

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Julius Richardson

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Richardson, Julius, 1921-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson,
<b>Dates:</b>	April 1, 2001
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2001
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 Betacame SP videocassettes (3:31:26).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Golf instructor Julius Richardson (1921 - 2007 ) was named the U.S. Golf Teachers Federation's Teaching Professional of the 20th Century. In 1960, Richardson retired as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army and wanted to play golf professionally, but never did because, at that time, African Americans could only play in the Professional Golf Association if they had an apprenticeship. Richardson taught golf at Willow Glenn and the Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago. Richardson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 1, 2001, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2001_065
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Golf professional Julius Richardson was born on March 3, 1921. His interest in golf began when he came home to Blythedale, Pennsylvania, on leave from the famed 10th Calvary, better known as the Buffalo Soldiers. A friend who used to caddy convinced Richardson to join him in a game of golf. Richardson was intrigued by the complexity of the game. He started taking lessons and quickly became an accomplished player, winning nearly forty titles.

Richardson served in the U.S. Army for twenty years and taught golf for the last five. In 1960, he retired as a staff sergeant. Richardson wanted to play golf professionally after leaving the service. However, African Americans could play in the Professional Golf Association only if they had an apprenticeship at that time. Instead, Richardson worked at the Aerospace Guidance Center in Newark, Ohio, as a quality assurance inspector and then in the laser laboratory. After fifteen years, Richardson became an agent with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, where he worked for ten years. At the age of sixty-five, Richardson retired and began teaching golf full-time.

Richardson has received numerous awards for his work as a golf instructor. In 1995, the United States Golf Teachers Association recognized him for his Lifetime of Excellence in the Golf Teaching Profession. Golf Magazine recognized Richardson as one of the top 100 golf teachers, and in 2000, he was named the U.S. Golf Teachers Federation's Teaching Professional of the 20th Century. Richardson taught golf at Willow Glenn and the Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago.

Richardson passed away on September 26, 2007 at the age of 86.

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# Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Julius Richardson was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on April 1, 2001, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 Betacame SP videocassettes. Golf instructor Julius Richardson (1921 - 2007 ) was named the U.S. Golf Teachers Federation's Teaching Professional of the 20th Century. In 1960, Richardson retired as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army and wanted to play golf professionally, but never did because, at that time, African Americans could only play in the Professional Golf Association if they had an apprenticeship. Richardson taught golf at Willow Glenn and the Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago.

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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.

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# Controlled Access Terms

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

## Persons:

Richardson, Julius, 1921-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Bieschke, Paul (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Richardson, Julius, 1921---Interviews

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Golf teachers--Interviews

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United States. Army--Officers--Interviews

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United States. Army--African Americans--Social conditions--20th century

Cities and towns--Pennsylvania--Social life and customs

Coal mines and mining--Pennsylvania

United States. Army.--Calvary, 10th

Ardennes, Battle of the, 1944-1945

World War, 1939-1945

Korean War, 1950-1953

Divorce--Psychological aspects

Richardson, Julieanna L.

Families of military personnel--United States

Golf

Discrimination in sports--United States

African American golfers

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Golf Instructor

HistoryMakers® Category:

SportsMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

## Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, April 1, 2001. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## 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).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_001\_001, TRT: 0:30:45 ?

Professional golf instructor, Julius L. Richardson, describes his early years in the coal mining towns of Western Pennsylvania. He offers his family background, and an interesting twist that his mother was a Poindexter who married a Richardson and his mother's brother, a Poindexter married his father's sister, a Richardson.

Golf teachers--Interviews.

United States. Army--Officers--Interviews.

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African American golfers.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_001\_002, TRT: 0:29:28 ?

Noted professional golf instructor, Julius L. Richardson, describes his life growing up all across Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia mining town. His taste for adventure stoked by literature like Gunga Din, the Illiad and the Odyssey, Richardson begged his father to let him join the Army. He joined the service before the start of WWII, and found he was no match for the professional soldiers of that time. Soon, his skills were up to par and Richardson joined the famed 10th Calvary, the Buffalo Soldiers.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_001\_003, TRT: 0:29:49 ?

Noted golf instructor, Julius L. Richardson, describes his life in the Army just before and during WWII. He discusses life in the 10th Calvary, the famed Buffolo Soldiers unit. He also remebers fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and later, the Korean War. Richardson also shares details of the demise of his first marriage and the start of his second marriage and birth of his children.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_001\_004, TRT: 0:29:08 ?

Julius L. Richardson, in these two extended segments, details his personal life while he was in the Army. His relationship with his first wife faltered while he was in Europe and she had a child while he was away. Devasted by the breakup of his relationship, Richardson found himself floundering and partying. A chance encounter with a man at the USO led him to meet the young Margaret Barfield who eventually became his wife. Richardson also describes the joy of the births of his first two daughters, Julieanna, founder of The HistoryMakers, and Sabrina.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_001\_005, TRT: 0:29:47 ?

Noted golf instructor and renaissance man, Julius L. Richardson details his efforts to unify his family in light of his military service and familial ties.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_001\_006, TRT: 0:32:19 ?

Noted golf instructor Julius L. Richardson details his life in golf and how he views the game. He discusses how he got his start to his naming as one of the top golf instructors in the United States.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_001\_007, TRT: 0:30:10 ?

Golf pro and author Julius L. Richardson talks about his approach to golf instruction, discusses the future for African American golfers, gives a message to his wife and each of his children, and considers his legacy.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_JULIUS\_RICHARDSON\_06\_MED\_002, TRT: 1:04:11 ?

This tape contains footage of Julius L. Richardson teaching golf. It was shown on the Golf Channel.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section A2001\_065\_JULIUS\_RICHARDSON\_06\_MED\_003, TRT: 0:18:25 ?

This tape is of the program Julius L. Richardson: A Life Well Lived. It contains versions 1 through 3.

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A2001\_065\_RICHARDSON\_JULIUS\_06\_MED\_004, TRT:

This tape contains footage from Julius Richardson's 80th birthday celebration.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section

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Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section

A2001\_065\_RICHARDSON\_JULIUS\_06\_MED\_008, TRT:

This tape contains footage from Julius Richardson's 80th birthday celebration.

Video Oral History Interview with Julius Richardson, Section

A2001\_065\_Richardson\_Julius\_06\_MED\_016, TRT: