

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Kevin Shurn

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Shurn, Kevin, 1956-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kevin Shurn,
Dates:	August 13, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:11:49).
Abstract:	Entrepreneur Kevin Shurn (1956 -) was the founder and president of Shurn and Associates and Superior Maintenance Company, located in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Shurn was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 13, 2017, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_127
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Entrepreneur Kevin Shurn was born on October 20, 1956 in St. Louis, Missouri to Mattie Lou Shurn and Luther Clarence Shurn. He graduated from Sumner High School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1974, and enrolled at Forest Park Community College in St. Louis, Missouri, where he studied mechanical engineering technology and accounting.

In 1974, Shurn began his career as a draftsman for Zurheide-Herrmann Consultant Engineers Company. He then accepted a design and draftsman position at Fulton Iron Works, designing punch presses. In 1976, he became assistant sales manager at Fulton Iron Works and attended his first trade show, the International Machine Tool Show in Chicago, Illinois. Shurn was later promoted to manager of contract manufacturing in 1979, before he was hired at I.W. Industries in Kentucky in 1983. In the same year, he also incorporated his own business, Shurn and Associates. In 1988, he founded Superior Maintenance Company (SMC), and then in 1990, he attended Toyota Motor Corporation's first Opportunity Exchange Program. By 1993, Superior Maintenance Company partnered with Toyota Motors, first supplying janitorial services to Toyota and then to provide Toyota's die manufacturing equipment in Georgetown, Kentucky; Erlanger, Kentucky; Princeton, Indiana and San Antonio, Texas. In 2017, his company was awarded part of the Toyota's North American headquarters facility in Plano, Texas.

Shurn has been featured in *MBE* magazine, *Fortune*, *Black Enterprise* and *Ebony* magazine.

Shurn was active in numerous state and local organizations, as a member of the Elizabethtown Rotary Club having served as president and assistant district governor. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and served on the Advisory Board of Republic Bank & Trust Company, the Vaughn Reno Starks Community Center and Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, North Central Educational Foundation and Board of Trustees of The DePaul School. Shurn was a Bingham Fellows 2009 graduate and served on the University of Louisville Board of Overseers. Shurn was appointed by the Governor of Kentucky to the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board.

Shurn, and his wife Ivvy, have three children.

Kevin Shurn was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 13, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Kevin Shurn was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 13, 2017, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Entrepreneur Kevin Shurn (1956 -) was the founder and president of Shurn and Associates and Superior Maintenance Company, located in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Restrictions

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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:

Shurn, Kevin, 1956-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Shurn, Kevin, 1956- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Entrepreneur

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 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 Kevin Shurn, Section A2017_127_001_001, TRT: 1:29:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevin Shurn, Section A2017_127_001_002, TRT: 2:30:24 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevin Shurn, Section A2017_127_001_003, TRT: 3:30:13 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevin Shurn, Section A2017_127_001_004, TRT: 4:30:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevin Shurn, Section A2017_127_001_005, TRT: 5:28:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevin Shurn, Section A2017_127_001_006, TRT: 6:29:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevin Shurn, Section A2017_127_001_007, TRT: 7:13:22 ?