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# Informedia <sup>DVL</sup> Digital Video Library



Celebrate 150 years of the City of Harrisburg's incorporation through the memories of 150 Extraordinary People.

*Harrisburg PA*

The Informedia research group at Carnegie Mellon University has worked with speech recognition, image processing, and language technologies through the years to facilitate machine understanding of video materials. This site, [idvl.org](http://idvl.org), is devoted to aspects of Informedia research especially pertinent to Digital Video Libraries for cultural assets, with NSF funding supporting the application of Informedia technologies for oral histories. Hosted at [idvl.org](http://idvl.org) are examples of Informedia Digital Video Library (IDVL) interfaces that build from automatic alignment of transcripts to video, named entity detection, geocoding to support map search, and other multimedia indexing and interface technologies. The IDVL interfaces are built with Adobe Flex, producing a Flash application. Users armed with the Flash plug-in for their web browser can explore the IDVL data sets on their own.

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# The HistoryMakers<sup>®</sup>

## ScienceMakers Video Archive

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*Over 1600 stories are assembled from life oral history interviews conducted from 2001 - 2011 with 31 African American ScienceMakers. This growing collection is designed to increase awareness of the contributions of African American scientists, raise awareness of science careers, and increase understanding of science concepts.*

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### Collaboration between The HistoryMakers and Carnegie Mellon University Informedia Project

The ScienceMakers: African Americans and Scientific Innovation oral history collection is a growing collection of interviews with scientists, as of July 2011 at 31 interviews holding 1680 story segments. This collection is designed to increase awareness of the contributions of African American scientists, raise awareness of STEM careers, and increase understanding of STEM concepts. It is supported by the National Science Foundation, DRL-0917612.

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**Michael Fiaschetti**  
Market President, Central Region  
Highmark Blue Shield

### Enter Fully Searchable Archive

The **Highmark Blue Shield Living Legacy Series**, is an oral history project that was developed to record the memories of 150 Harrisburg-area residents, utilizing ground-breaking Digital Video Library (DVL) technology created and pioneered by Carnegie Mellon University.

Harrisburg's Highmark Blue Shield Living Legacy Series was created by the Harrisburg SusqueCentennial Commission to help celebrate the City of Harrisburg's 150<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation. It is only the second time DVL technology has been featured publicly and the first time that the interviews



## Welcome to the HistoryMakers Media Archive

*Over 14,000 stories are assembled from life oral history interviews with 310 historically significant African Americans.*

*The interviews in this collection were recorded from December 1999 through July 2005.*

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The HistoryMakers Digital Archive of 310 African American video oral history interviews is available online for the first time on a test basis to registered users. This archive includes 14060 stories from nearly 700 hours of video.

Founded in July of 1999, [The HistoryMakers](#) has grown into the nation's largest African American video oral history archive. Its collection includes the interviews of President Barack Obama (then an Illinois State

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## Timuel Black



**1918 -**

**Favorite Color:** Brown

**Favorite Food:** Meat, Bran, Rye or Corn Bread

**Favorite Time of Year:** Spring and Fall in Chicago

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Conferences

**Interview Length:** 206 minutes

**Interview Date(s):** June 19, 2000

**Interview Location(s):** 4906 S. Drexel, Chicago, Illinois

### Abstract

Timuel Black remembers returning from World War II and becoming interested in local politics. He mentions important players and gives some initial background information. Black reveals that during this time he first realized that the best way to create social change was to start on the local political level. Social problems that were hurting African Americans at this time, such as restrictive housing covenants and unfair employment, fueled Black and others to create the Progressive Party. Black talks about African American Illinois state legislators and their successes in dealing with the people on a grassroots level. He talks about the political atmosphere on Chicago's South Side and tells how Edgar G. Brown positively conveyed messages to the locals. Black then discusses how the second Great Migration affected Chicago politics by creating a voting

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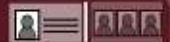
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Timuel Black talks more about the political infighting of the black com...

