

## Taylor Family Collection (AC23)

### *Introduction*

The Taylor Family Collection contains photographs and newspaper clippings concerning the business and community activities of Joseph and Vivian Taylor, covering the period ca. 1955-1981.

### *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Joseph and Vivian Taylor

Title: Taylor Family Collection

Dates: ca. 1955-1981

Size: 0.02 linear feet, 1 box

Collection Number: AC23

### *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

### *Citation Note*

Taylor Family Collection (AC23), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

### *Administrative Information*

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### *Historical Sketch*

Joseph H. Taylor and his wife Vivian (née Love) owned and operated a number of businesses in Kansas City, Missouri, including Skirts Billiard and Barber Shop, Vivian's Restaurant, and the Paseo Plaza Hotel.

Joseph Taylor was born in Topeka, Kansas, and moved to Kansas City, Kansas, in 1919. After serving in the United States Air Force during World War II, Taylor opened Skirts Billiard and Barber Shop at 1505 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Kansas City, Missouri. Vivian's Restaurant opened in 1952 at 1205-07 Paseo Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri. Taylor retired in 1983. He was a founding member of the Heart of America Golf Club. Joseph Taylor died in 1992; his wife Vivian died in 2007.

### *Scope and Content Note*

This collection primarily consists of undated photographs of businesses owned by Joseph and Vivian Taylor in Kansas City, Missouri, including Skirts Billiard and Barber Shop at 1505 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street; the Paseo Plaza Hotel at 1203 Paseo Boulevard; and Vivian's

Restaurant at 1205-07 Paseo Boulevard. One of the photographs is dated 1955, but this is likely the year of development and not necessarily the year the photograph was taken. The collection includes an undated photograph of Vivian Taylor at an Urban League Guild Tea. The collection also includes two newspaper clippings concerning Joseph Taylor's participation in the Heart of America Golf Club.

***Collection Inventory***

- f. 1 Photographs, ca. 1955, n.d.
- f. 2 Clippings, 1981, n.d.

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