. The documents captured on this tape are: John Jones freedom certificate; advertisement for slave auction, 1823; illustration featuring Abraham Lincoln giving "Freedom to the Slaves"; "Decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois in Relation to Arrest of Slaves" newspaper article; Union Fire Proof ticket; "The Black Cabinet in the New Deal" title page; Big Bill Thompson political
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cartoon; anti-DePriest campaign literature, 1936; Bill Dawson handbills; "Do You Know Your Black Candidates?" handbill; frontpage of The Broad Ax featuring William Emmett Dever elected mayor of Chicago, 1923; William L. Dawson handbill; "Woolworth's Refuses to Serve Negroes Down South" protest handbill; SCLC-CCCO Chicago Freedom Rally & March poster; William L. Dawson campaign ad; anti-Ku Klux Klan handbill; anti-job discrimination march handbill, 1942; Chicago Fire aid relief handbill, 1871; General Relief Committee appeal for homeless aid handbill; Regular 14th Ward Labor Party Colored Club handbill; plight of black workers seeking employment political cartoon; Davis' Jubilee Singers advertisement, 1874; and Slayton's Jubilee Singers advertisement. This is tape one of three. These documents are owned by the Chicago History Museum. More information about the Chicago History Museum archive and manuscript collections can be found at http://chicagohistory.org/research/aboutcollection/archivesmanuscripts

Stock Footage: Chicago Historical Society: Tape 2, TRT: 0:30:00

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Stock Footage: Chicago Historical Society: Tape 3, TRT: 0:30:00

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photograph; Mayor Big Bill Thompson, Chicago Daily News photograph; Mayor Thompson at campaign headquarters, Daily News photograph; Mayor Thompson on horseback, Daily News photograph; Mayor Richard J. Daley giving keys to new public housing occupants, 1962 photograph; Mayor Daley with Quentin J. Goodwin and other men; Mayor Daley with wife outside polling place, 1959; Mayor Daley visiting the site of an airplane crash; the president's office of the Nile Queen, ca. 1917; construction of the old Chicago Tribune building, 1901; Nile Queen shipping room, 1917; Pullman Porter at Union Station, 1951; kids on Easter morning in Bronzeville, 1941; Farm Security Administration doctor, 1941; worshippers at St. Elizabeth Church, 1941; storefront Baptist church on Chicago's South Side on Easter morning, 1941; 1932 Republican National Convention at Chicago Stadium; 1932 Democratic National Convention; Franklin D. Roosevelt at the 1932 Democratic National Convention; 1908 Republican National Convention, Daily News photograph; 1884 Republican National Convention, Harper's Weekly illustration; and 1888 Republican National Convention at the Auditorium Building. This is tape three of three. These documents are owned by the Chicago History Museum. More information about the Chicago History Museum archive and manuscript collections can be found at http://chicagohistory.org/research/aboutcollection/archivesmanuscripts

Live Footage (5 Betacam SP Videocassettes)

Live Event, TRT: 1:17:00
This tape contains footage of a live event for the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program, held on April 4, 2002.

Live Event: Xavier University, TRT: 0:26:00
This tape contains footage of a teacher training session held at Saint Xavier University for the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. It was taped on May 3, 2000. This is tape one of four.

Live Event: Xavier University, TRT: 0:25:00
This tape contains footage of a teacher training session held at Saint Xavier University for the HistoryMaker's Pioneers in the Struggle program. It was taped on May 3, 2000. This is tape two of four.

Live Event: Xavier University, TRT: 0:28:00
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Live Event: Xavier University, TRT: 0:18:30
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Miscellaneous: CLTV, TRT: 0:17:22
This tape contains a news broadcast produced by CLTV that aired on October 10, 2001. During the broadcast, CLTV anchor, Monica Schneider, interviews The HistoryMakers Founder and Executive Director, Julieanna Richardson, about "Pioneers in the Struggle." During the interview, Richardson talks about the program's focus on the history of African Americans in the Illinois General Assembly from 1877 through 2001.
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