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# Timuel Black

describes how the second Great Migration affected Chicago politics

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## About

Historian and history professor Timuel Black (1919 - ) is a respected educator, activist, community leader, philosopher, and historian of Chicago.

## Citation

Timuel Black (The HistoryMakers A2000.007), interview by Julieanna Richardson, 06/19/2000, The HistoryMakers Digital Archive. Session 1, tape 1, story 7, Timuel Black describes how the second Great Migration affected Chicago politics. <http://www.idvl.org/thehistorymakers/ICoreClient.html#&n=1938>

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At that period of time [1930s and 1940s]—remember again, they [black politicians] are responding to a group of informed refugees from the South. They themselves are very well. These are not cotton pickers. These are relatively well-educated men. Most of them have been to college. Some of them are lawyers, like [William] Warfield [politician], for example. They're not—so they are responding to a—in their way, with the limitations of numbers, they are advocates of the welfare of the community that sent them. Were they considered irrelevant, they would not have been there. It's just that simple. It's a different world than today's world that we look at. I would suspect at that point that 75 to 80 percent of the eligible black voters voted. Now the numbers, you see, you've got to look at—in that period we're talking about with [William] Warfield [politician]—there were fewer than 250,000 blacks in Chicago [Illinois]. Today you've got almost a million, but they're different. That population was concentrated, and because communication by word of mouth was an everyday thing—that was part of the enjoyment of meeting somebody, to talk about what's happening. You might talk about somebody had enough money to buy an Essex [automobile] or something, but that was not the usual thing. You were thinking, "How are we going to survive? We left the South to live a better life." Most of them volunteered. They were not pushed off the land like the people in the second generation, second [Great] Migration. See, most of the migrants after World War II and even during World

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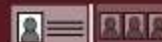
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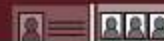
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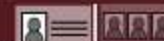
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# J.K. Haynes

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talks about the influential science faculty at Morehouse College, part 1

## About

Biologist and academic administrator J.K. Haynes (1943- ) developed methods for detecting and preventing sickle cell anemia. He joined the faculty of Morehouse College in 1979 and later became Dean of the Division of Science and Mathematics.

## Citation

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## Favorites

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And some people like Lonnie King, and I think that Lonnie King may have been here. He may have been a senior when I was a freshman so Lonnie was one of these guys with Julian [Bonds] and others. That's what they spent their time doing.

Now, was David Satcher a **biology** major too?

Yes.

Okay, so did you see a lot of him in the **biology** department?

Yeah, yeah. So one of the powerful influences on the **biology** majors during that time was a guy by the name of Roy Hunter. And so Roy Hunter was one of, Roy loved David Satcher, and so

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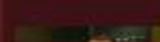


