

Wendell Givan Collection (AC65)

Introduction:

The Wendell Givan Collection relates to the life of jazz artist Wendell Givan.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Wendell June Givan

Title: Wendell Givan Collection

Dates: 1936- 1941

Bulk Dates: 1939-1956

Size: 0.24 linear feet (1 boxes)

Collection Number: AC65

Donor Information:

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Biographical Sketch:

Wendell Givan was born in Kansas City on March 26, 1919. At age 15, Wendell lost one of his legs to gangrene. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1936. He later became a jazz musician and played trumpet and trombone in the Jay McShane Orchestra. At one time, he was also a photographer for one of Kansas City's newspapers. He died on October 4, 1992, in Seattle Washington.

Scope and Content Note:

This Collection contains photographs, a high school yearbook, and a funeral program for Wendell June Givans.

Collection Inventory

f. 1 The Lincolnite, 1936

f. 2 Scrapbook

f. 3 Funeral Program

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Sources

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