

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with James Eugene Clingman, Jr.

PERSON

Clingman, James

**Alternative Names:** James Eugene Clingman, Jr.; James E. Clingman

**Life Dates:** August 11, 1944-

**Place of Birth:** Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

**Residence:** Easley, SC

**Occupations:** Syndicated Columnist

## Biographical Note

Businessman, author, and civic leader James E. Clingman, Jr. is a strong advocate of economic empowerment for African Americans. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 11, 1944 to Verline Greene and James E. Clingman, Sr, he attended Paisley High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina before graduating from Cincinnati's Winthrow High School in 1963. He later earned his B.A. degree cum laude from the University of Cincinnati in 1977.

In 1985, Clingman was hired by Segmented Marketing Services as general manager, a position he held until 1988 when he formed his own consulting business, Clingman & Associates. In 1996, Clingman founded and served as president and executive director of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce.

In 1996, a year after he participated in the Million Man March, Clingman wrote *One in a Million: Faces in the Crowd*. Other books he has written and published include *Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement – We Have a Choice* and *Black-O-Knowledge: Stuff We Need To Know*. A former editor of the Cincinnati Herald newspaper and an adjunct professor of African American Studies at the University of Cincinnati, Clingman writes a nationally syndicated weekly column called “Blackonomics”.

A member of the Cincinnati Black Business Association and the Harvest Institute, an African American think tank, Clingman and his wife Sylvia live with their daughter Kiah in Sharonville, Ohio.

## Related Entries

**Winthrow High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Heberle Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Paisley IB Magnet School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**North Carolina Central University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**University of Cincinnati** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Administration Management**

**United States Post Office** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Westinghouse Corporation** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1968 to 1970]

**Management Trainee**

**James Clingman & Associates** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1988 to ?]

**Lecturer, Author, Educator, Consultant**

**Career Research Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1990 to 1996]

**Operations Manager**

**African American Chamber of Commerce** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1996 to 2000]

**Founder, president**

**Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**President**

**Cincinnati Black Business Association** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**