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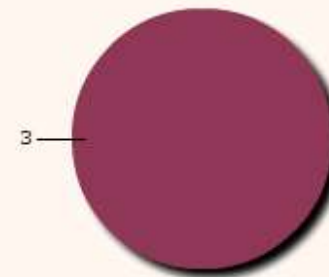
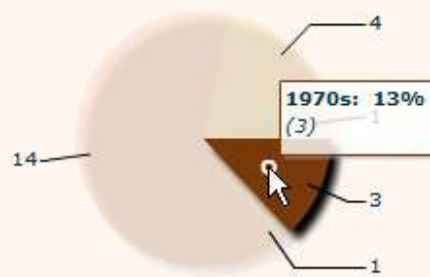
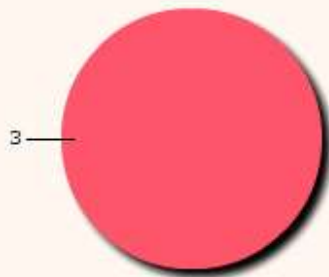
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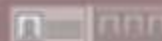
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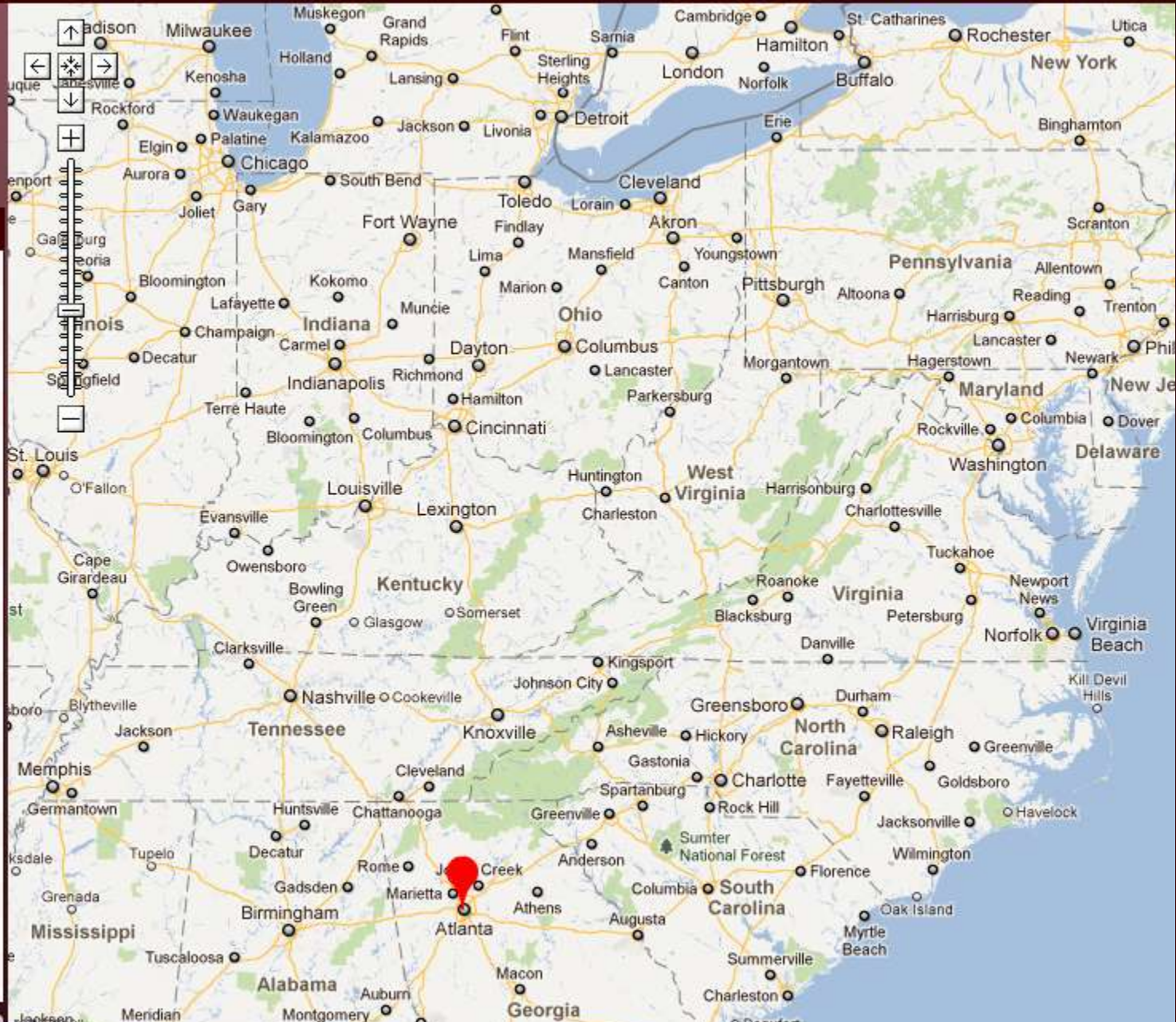


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## Wanda Austin



Aeronautical engineer and engineering executive Wanda Austin (1954 - ) worked in satellite communications systems and systems engineering. She culminated her lengthy career with the Aerospace Corporation with her selection to serve as the president and CEO in 2008.

