Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator: Clingman, James
Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with James Eugene Clingman, Jr.,
Dates: March 15, 2005
Bulk Dates: 2005
Physical Description: 5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:17:23).
Abstract: Syndicated columnist James Eugene Clingman, Jr. (1944 - ) founded and served as the president and executive director of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He is also the author of Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement – We Have a Choice, and Black-O-Knowledge: Stuff We Need To Know, and writes a nationally syndicated weekly column called “Blackonomics." Clingman was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 15, 2005, in Sharonville, Ohio. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification: A2005_064
Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Businessman, author, and civic leader James E. Clingman, Jr. is a strong advocate of economic empowerment for African Americans. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 11, 1944 to Verline Greene and James E. Clingman, Sr, he attended Paisley High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina before graduating from Cincinnati’s Winthrow High School in 1963. He later earned his B.A. degree cum
Cincinnati's Winthrow High School in 1963. He later earned his B.A. degree cum laude from the University of Cincinnati in 1977.

In 1985, Clingman was hired by Segmented Marketing Services as general manager, a position he held until 1988 when he formed his own consulting business, Clingman & Associates. In 1996, Clingman founded and served as president and executive director of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce.

In 1996, a year after he participated in the Million Man March, Clingman wrote *One in a Million: Faces in the Crowd*. Other books he has written and published include *Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement – We Have a Choice* and *Black-O-Knowledge: Stuff We Need To Know*. A former editor of the *Cincinnati Herald* newspaper and an adjunct professor of African American Studies at the University of Cincinnati, Clingman writes a nationally syndicated weekly column called “Blackonomics”.

A member of the Cincinnati Black Business Association and the Harvest Institute, an African American think tank, Clingman and his wife Sylvia live with their daughter Kiah in Sharonville, Ohio.

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**Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with James Eugene Clingman, Jr. was conducted by Regennia Williams on March 15, 2005, in Sharonville, Ohio, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Syndicated columnist James Eugene Clingman, Jr. (1944 - ) founded and served as the president and executive director of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He is also the author of *Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement – We Have a Choice*, and *Black-O-Knowledge: Stuff We Need To Know*, and writes a nationally syndicated weekly column called “Blackonomics.”

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**Restrictions**

**Restrictions on Access**

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**Restrictions on Use**
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:

Clingman, James

Williams, Regennia (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Clingman, James--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection
**Occupations:**

Syndicated Columnist

**HistoryMakers® Category:**

MediaMakers

**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**


**Processing Information**

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 2/5/2020 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 James Eugene Clingman, Jr., Section A2005_064_001_001, TRT: 0:30:11 2005/03/15

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Video Oral History Interview with James Eugene Clingman, Jr., Section A2005_064_001_003, TRT: 0:28:44 2005/03/15

Video Oral History Interview with James Eugene Clingman, Jr., Section A2005_064_001_004, TRT: 0:28:37 2005/03/15

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