

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Carlton L. Guthrie

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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>	Guthrie, Carlton Lyons, 1952-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie,
<b>Dates:</b>	March 2, 2022
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2022
<b>Physical Description:</b>	11 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:14:00).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Entrepreneur Carlton L. Guthrie (1952 - ) is co-founder, co-chair, and president of Detroit Chassis and its parent company, SPECTRA LMP LLC. He also founded the Single Parent Family Institute and Gary Alumni Pathway to Students and co-founded the Runners' Club. Guthrie was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 2, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2022_018
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Entrepreneur Carlton L. Guthrie was born on September 15, 1952, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Mary and Willie Guthrie. He received his B.A. degree in economics in 1974 from Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his M.B.A. degree in general management in 1978 from Harvard Business School, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Guthrie joined Philadelphia National Bank as a credit analyst in 1974 and Procter & Gamble as a sales associate in 1975. In 1978, he moved to Chicago, Illinois, and became an internal management consultant at Jewel Companies, a food, drug and general merchandise distributor, and, in 1980, a senior consultant at McKinsey & Company in their Consumer Group specializing in strategic planning and mergers and acquisitions. Guthrie became executive vice president and chief operating officer at the general management consulting firm James H. Lowry & Associates in 1982. In 1985, Guthrie and his older brother, Michael, purchased the Lansing, Michigan-based metal stamping companies Trumark, Inc., and Uplift, Inc. In 1998, the Guthries formed the Detroit-based chassis assembly company TruMack Assembly, of which Guthrie served as co-chair and president. In 2002, TruMack Assembly became Detroit Chassis LLC. The Guthries established Detroit Custom Chassis in 2005. Guthrie serves as co-chair of Detroit Chassis LLC and its parent company, SPECTRA LMP LLC, of which Detroit Chassis Avon, based in Avon, Ohio, also is a subsidiary. Guthrie is a co-owner and the CEO of HealthCure LLC, a provider of infectious disease mitigation, prevention, consulting, and remediation services and products for health and patient care facilities founded in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2007.

Guthrie founded the Single Parent Family Institute in Lansing, Michigan, and co-founded the Runners' Club in Chicago, Illinois, both of which he has chaired. Guthrie became chair of Concerned Christian Men in 2006, HealthCure LLC in 2009, and Gary Alumni Pathway to Students (GAPS) in 2016. He has served twice as president of the National Association of Black Automotive Suppliers and on the boards of the Joyce Foundation, in Chicago; the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City, in Boston, Massachusetts; Centers for New Horizons, in Chicago; the

Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, in Washington, D.C.; and Shorebank, in Chicago. In 2020, the Guthrie family established the Guthrie Family Scholarship fund, which is awarded to graduates of West Side Leadership Academy in Gary, Indiana, and South Haven High School, in South Haven, Michigan.

Guthrie, his brother Michael, and their businesses have been recognized as Supplier of the Year by the National Minority Business Development Council and by On Wheels, Inc.; Black Business of the Year by the National Business League; Michigan Manufacturer of the Year by Impressions 5 Museum of Lansing; and on the Quality Leadership 100 list by *Quality Magazine*. The *Greater Lansing Business Monthly* named the Guthries Entrepreneurs of the Year and Ernst & Young named them Entrepreneurs of the Year for Southeast Michigan. Guthrie received the Chivas Regal *Extrapreneur* of the Year Award for social entrepreneurship.

Guthrie and his wife, Dawn-Marie Guthrie, live in Chicago, Illinois. He has two children, Carille and Adam.

Carlton L. Guthrie was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 2, 2022.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Carlton L. Guthrie was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on March 2, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Entrepreneur Carlton L. Guthrie (1952 - ) is co-founder, co-chair, and president of Detroit Chassis and its parent company, SPECTRA LMP LLC. He also founded the Single Parent Family Institute and Gary Alumni Pathway to Students and co-founded the Runners' Club.

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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:

Guthrie, Carlton Lyons, 1952-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
Guthrie, Carlton Lyons, 1952---Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Entrepreneur

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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## 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

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### 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 Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_001, TRT: 1:13:17 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_002, TRT: 2:18:38 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_004, TRT: 4:31:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_005, TRT: 5:30:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_006, TRT: 6:32:34 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_007, TRT: 7:31:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_008, TRT: 8:35:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_009, TRT: 9:24:52 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_010, TRT: 10:31:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carlton L. Guthrie, Section A2022\_018\_001\_011, TRT: 11:35:06 ?