

Dr. Collins F. Anderson, Jr. Collection (AC107)

Introduction:

The Dr. Collins F. Anderson, Jr. Collection contains documents related to Collins Anderson, Jr.'s academic career, his dental career, and his time working in genealogy, along with correspondence with various organizations, certificates and awards, notes from events he attended, and notes and artifacts from his career.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Dr. Collins F. Anderson, Jr.

Title: Dr. Collins F. Anderson, Jr. Collection

Date Range: 1953-1997

Bulk Dates: 1957-1997

Size: 8.59 Linear Feet (13 Boxes)

Collection Number: AC107

Donor Information:

Donated by Anthony Sanders (agent) January 14, 2020.

Citation Note:

Collins Anderson Collection (AC107), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri

Related Collections:

AC61 M.A.G.I.C. Collection

Administrative Information:

Reproduction Restrictions: Limited. Some documents are restricted due to legal requirements.

Access Restrictions: Limited. Some documents are restricted due to legal requirements. The restricted documents are contained in the first two folders of the collection.

Biographical Sketch:

Dr. Collins Fairfax Anderson, Jr. was an influential dentist and genealogist in Kansas City. He was born in 1933 to Lt. Collins Fairfax Anderson of the United States Army and Ophelia Anderson. He went to Lincoln University where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology and from there went to Howard University to study dentistry. While working as a dentist, he helped to promote many programs to help people take care of their dental health in different ways, such as giving talks at schools and writing about water fluoridation. He also wrote many arguments and letters explaining the need for different programs meant to increase dental health of people, even attempting to write a book on the subject of fluoridation in water. However, after he lost sight in one of his eyes, he was forced to retire from dentistry and instead shifted his focus towards genealogy. He was a founding member of both the Kansas City Historical Society in 1984 and the later Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition (M.A.G.I.C.) in 1991. He died on January 27, 2016.

Scope and Content Note:

Note: Some items in the collection are oversized. Their location is designated here as OS 1, OS 2 or OS 3 based on the box that they are located in. OS 1 is Box 11, OS 2 is Box 12, and OS 3 is Box 13.

Series 1: Medical and Financial Documents

This series contains documents related to Anderson's personal finances and medical history. Because of legal requirements, this series is partially restricted.

Series 2: Academic Work

This series mostly contains correspondence related to Anderson's life as a student before graduation. It also contains the results for his dental exam.

Series 3: Dental Career

This series contains documents related to Dr. Anderson's work as a dentist. It includes work related correspondence, studies he helped with, correspondence related to school presentations,

and his work in politics pushing for water fluoridation as well as the manuscript for his book on water fluoridation.

Series 4: Genealogy Work

This series contains documents related to Anderson's work as a genealogist for his family tree. It includes his writings, notes, his research materials, and documents related to his time working in different genealogical organizations.

Series 5: Booklets & Magazines

This series contains booklets and magazines. These include census records, a copy of *American Legacy* magazine from Spring 2007, a copy of *The Iowan* magazine from July 1956, and booklets related to doing history research.

Series 6: Events Attended

This series contains documents related to events that Anderson attended. They include invitation letters, letters thanking him for attending, and some small cards.

Series 7: Correspondence

This series contains correspondence to political figures and some miscellaneous correspondence.

Series 8: Pamphlets

This series contains pamphlets discussing various upcoming events. These include pamphlets for Black history events, volunteer recognition, and dentistry related events.

Series 9: Curriculum Vitae

This series contains two copies of Anderson's curriculum vitae.

Series 10: Certificates & Awards

This series contains certificates and awards given to Anderson. They include diplomas, an award from the Black Archives of Mid-America, and various other awards given by various organizations.

Series 11: Miscellaneous Documents

This series contains a tribute to Elvis Gibson, notes on the Comprehensive Outreach In-Home Needs (C.O.I.N.) program, a letter from the SNCC, short writings by various authors, and a copy of a law on the Social Security Act.

Series 12: Military Documents

This series contains military documents related to his father's, Collins F. Anderson army career. There are discharge papers, a diploma, and a letter of commendation from a brigadier general.

Series 13: Photographs

This series contains 23 photographs. Many of the photographs are in frames.

Series 14: Drawings

This series contains a book of drawings by Charles Alston along with a drawn poster.

Series 15: Artifacts

This series contains objects found in the collection. It consists of commemorative medals depicting historically important Black Americans as well as two binders used to store documents in the collection.

Series 16: Posters

This series contains posters created by Anderson. They include posters on genealogy, history, and mathematics. This series is contained entirely in Box 13.

