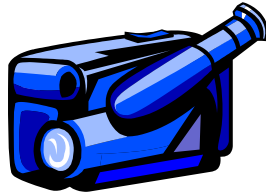


Sharing and Collecting Oral Histories



Oral History: A Resource List

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Websites

African-American Richmond: Educational Segregation and Desegregation

www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/speccoll/vbha/school/school.html

Fourteen oral history interviews with local Richmond, Virginia African American residents done in conjunction with Virginia Commonwealth University students as part of a course.

AHA Today: Online Oral History Projects. www.aha.org,

www.blog.historians.org/resurces/997/online-oral-history-projects-

A variety of history projects from different time periods.

America Communities: An Oral History Approach www.duke.web/hst195.15

A university student project creating documentation of local African American experiences in Durham, North Carolina in the 1900s. Accounts represent experiences that deal with an overview of segregation and specific depiction of segregation as it applied to schools and other public locations.

American Life Histories: Manuscripts from the Federal Writers Project

www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/wpahome.html

These life histories were compiled and transcribed by the staff of the Folklore Project of the Federal Writers' Project for the U.S. Works Progress Administration from 1936-1940. The histories describe the informant's family education, income, occupations, political views, religion and mores, medical needs, and miscellaneous observations.

American Slavery: A Composite Autobiography www.slavenarratives.com

A collection of slave narratives on the web.

Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938

[www.lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem.snhtml.snhome.html](http://www.lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html)

This collection contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves.

Civil Rights Documentation Project www-dept.usm.edu/~mcroh/

The University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage in conjunction with the Tougaloo College Archives compiled this oral account of the Civil Rights Era.

Coast Guard Oral History Program www.uscg.mil/history/oralhistoryindex.asp

Learn about the personal experiences and memories of U.S. Veterans in the online digital collections of these oral history projects, programs and collections dedicated to recording and preserving the experiences of veterans and civilians in the United States from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf.

Documenting the American South: Oral Histories of the American South

www.docsouth.unc.edu www.docsouth.unc.edu/edu/soph

“Oral Histories of the American South” is a three-year project to select, digitize and make available 500 oral history interviews gathered by the *Southern Oral History Program* (SOHP). These 500 are being selected from a collection of over 4,000 interviews, housed at the *Southern Historical Collection*, that cover a range of fascinating topics.

Experience War: The Korean War, Not Forgotten: Stories from the Veterans History Project

www.loc.gov/vets/stories/

Nestled between the epic cataclysm that was World War II and the roiling controversy that was Vietnam, Korea is too often referred to as the forgotten war. The 5.7 million American men and women who served in that war each have their own memories, whether they were on the battle lines, in the air, or served as support of those whose lives were at risk. The war last just over three years, but nearly 60 years after the guns fell silent, Americans in uniform still maintain the peace along the 38th Parallel, the border between North and South. Please join our effort to document these and other veterans’ stories by sending us your recollections and memories. Each contribution makes this project all the more priceless.

Oral Histories & Narratives of US Veterans

www.genealogy.about.com/od/oral_history/tp/veteran_memories.htm?p=1 (same as above)

The HistoryMakers.com –African American History Archives www.thehistorymakers.com/

The *HistoryMakers* is the single largest archival collection of its kind in the world. Our goal is to complete 5,000 interviews of both well-known and unsung African Americans *HistoryMakers*. In doing so, we want to include the stories of individual African Americans along with those African American organizations, events, movement and periods of time that are significant to the African American community. In 2002, the *HistoryMakers* archives were designated a special collection as part of the Illinois State Library System. **The archives are presently not open to the public as we are in the process of reorganizing the collection.**

Mountain Voices: Oral Testimonies from Mountain and Highland Region

www.mountainvoices.org

This website presents interviews with over 300 people who live in mountain and highland regions around the world. This project amplify the voices of those at the heart of development: people who are disadvantaged by poverty, gender, lack of education and other inequalities. Collecting and disseminating oral testimonies allows the least vocal and least powerful members of society to speak for themselves.

Oral History Program-The State Historical Society of Missouri

www.shs.umsystem.edu/oralhistory/index.html

The **Oral History Program** of the State Historical Society of Missouri is a joint collection with the University of Missouri's Western Historical Manuscript Collection. Since 1993 the Society has been recording and transcribing hundreds of oral history interviews that preserve Missouri's history, culture, and heritage.

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

www.nypl.org/research/sc/scl/MULTIMED/multimed.html www.nypl.org

This collection contains thousands of personal stories and oral histories of African American life.

Social Security Online: Special Collections-Oral Histories www.ssa.gov/history/orallist.html

Security Administration has a strong commitment to oral history as an important part of its history program. Individual oral histories are memories of a single individual and cannot, by themselves, be the sole source of information about particular historical events. Individual oral histories are like pieces of a colorful mosaic-the full picture can only be seen when the perspectives of many individuals are combined into a meaningful whole.

StoryCorps Griot www.storycorps.org/initiatives/griot/

StoryCorps Griot is an initiative to ensure that the voices, experiences, and life stories of African Americans will be preserved and presented with dignity. All interviews recorded as part of the Griot initiative will be archived at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture in addition to the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

SEE ALSO

African American Oral History www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/speccoll.oralhist/

www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/speccoll/oralhist/slavehist.html

American Communities: An Oral History Approach www.duke.edu/web/hst195.15/

American History www.lib.washington.edu/subject/history/tm/black/html

Ancestors: Compiled Records www.byub.org/Ancestors/records/Family/links_text.html

Creating an Oral History www.neh.gov/guidelines/preservation.html/

Digital Collections: African American Oral History Collection

www.ditigal.library.louisville.edu/collections/afamoh/

Gathering Family Stories: Rootweb's Oral History Questions

www.rootsweb.com/~genepool/orahlhist.htm

Getting Word Oral History Project at Monticello www.monticello.org/gettingword/

In Those Days, African American Oral History www.nps.gov/seac/ITD/longversion/itd-lgl.htm

www.nps.gov/seac/ITD/longversion/intro-lgl.htm

Like a Family www.ibiblio.org/sohp/laf/links.html
Oral History Interviewing Guide-Smithsonian Center for Folklife
www.folklife.si.edu/resources/pdf/InterviewingGuide.pdf

Oral History Question & Interview Suggestions-Ted Eastern
home.earthlink.net/~ahickling/interviewsuggestions.html

Oral History Questions www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~genepool/oralhist.htm

Questions- specific oral history questions-Alberta, Canada www.youthsource.ab.ca

Recording Oral Histories: Tips and Topics www.familytreemaker.com/backissu.html

Southern Oral History Program's How-to for All Aspects of Interviewing
[www.lib.unc.edu/miss/inv/s/Southern Oral History Program Collection.html](http://www.lib.unc.edu/miss/inv/s/Southern%20Oral%20History%20Program%20Collection.html)

Visionary Videos: NVLP: African American History www.visionaryproject.org/videos/

For a comprehensive listing oral histories www.bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/ohlinks.html

Associations

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASAHL) www.asalh.com

National Endowment for the Humanities www.neh.gov

Oral History Association www.dickinson.edu/organizations/oha

Southern Oral History Program www.soph.org

St. Louis African American History & Genealogy Society
www.stl-aahgs.com