

# Vernon J. Brooks Collection (AC16)

## *Introduction*

The Vernon J. Brooks Collection contains materials related to the employment and community accomplishments of Vernon J. Brooks.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Vernon J. Brooks  
Title: Vernon J. Brooks Collection  
Dates: 1969-ca. 1981  
Size: 0.5 linear feet, 2 boxes  
Collection Number: AC16

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

## *Citation Note*

Vernon Brooks Collection (AC16), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

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## *Biographical Sketch*

Vernon J. Brooks was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1920 and moved with his parents to Kansas City, Missouri, when he was three months old. He lived in Kansas City the rest of his life. Brooks served at various times as executive director of the Manpower programs with the Concentrated Employment Program; administrator of the Urban Affairs Department of the Kansas City Area Employment and Training Consortium; and director of the United Services of Kansas City.

Brooks participated in a number of community organizations, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Lincoln Redevelopment Corporation, the Kansas City Urban League, and the Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America, to name a few. He and his wife Cordolia (née Brown) were members of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church. Brooks died in 2000.

## *Scope and Content Note*

This collection primarily consists of certificates and plaques documenting the employment and community accomplishments of Vernon J. Brooks. The collection

also includes a resume and a number of photographs, including images of Brooks at the re-opening of Parkview Drug Store at 27<sup>th</sup> and Benton in Kansas City, Missouri, after the 1968 riots; taping the program *etcetera*; at his desk; and with Kansas City, Missouri, Mayor Charles Wheeler. Oversize materials are housed separately in Box 2.

### ***Collection Inventory***

The notation "OS" indicates oversize materials located in Box 2.

- f. 1 Resume, ca. 1981
- f. 2 Photographs, 1969, ca. 1980, n.d.
- f. 3 Certificates, 1971-1980 (OS)
- f. 4 National Foundation of Health and Welfare plaque, 12/1970 (OS)
- f. 5 Heart of America Boys Club plaque, 1970-1974
- f. 6 Urban League of Kansas City plaque, 09/10/1976
- f. 7 OIC plaque, 1976
- f. 8 Mid-States CETA Directors Association plaque, 1979-1980 (OS)
- f. 9 Urban Affairs Department plaque, n.d.

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