

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with John M. Hairston, Jr.

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hairston, John M., 1943-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with John M. Hairston, Jr.,
Dates:	September 28, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:10:56).
Abstract:	Educator John M. Hairston, Jr. (1943 -) taught in Cleveland Public Schools for twenty-seven years and was director of external programs at the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center for seventeen years. Hairston was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 28, 2018, in Cleveland, Ohio. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_196
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Educator John M. Hairston, Jr. was born on January 16, 1943 in Johnson City, Tennessee. His family later settled in Gary, West Virginia, where Hairston attended Wilcoe Grade School. Hairston graduated from Gary District High School, and went on to receive his B.A. degree in English at Bluefield State College in 1964. He then earned his M.A. degree in education administration from Cleveland State University in 1971.

Hairston began his teaching career in 1964 at Kennard Junior High school in Cleveland, Ohio. He also taught at East High School. During his twenty-seven year career with the Cleveland Public School District, Hairston held various positions such as project manager in the compensatory education department, staff development director, and chief of community relations. In 1991, he was hired as the director of external programs at the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center in Cleveland. In this role, he worked closely with U.S. Congressman Louis Stokes and Director Julian Manly Earls to facilitate a relationship between the center and the Cleveland community. Hairston promoted scientific literacy and developed outreach programs to support the community and local businesses. He continued to serve in the school district as an appointee on the Cleveland School Board, receiving the appointment from the state schools superintendent, John M. Goff. He later joined the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections in 1998. In 2006, Hairston acted as the interim assistant administrator for the Office of Education at NASA John H. Glenn Research Center before returning to the external programs department later that same year. He retired from the center in 2008. From 2008 to 2011, Hairston acted as the chief of communications for Cleveland Public Schools, after being recruited by then chief executive officer Dr. Eugene T.W. Sanders.

Hairston joined the board of trustees at the Cleveland Public Library; and, in 2012, he became the district director for the 11th District Congressional Office in Warrensville Heights, Ohio under U.S. Congresswoman Marcia Fudge. He also served as co-chair of the city of Cleveland's 177m Empowerment Zone initiative, and was president of the Cuyahoga Board of Elections for four years.

Hairston lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and has three children: James Colvin, John Hairston, III, and Tracy Hairston Brown.

John M. Hairston, Jr. was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 28, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with John M. Hairston, Jr. was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 28, 2018, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Educator John M. Hairston, Jr. (1943 -) taught in Cleveland Public Schools for twenty-seven years and was director of external programs at the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center for seventeen years.

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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:

Hairston, John M., 1943-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hairston, John M., 1943- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Educator

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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 M. Hairston, Jr., Section A2018_196_001_001, TRT: 1:28:05 ?

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2:28:27 ?

Video Oral History Interview with John M. Hairston, Jr., Section A2018_196_001_003, TRT:
3:28:10 ?

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