Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616
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Creator: Hines, Louisiana

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Louisiana Hines,

Dates: June 30, 2007

Bulk Dates: 2007

Physical Description: 3 Betacam SP videocassettes (1:13:25).

Abstract: Beautician, beauty shop owner, painter, and sculptor Louisiana Hines (1898 - ) 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.

Identification: A2007_194

Language: The interview and records are in English.

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.
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 Betacam SP videocassettes. Beautician, beauty shop owner, painter, and sculptor Louisiana Hines (1898 - ) 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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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:

Hines, Louisiana

Gines, Denise (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Hines, Louisiana--Interviews

African American artists--Michigan--Interviews.

African American businesspeople--Michigan--Interviews.
Beauty operators--Interviews.

Women tailors--Interviews.

**Organizations:**

- HistoryMakers (Video oral history collection)
- The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection
- L. Hines Beauty Shop (Detroit, Mich.)

**HistoryMakers® Category:**

- StyleMakers
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- ArtMakers

**Administrative Information**

**Custodial History**

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**Preferred Citation**


**Processing Information**

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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.
Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage, June 30, 2007

Video Oral History Interview with Louisiana Hines, Section A2007_194_001_001, TRT: 0:29:20
2007/06/30

Louisiana Hines discusses her early childhood on a small farm in Luverne, Alabama. She recalls moving from Alabama to Florida, and living in Mississippi before she settled in Detroit, Michigan during World War II. Hines reflects on meeting her husband, Arthur Hines, at Garnerville Church in Garnerville, Alabama before they moved to Avon Park, Florida. Her husband was a foreman for a fruit grove in Florida; however, he wanted to move north to Detroit to become a meatpacker. The most significant difference between living in Alabama and Florida was in the amount of pay and the time zone. Hines ends the interview segment by describing how a cousin, George Tigg, was lynched in Alabama for preaching sermons about racial equality, and how she taught herself to sew and cook.

African American families--Florida.
African American life--Alabama.
African American--Social life and customs--Michigan--Detroit.
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 shares her experiences living in Florida and Alabama, including the birth of her three children - Booker T., Allean, and Raymond. She recalls the struggles that the family faced when they moved to Detroit, Michigan, and remembers being confused by the city's "No Standing" sign. Hines discusses how her husband, Arthur Hines, was employed as a foreman at the Packard Automobile Plant in Detroit while she enrolled in Bee Dew Beauty College. Hines explains that after graduating from college in 1946, she obtained her beauty culture license and became the owner of L. Hines Beauty Shop in 1947. Hines describes her jobs as a riveter and a worker in an airplane factory during World War II. She talks about joining Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. Hines concludes the interview section by discussing her husband's death in 1960 at age sixty-one and her work as an artist, craftsman and skilled seamstress.

African American families--Alabama.
African American families--Michigan--Detroit.
Beauty shops--Michigan--Detroit.
African American artists--Michigan--Detroit.
Baptist Church.

Video Oral History Interview with Louisiana Hines, Section A2007_194_001_003, TRT: 0:14:40
2007/06/30

Louisiana Hines talks about family pictures and comments on her life in Detroit, Michigan. She identifies photographs of herself with her daughter,