

Carl V. Mason Collection (AC17)

Introduction

The Carl V. Mason Collection contains documents and photographs related to the life and career of FBI special agent Carl V. Mason.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Carl V. Mason
Title: Carl V. Mason Collection
Dates: 1950-1976
Size: 0.3 linear feet, 1 box
Collection Number: AC17

Donor Information

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Citation Note

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Biographical Sketch

Carl V. Mason was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He moved with his family to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1921. Mason attended Lincoln High School, graduating in 1932. Mason started professional boxing in 1932 and went to Chicago, Illinois, in 1934 to fight as a top lightweight boxer at the World's Fair. He moved his wife Ellen and son Carl, Jr. to Chicago, where he retired from boxing in 1937. Mason began his career at the Chicago field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a clerk in 1943. He was promoted to special agent in 1952. Mason transferred to the Kansas City, Missouri, field office in 1970 and retired from the organization in 1972. Mason died January 4, 1984.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of letters and greeting cards received by Carl V. Mason during his tenure at the Chicago, Illinois, and Kansas City, Missouri, FBI field offices; FBI interview reports; and retirement documents. The collection also includes an unpublished 1963 *Ebony* magazine article on Mason with accompanying photographs. The collection also includes additional photographs, newspaper clippings, a war service certificate, and other miscellaneous items, including a program from the funeral service for J. Edgar

Hoover. The collection also contains two artifacts: a 1968 commemorative pen stand and a 1972 plaque from the FBI. Oversize materials have been withdrawn to Oversize Box 1.

Collection Inventory

The notation “OS” indicates the materials are located in Oversize Box 1.

- f. 1 Correspondence, 06/15/1950-06/30/1972
- f. 2 Greeting cards, 1968, 1972, n.d.
- f. 3 Retirement documents, 1972
- f. 4 Interview reports – FD-302, 05/26/1971-05/08/1972
- f. 5 *Ebony Magazine* profile, 1963
- f. 6 *Ebony Magazine* photographs, 1963
- f. 7 Photographs, 1956, 1960, n.d.
- f. 8 War service certificate, n.d. (OS)
- f. 9 Clippings, 1972, n.d.
- f. 10 J. Edgar Hoover funeral program, 05/04/1972
- f. 11 Miscellaneous publications, 1973, 1976
- f. 12 Commemorative pen stand, 1968
- f. 13 FBI plaque, 1972

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