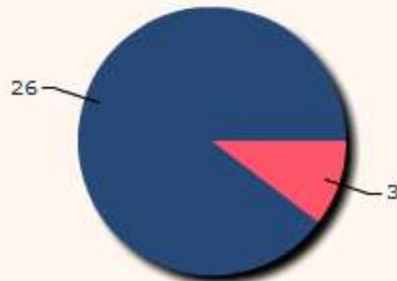
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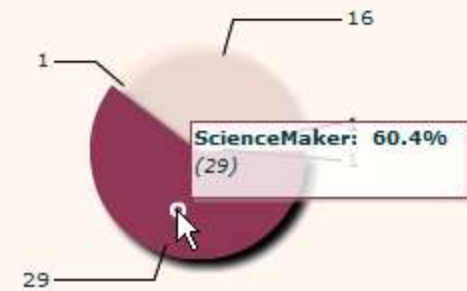
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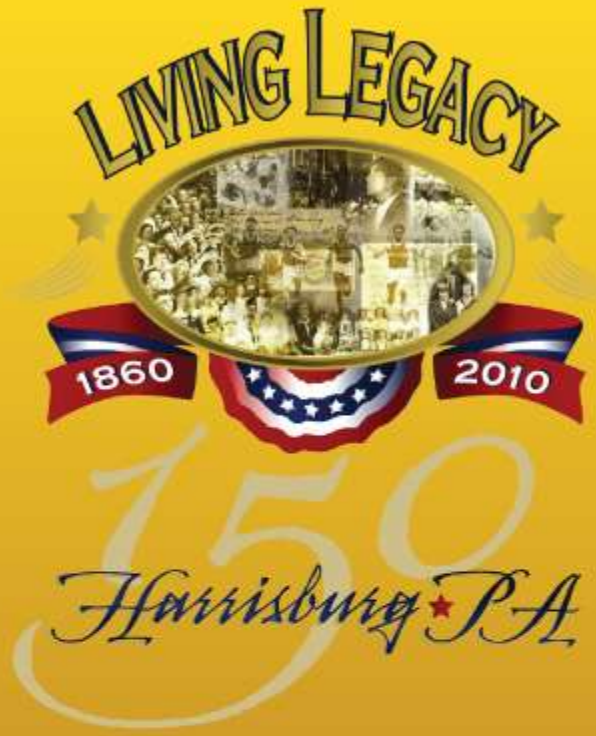
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# Lois Lehrman Grass



Lois Grass talks about her childhood and family.

## About

Lois Lehrman Grass' grandparents emigrated from the Czar's Russia in the 1890s. Although Lois wasn't born until 1931, she describes in delightful detail their history of coming to and settling in Harrisburg. She calls Harrisburg a "wonderful small town" where they went to movies and to dances at the YMHA (Hebrew). Lois is active in the United Way, Metro Arts, Whitaker Center, and Capitol Area School for the Arts.



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was right there by the railroad tracks, which are still there. The meat slaughtering building is long gone. I can almost still smell the aroma when I would go to my Bubby's house. Beside the meatpacking plant was a junkyard. That's what my step-grandfather - he worked in this junkyard. He had this little junkyard, which was what came out of pedaling in the old days, in the 1900s and no language skills, no education - the immigrants did what they could, and one of them was pedaling. That's my maternal side. Am I talking too much? Okay. My paternal side - my grandfather, as I say came with his three brothers. I even have pictures of him. It's too bad we can't show them to you all for posterity. They came to America, and after they got their bearing - they were kids, less than 20 years old. They started out from New York, and pedaled. They went from town to town - there was always somebody Jewish to take them in, to feed them. One of my grandfather's brothers - Nathan - made it all the way to [Denver, Colo.](#) He stayed there, and they worked their way across the country - buy, sell, buy, sell. He stayed there. My other two