Collection Inventory:**Series 1: Financial and Medical Information**

- f. 1 Medical Records (NOTE: RESTRICTED TO ALL RESEARCHERS)
- f. 2 Financial Documents (NOTE: RESTRICTED TO ALL RESEARCHERS)
- f. 3 Medical Related Documents
- f. 4 Receipts
- f. 5 U.S. Treasury Department Letter

Series 2: Academic Career

- f. 6 Academic Correspondence

Series 3: Dental Career

- f. 7 Dentistry Work-Correspondence
- f. 8 Dentistry Work-School Presentations
- f. 9 Dentistry Work-Water Fluoridation
- f. 10 Misplaced Priorities of Dentistry Manuscript
- f. 11 Dentistry Work-Preventive Dentistry Pilot Study
- f. 12 Dentistry Work-Model Cities Neighborhood Health Center
- f. 13 Dentistry Work-Preventive Dentistry Pilot Program
- f. 14 Dentistry Work-Correspondence about Writings for Dentistry
- f. 15 Heart Association Correspondence

Series 4: Genealogy Work

- f. 16 Writings advocating people to learn genealogy
- f. 17 M.A.G.I.C Cookbook
- f. 18 "Black Genealogy" Bound Photocopy
- f. 19 History Research (OS 3)
- f. 20 Miscellaneous History Research
- f. 21 Biographical Research
- f. 22 History Writings by Various Authors
- f. 23 Writings by Dr. Anderson
- f. 24 Historical Images
- f. 25 Secondary Source Materials
- f. 26 Maps
- f. 27 Genealogy Research and Work (OS 3)
- f. 28 Genealogy Research
- f. 29 Genealogy Research Requests and Responses
- f. 30 Genealogy Research Requests and Responses

- f. 31 History Research Notes
- f. 32 Historical Images and Documents
- f. 33 Notebook with Lists of Names
- f. 34 Newspapers
- f. 35 Newspaper Photocopies (OS 1)
- f. 36 History Writings-Part 1
- f. 37 History Writings-Part 2
- f. 38 History Presentations and Exhibits-Correspondence
- f. 39 Black History Month Quiz
- f. 40 Research Resources

Series 5: Booklets & Magazines

- f. 41 Tony Brown's Journal 1983
- f. 42 The Nile Review 1982
- f. 43 Census Records
- f. 44 Black American History Booklets
- f. 45 Mixed History Magazines
- f. 46 Missouri Historical Review 1970
- f. 47 Missouri Historical Review 1971
- f. 48 Missouri Historical Review 1972

Series 6: Events Attended

- f. 49 School Presentations
- f. 50 Church Seminar
- f. 51 Miscellaneous Events Attended
- f. 52 Medical Conferences and Presentations
- f. 53 Funerals and Marriages
- f. 54 History and Genealogy Events and Presentations
- f. 55 Graduations and School Reunions

Series 7: Correspondence

- f. 56 Political Correspondence
- f. 57 Miscellaneous Correspondence

Series 8: Pamphlets

- f. 58 Pamphlets

Series 9: Curriculum Vitae

- f. 59 Curriculum Vitae

Series 10: Certificates & Awards

- f. 60 Bachelor's Degree from Lincoln University
- f. 61 Certificates and Awards
- f. 62 Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association Award
- f. 63 Successful Dental Exam Certificate
- f. 64 Missouri Dental Board Certificate
- f. 65 Black Archives of Mid-America Outstanding Citizens' Award
- f. 66 Certificate and Diploma (OS 2)
- f. 67 Howard University Diploma Photocopy

Series 11: Miscellaneous Documents

- f. 68 Miscellaneous Documents
- f. 69 Lists of Names

Series 12: Military Documents

- f. 70 Collins F. Anderson Military Rank Appointment
- f. 71 Letter of Commendation
- f. 72 U.S. Army Engineering Course Diploma
- f. 73 Honorable Discharge Certificate
- f. 74 Collins F. Anderson Rank Appointment (OS 1)

Series 13: Photographs

- f. 75 Iowa City Tee Golf Tournament 1997
- f. 76 Athletic team with Dr. Anderson
- f. 77 Photographs

Series 14: Drawings

- f. 78 Drawings by Charles Alston and Poster (OS 1)

Series 15: Artifacts

- f. 79 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Medal
- f. 80 Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Commemorative Medal
- f. 81 Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable Commemorative Medal
- f. 82 Benjamin Banneker Commemorative Medal
- f. 83 Matthew A. Henson Commemorative Medal
- f. 84 Frederick Douglass Commemorative Medal
- f. 85 Harriet Tubman Commemorative Medal
- f. 86 George Washington Carver Commemorative Medal
- f. 87 369th Infantry Regiment Commemorative Medal
- f. 88 Paul Laurence Dunbar Commemorative Medal
- f. 89 Jan Matzeliger Commemorative Medal
- f. 90 Henry O. Flipper Commemorative Medal
- f. 91 Henry O. Tanner Commemorative Medal
- f. 92 Pinckney Bentan Stewart Pinchback and Dr. William Edward Burghardt Du Bois
Commemorative Medals
- f. 93 Education Binder
- f. 94 Writings Binder

Series 16: Posters (OS 3)

- f. 95 Bios and Images of Notable Black People & Events
- f. 96 Political Documents
- f. 97 General History

- f. 98 Genealogy Research
- f. 99 Teaching Genealogy
- f. 100 International History
- f. 101 Dentistry Posters
- f. 102 Miscellaneous Posters

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