

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Louisiana Hines

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Hines, Louisiana
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Louisiana Hines,
<b>Dates:</b>	June 30, 2007
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2007
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:13:25).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Beauty shop owner and beautician Louisiana Hines (1898 - 2013 ) was the owner and operator of the L. Hines Beauty Shop in Detroit and was well known for living a very active public life past the age of 113. Hines was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 30, 2007, in Detroit, Michigan. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2007_194
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Beautician, beauty shop owner, painter, and sculptor Louisiana Hines was born on April 13, 1898, in Luverne, Alabama, to Callie and Ben Summerlin; both of her parents were born into slavery. Hines' father was a sharecropper, south of Montgomery, Alabama, in Crenshaw County, and her mother was a homemaker. Hines was the second of seven children who lived and worked on property where her family were sharecroppers.

Hines married the late Arthur Hines and moved to Avon Park, Florida. During the

Great Migration of the 1930s and 1940s, the Hines family moved to Detroit, Michigan to seek better social and economic opportunities. Hines worked on airplanes as a riveter during World War II in 1946, before enrolling in Bee Dew Beauty College and receiving her beauty culture license in 1947. In 1948, Hines opened her own salon called L. Hines Beauty Shop in Detroit. Hines had a natural talent for clothing design and taught herself how to sew at an early age. She was an accomplished, self-trained seamstress, being able to make clothing without using patterns. Hines also found ways to express her creativity through painting and wood carving.

At over 113 years old, Hines maintains memberships in numerous civic and social community service groups, including Amvets Auxiliary, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation and the Red Hat Society. Hines is one of two centenarians featured in two chapters of a book entitled "*If I Live to be 100: Lessons from the Centenarians (2004)*" by Neenah Ellis, which has been published in several languages. Hines resides in Detroit, where she is a member of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church and a member of the April Birth Month, All States Club, Hartford Women United and Mothers' Board ministries.

Louisiana Hines was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 30, 2007.

Louisiana Hines passed away on February 1, 2013.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Louisiana Hines was conducted by Denise Gines on June 30, 2007, in Detroit, Michigan, and was recorded on 3 Betacame SP videocassettes. Beauty shop owner and beautician Louisiana Hines (1898 - 2013 ) was the owner and operator of the L. Hines Beauty Shop in Detroit and was well known for living a very active public life past the age of 113.

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### Restrictions on Access

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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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Hines, Louisiana

Gines, Denise (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hines, Louisiana--Interviews

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African American artists--Michigan--Interviews.

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African American businesspeople--Michigan--Interviews.

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Beauty operators--Interviews.

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Women tailors--Interviews.

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## **Organizations:**

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## **Occupations:**

Beauty Shop Owner

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Beautician

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## **HistoryMakers® Category:**

CivicMakers|StyleMakers

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## **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**

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Louisiana Hines, June 30, 2007. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

### **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).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Louisiana Hines, Section  
A2007\_194\_001\_001, TRT: 0:29:20 2007/06/30

Louisiana Hines was born on April 13, 1898 in Luverne, Alabama to Callie Banks Summerlin and Ben Summerlin. Hines' mother was born to Margaret Banks and Sam Banks. Her paternal grandfather died when her father was an infant, so he was raised by his mother, Celia Summerlin, and stepfather, Gabe Summerlin. Hines grew up on her paternal grandparents' plantation, where her parents harvested cotton, peanuts and okra. Her father slaughtered pigs, which her mother made into sausages and sold to white neighbors. Hines' grade school teachers lived with her family, and enjoyed her mother's cooking. Hines married Arthur Hines and moved to Avon Park, Florida, where Hines worked at Hotel Jacaranda, and her husband worked as a foreman at a fruit grove. During the 1940s, they moved to Detroit, Michigan in pursuit of better job opportunities. Hines recalls the lynching of her cousin, who preached racial equality.

African American families--Florida.

African Americans--Michigan--Detroit--Social life and customs.

Lynching--Alabama--History.

African Americans--Migrations--History--20th century.

Automobile industry and trade--United States.

African American automobile industry workers.

Baptists.

Video Oral History Interview with Louisiana Hines, Section  
A2007\_194\_001\_002, TRT: 0:29:25 2007/06/30

Louisiana Hines harvested cotton, peas and beans in Alabama. She and her husband, Arthur Hines, moved to Avon Park, Florida, where he worked as a foreman of a fruit grove in Florida. Then they migrated to Detroit, Michigan, where Hines' husband was hired at Packard Motor Car Company. During World War II, Hines took riveting classes, and worked on airplanes. After graduating from Vivian Nash's Bee Dew Beauty College in 1946, Hines opened L. Hines Beauty Shop, which she sold during the 1960s. Hines then moved to another area of Detroit, where she joined the Order of the Easter Star and became a member of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. Following her 103rd birthday, she was invited to Detroit's three hundredth year anniversary celebration. Hines reflects upon her life, legacy and how she would like to be remembered; and shares her advice for future generations. She also talks about her three children; Allean Hines House, Booker T. Hines and Raymond Hines.

African American families--Alabama.

African American families--Michigan--Detroit.

Beauty shops--Michigan--Detroit.

African American artists--Michigan--Detroit.

Baptists.

Video Oral History Interview with Louisiana Hines, Section  
A2007\_194\_001\_003, TRT: 0:14:40 2007/06/30

Louisiana Hines narrates her photographs.

Mayors--Michigan--Detroit.

African American families.