Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, family relive moment in history with return to Birmingham school where they were beaten (with slideshow and video)

The last time the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and his daughters were at Birmingham's John Herbert Phillips High School, they ended up in a hospital.

It was Sept. 17, 1957, and Shuttlesworth had taken his two daughters to the all-white school to enroll them in hopes of bettering their education. But no sooner had Shuttlesworth stepped out of the car, than a mob of angry Klansman beat him with brass knuckles, clubs, fists and chains. His wife, Ruby, was stabbed in the hip trying to get her daughters back into the car. His daughter Ruby Fredericka broke her ankle when the car door slammed shut on her leg.

Today, the Shuttlesworth family, along with their then body guard Joe Hendricks and civil rights activist and family friend, Joe Dickson, recalled that day with more than 200 sixth-through-eighth graders at what is now Phillips Academy in downtown Birmingham.

The event was part of the Back-to-School With the HistoryMakers program, launched to help confront the issue of youth violence and instead inspire the young by sharing first-hand history experiences.

HistoryMakers is the nation's largest black video oral history archive. Today's event led to civil rights activists and other history makers sharing their stories in schools across nearly 30 states.

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