

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with John A. Peoples, Jr.

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Peoples, John A.
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with John A. Peoples, Jr.,
Dates:	December 12, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:12:13).
Abstract:	Academic administrator John A. Peoples, Jr. (1926 -) served as president of Jackson State University from 1967 to 1984, and was honored with the National Black College Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993. Peoples was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 12, 2017, in Jackson, Mississippi. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_221
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Academic administrator John A. Peoples, Jr. was born on August 26, 1926 in Starkville, Mississippi to Maggie Peoples and John A. Peoples, Sr. He graduated from Oktibbeha County Training School in 1944, and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1945, serving until 1947. Peoples then attended Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi and received his B.S. degree in mathematics in 1950, and his M.A. degree in mathematics in 1951 and his Ph.D. degree in higher education in 1961, both from the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

From 1951 to 1958, Peoples worked as a math teacher at Froebel School in Gary, Indiana. In 1958, he became the assistant principal of Lincoln School, and went on to assume the role of principal at Banneker School in 1962. In 1964, Peoples joined the faculty at Jackson State University as a professor of mathematics. He also worked as the assistant to the president of the university, Jacob Reddix. From 1965 to 1966, Peoples completed a post-doctorate internship at SUNY Binghamton where he also served as assistant to the president. He was then named vice president of his alma mater Jackson State University in 1966, later serving as president from 1967 to 1984, and where in 1970, two students were killed on campus. During his tenure, Jackson State achieved university status and granted its first doctoral degrees in 1982, becoming the first historically black institution in Mississippi to do so. Peoples resigned as president of Jackson State University in 1984. He then served as a distinguished professor at Jackson State's Universities Center before retiring in 1985.

Peoples served as director of the American Association of Higher Education from 1971 to 1974, and on the committee of the National Endowment for the Humanities. He also served as the first African American chairman and director of the American Council on Education. In recognition of his leadership endeavors in Jackson, Peoples was elected to the Jackson State University Hall of Fame and the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. In 1993, he was honored with the National Black College Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award.

Peoples and his wife, Mary Galloway Peoples, have two children.

John A. Peoples, Jr. was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 17, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with John A. Peoples, Jr. was conducted by Randall Pinkston on December 12, 2017, in Jackson, Mississippi, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Academic administrator John A. Peoples, Jr. (1926 -) served as president of Jackson State University from 1967 to 1984, and was honored with the National Black College Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993.

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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:

Peoples, John A.

Pinkston, Randall (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Peoples, John A.--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Academic Administrator

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

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 John A. Peoples, Jr., Section A2017_221_001_001, TRT: 1:32:11 ?

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Video Oral History Interview with John A. Peoples, Jr., Section A2017_221_001_003, TRT:

3:28:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with John A. Peoples, Jr., Section A2017_221_001_004, TRT:
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Video Oral History Interview with John A. Peoples, Jr., Section A2017_221_001_005, TRT:
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