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JAMES GUY TYSON PAPERS
Collection 108-1 to 108-39

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Scope Note

The papers of James Guy Tyson, former Howard University football star, lawyer, field director of the American Red Cross, and long term member of various regulatory agencies, are contained in seven boxes, along with numerous wrapped items, measuring eight linear feet. The material spans the period 1907-1970, although the bulk of it falls within the period 1930-1970.

These papers, consisting largely of photographs, reflect Tyson's profound love for sports, particularly football and swimming. They illustrate his ebullience for these and other activities: at Howard University, for his military service, and for his legal career which included many other organizational involvements. Along with the photographs, and further proof of his talent and zest for life, are certificate!, letters, awards and licenses of his athletic achievements, his career as lawyer and member of the Bar Association, the Alcohol Beverage Control Board and with the American Red Cross in New Guinea, Australia. Also included are scrapbooks, artifacts and certain of Tyson's legal files.

Biographical Sketch

- 1899 July 25 Born near Smithfield, Pennsylvania.
- 1919 Graduated from High School in Uniontown, PA.
- 1929 A.B. degree, Howard University.
- 1932 LL.B. degree, Howard University.
- 1933 Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar; the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia; the Bar of the United States District Court, 4th District; the Bar of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia; and the United States Supreme Court.
- 1933-1942 Engaged in private practice, primarily criminal and probate law and domestic relations.
- 1935-1936 Harvard University Graduate School of Law.
- 1938-1942 Member of Draft Board #13, Washington, D.C.
- 1942-1945 American Red Cross (Task Force); served in the South- west Pacific Area (Australia and New Guinea) and also with the M.T.O. (Italy and Corsica), as Club and Field Director.
- 1945-1949 Teacher of Law, Terrell Law School, Washington, D.C.
- 1946-1953 Hearing Examiner for the of Columbia Rent Control Board until termination. For several of those years served as Senior Examiner.
- 1953 Re-entered private practice, almost exclusively civil and primarily domestic relations, adoptions and probate work.
- 1958-1970 Board member, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.
- 1970 March 13 Died in Washington, D.C.

Series Description

Series A Personal Papers

Box 108-1 An autobiographical sketch and other biographical data on his life along with clippings, correspondence, certificates, memorial awards and other memorabilia.

Series B Artifacts

Box 108-1 A 1957 inaugural license plate bearing portraits of President Eisenhower and Richard Nixon, a Red Cross banner, and Howard University school letters are included in the collection. A walking stick, sword and scimitar presented to Tyson by an African Chief are located in the vault.

Series C Career

Box 108-1 to Box 108-3 Includes certain legal files of controversial cases handled by Tyson; such as Brown vs. Bar Association of D.C. and the Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford; his appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and materials connected with the American Red Cross-Task Force between 1942 and 1945

Series D Organizational Materials

Box 108-3 Mostly materials concerning his involvement with the Pigskin Club: an organization of persons who made outstanding contributions to the sport of football. Other organizational materials i.e., bulletins, minutes of meetings, reports, invitations, etc are connected with: Alpha Phi Alpha, Nomad Gold Club, HM Club, NAACP, and the Republican Party-Young Republic Club.

Series E Clippings, Notes, Pamphlets, Programs, Reports

Box 108-3 Clippings: articles about sports, the Bar Association, Howard University and several articles about the Scottsboro Case; pamphlets: re.: Howard's School of Law, Tuskegee's Fiftieth Anniversary and Tuskegee and Booker T. Washington; programs: range from Howard University Glee Club performances to HU-Lincoln Football Classic, to a program from the Republican "Dinner with Ike"; reports: Tyson's manager's report on the swimming program at Francis Pools for 1939.

Series Description

Series F Photographs

Box 108-4 Includes individual and group photos of Tyson, his Wife and others. Also photos of
to Box 108-6 sports activities at Howard University, the American Red Cross in New Guinea,
Australia, and of many organizational functions. There are numerous oversized
photographs, framed and unframed which are located in the following series:
oversized and wrapped materials.

Series G Oversized and Wrapped Materials

Box 108-7 Contains a wine list from the Waldorf Astoria, certificates, and diplomas of Tyson
& Item 108-8 and his wife from Howard University. There are also large framed and unframed
to Item 108-39 photos of Tyson and others, various licenses, and four scrapbooks. Scrapbook I
contains fragile clippings concerning Howard University sports activities, programs,
letters, tickets, invitations, scholastic records, telegrams and place cards. Scrapbook
II concerns Tyson as examiner of the District Rent Control Commission. These are
clippings regarding the tenants of Winchester Summit Apartments and their fight
for a 25 percent rent reduction. Scrapbook III contains birthday greetings for Tyson
on July 25, 1954. Scrapbook IV is regarding Tyson's appointment to the Alcoholic
Beverage Control Post.

Container List

Series A	Personal Papers
Box	Folder
108-1	1 Sketch of Red Cross Activities- autobiographical
	2 Biographical data
	3 Clippings
	4 Certificates
	5 Correspondence
	6 Health Data
	7 Invitations
	8 Passports
	9 Scholastic Record
	10 Speech - Washington Bar Association May 24, 1958
	11 Memorial Bar Association of the District of Columbia
	12 Pete Tyson Memorial Award
Series B	Artifacts
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	15 School letters
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	16 Brown vs. Bar Association of the District of Columbia - clippings
	17 Brown vs. Bar Association of D.C. - correspondence
	18 Brown vs. Bar Association of D.C. - holographic notes
	19 Brown vs. Bar Association of D.C. - notices of court action
	20 Brown vs. Bar Association of D.C. - re.: Brown vs. r Association
	21 Brown vs. Bar Association of D.C. - printed material
	22 Brown vs. Bar Association of D.C. - receipts, etc.
	23 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford-Broadsides
	24 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - correspondence
108-2	25 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - clippings
	26 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - clippings
	27 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - clippings
	28 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - clippings
	29 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - clippings
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	31 Commonwealth of Virginia vs George Crawford - clippings
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Series C

