

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Louis E. Wilson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Wilson, Louis Edward
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Louis E. Wilson,
Dates:	December 7, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:08:24).
Abstract:	Professor Louis E. Wilson (1939-) served as professor and chair of the Africana studies department at Smith College and authored <i>The Krobo People of Ghana to 1892</i> . Wilson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 7, 2018, in Williamsburg, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_227
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Professor Louis E. Wilson was born on March 1, 1939 in Longview, Texas. Wilson earned his B.A. degree from California State University. He went on to receive his M.A. degree and Ph.D. degree in 1980 from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Wilson joined the faculty at the University of Colorado Boulder in 1980. During his term, he was also a senior Fulbright Scholar at the University of Ghana, Legon. In 1989, he was named chair of the Afro-American and African Studies Department at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. There, he also served as associate professor, and later was appointed professor of African and African American history. In 1991, Wilson authored *The Krobo People of Ghana to 1892: A Political and Social History* and later co-authored the textbooks, *America Will Be: Houghton Mifflin Social Studies* in 1997, and *This Is My Country*. In 1999, Wilson served as a senior Fulbright history professor and researcher at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He then co-authored *The Americans: Reconstruction Through the 20th Century* and *The Americans* in 2002. In 2012, Wilson was a co-author for the History Channel History Education and History Classroom programs in partnership with textbook publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. He was also the author of *Genealogical and Militia Data on Blacks, Indians, and Mustees from Military American Revolutionary War Records* in 2003, and a book entitled *Forgotten Patriots: African Americans and Native Americans in the American Revolution from Rhode Island*. In 2017, Wilson was named professor and chair of the Africana studies department at Smith College. The following year, The Louis Wilson collection of maps of Africa from 1665 to 1906, were housed in the Five College Archives and Manuscript Collection at Smith College.

Wilson served as a visiting professor of American Studies at the University of Hamburg in Germany. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Museum of African American History in Boston, Massachusetts. Wilson received The Blackwell Fellowship and Prize as Outstanding Black New England Scholar from the American Library Association in 1991.

Louis E. Wilson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 7, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Louis E. Wilson was conducted by Larry Crowe on December 7, 2018, in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Professor Louis E. Wilson (1939-) served as professor and chair of the Africana studies department at Smith College and authored *The Krobo People of Ghana to 1892*.

Restrictions

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.

Controlled Access Terms

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

Persons:

Wilson, Louis Edward

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Wilson, Louis Edward--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

African American Studies Professor

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 Louis E. Wilson, Section A2018_227_001_001, TRT: 1:29:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louis E. Wilson, Section A2018_227_001_002, TRT: 2:28:50 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louis E. Wilson, Section A2018_227_001_003, TRT: 3:28:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louis E. Wilson, Section A2018_227_001_004, TRT: 4:29:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louis E. Wilson, Section A2018_227_001_005, TRT: 5:29:58 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louis E. Wilson, Section A2018_227_001_006, TRT: 6:30:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louis E. Wilson, Section A2018_227_001_007, TRT: 7:31:06 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Louis E. Wilson, Section A2018_227_001_008, TRT: 8:28:40 ?

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