REMEMBERING HENRY N. DREWRY (1924 - 2014)

The New Jersey Historical Commission remembers the lasting legacy of Henry N. Drewry, who recently passed away at the age of 90. As the Commission’s first African-American member and its chairman from the mid-1970s through the mid-1980’s, his leadership and academic contributions as a pioneering educator at Princeton University left an indelible mark on the state’s history community.

In addition to guiding the Commission in the creation of the nation’s first state-sponsored African-American history program in New Jersey, Henry was an accomplished author and unwavering advocate for history as a member of numerous boards and other public entities. His life and work on behalf of New Jersey will never be forgotten.