Career

Legal Files continued

Box

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- 108-2 33 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford- examinations of witnesses
34 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - interviews
35 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - jurors
36 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - list of persons who paid state Poll Tax in Loudoun County, VA., 1928-30
37 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - re.: Crawford case
38 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - trial notes (holographs)
39 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - printed material
40 Commonwealth of Virginia vs. George Crawford - receipts
- 108-3 41 Roland J. Lindsey vs. U.S. of America
42 Elnora Williams vs. Henry Williams
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44 Travel authorizations Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
45 ABC Board - Draft of Interpretation of Section 13
46 ABC Board - memoranda (47) ABC Board - rules

Series D

Organizational Materials

- 48 Alpha Phi Alpha
49 Pigskin Club - announcements, invitations, programs
50 Pigskin Club - application for membership
51 Pigskin Club - clippings
52 Pigskin Club - correspondence
53 Pigskin Club - football signals notebook - 1917-1919
54 Pigskin Club - Junior Baseball League
55 Pigskin Club - membership
56 Pigskin Club - minutes
57 Pigskin Club - photographs
58 Pigskin Club - proposed constitution and by-laws
59 Pigskin Club - purpose/eligibility for memberships
60 Pigskin Club - receipts
61 Nomed Golf Club
62 HM Club
63 NAACP
64 Republican Party-Young Republic Club

Container List

Series E	Clippings, Notes, Pamphlets, Programs, Reports
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Series F	Photographs
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108-5	72 Photographs Ann Tyson and others 73 Photographs James G. Tyson and wife, Ann 74 Photographs James G. Tyson, Ann Tyson and others 75 Photographs - James G. Tyson family members
108-6	76 Photographs - James G. Tyson and others 77 Photographs - Group - unidentified 78 Photographs - individuals 79 Photographs - individuals - unidentified 80 Photographs - scenery 81 Photographs - New Guinea, Australia
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	Photos - Group 89 Photograph - Unidentified couple celebrating 50 th anniversary 90 Photograph group Washington Bar Association 1953-1954 91 Photograph wedding photo - Hamp and Norma, Sydney, Australia 92 Photograph - Pigskin Club - members 1938 93 Photograph - H.U. Football team 1926

Container List

- Series G Oversized and Wrapped Materials continued**
- Box Folder**
- 108-7 94 Photograph - HU football team 1925
95 Photograph - Plant and Personnel of the Francis Swimming Pools, - 1928
96 Photograph - wedding - Bobbie and Joe
97 Waldorf Astoria Wine List
98 Diplomas - Ann Montier Tyson, H.U., 1932; James Guyson, H.U., 1929
99 Banquet photo in honor of Judge James A. Cobb by the Washington Bar Association at Whitlaw Hotel, Jan. 26, 1934
100 Unidentified group photo
101 21st Annual Convention, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Dec. 28-31, 1928, Philadelphia, PA
102 Affiliation Board of Athletic Officials Banneker Center, 9th Nov. 1947
- Certificates
- 103 Certificate - Howard Varsity "H" in Football, 1926
104 Certificate, Howard Varsity "H" in swimming, 1928
105 Certificate - Howard Varsity "H" in Track, 1927
106 Certificate - Howard Varsity "H" in Football, 1927
107 Certificate - elected member of Bar Association of D.C. June 6, 1960
108 Certificate - Howard Varsity "H" in Track, 1928
109 Certificate - member of the Beta Chapter, Wash., D.C. Dec. 15, 1927
110 Certificate - Howard Varsity "H" in Football, 1925
111 Certificate - Pigskin Club In Appreciation - March 4, 1949
- Photographs
- Item 108-8 Red Jeff, J. T. Williams, James G. Tyson
- Item 108-9 Lawyers in Crawford Case Walter White, Charles H. Houston, James G. Tyson, Leon Ransom, Edward P. Ovet
- Item 108-10 James G. Tyson at the Lawyers Club
- Item 108-11 Millard Dean, Lawrence Oxley, James G. Tyson and others
- Item 108-12 J.M. Dabney, Willie Mays, J.M. Dabney, Sr., Monty Irvin, Frank Forbes
- Item 108-13 Howard University Law Class - 1932
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- Item 108-16 High School Class, Uniontown, Pa., 1919
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 - Item 108-20 Drawings (2) Ann Tyson in Art Colony, Paris Pete Tyson in Art Colony, Paris
 - Item 108-21 Pigskin Club 28th Annual Awards Dinner, Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., December 11, 1965
 - Item 108-22 National Bar Association Convention, Washington, D.C., September 1-3, 1955
 - Item 108-23 Pigskin Club Annual Awards Dinner, Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C. 1959
 - Item 108-24 License of practice in United States District Court for the District of Maryland
Dec. 28, 1933
 - Item 108-25 Certificate of membership, American Bar Association, May 1956
 - Item 108-26 License to practice before the Bar of the Supreme Court - April 10, 1933
 - Item 108-27 Certificate of election as Chief Justice of the Court of Peers, Howard University
School of Law, 1931-1932 - May 11, 1932
 - Item 108-28 Certificate of membership in the American Judicature Society
 - Item 108-29 Certificate of membership in the Federal Bar Association, March 15, 1957
 - Item -108-30 License to practice before the United States Supreme Court - Feb. 3, 1948
 - Item 108-31 License to practice before Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia - April 15,
1933
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Item 103-38 Scrapbook No. 240` 1958-1969

Item 108 -39 Architect's plan of Howard University Campus