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**Guide to the H. Minton Francis Papers  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	DC Africana Archives Project
<b>Title</b>	H. Minton Francis Papers
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1942-2007
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	Bulk, 1942-2007 1819-2007, bulk 1942-2007
<b>Extent</b>	25.0 Cubic feet
<b>Location note</b>	This collection is part of the holdings of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center at Howard University, 500 Howard Place, NW, Washington, DC 20059. Please contact them for information on accessing these materials.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	H. Minton Francis was an Army lieutenant as well as an administrator at Howard University. His papers contain correspondence, biographical materials, photographs, ephemera, and many reference files, primarily relating to Francis' time in the U.S. military.

## Biographical/Historical note

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H. Minton Francis, Sr. was born in 1922 to Dr. John Richard Francis, Jr. and Alice Wormley Francis in Washington, D.C. Francis was a fifth generation Washingtonian and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1940. After his first year as a pre-medical student at the University of Pennsylvania, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Francis graduated on June 6, 1944 and was commissioned in the U.S. Field Artillery and completed 21 years' service as a Regular Army Officer until he retired in 1965. Francis served in World War II with the 93rd Division Artillery, in Korea with the Corps Artillery and in Vietnam with the Army Concept Team. Francis earned an MBA from Syracuse University School of Management and was elected to the business administration academic honors fraternity, Beta Gamma Sigma. After he retired from active service in the military, Francis joined the Housing and Home Finance Agency as Special Assistant to the Administrator. He was responsible for providing definitive planning in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He served as special assistant to Robert C. Weaver, the first Secretary of Housing and Urban Development until 1967. After 1967, Francis served as Vice President and Executive Director of the Richmond Organization in New York. The Richmond Organization was comprised of 31 domestic and 10 foreign corporations engaged in music publishing and recording. Francis also served as Vice President and General Manager of Avco Corporation's Printing and Publishing Division. Following federal service in 1980, Francis joined Howard University and served in various capacities: Director of University Planning; director of a university-wide, self-study task force; and Executive Secretary of the Presidential Search Committee. In 1989, he became Director of Governmental Affairs and Special Assistant to the university's president. He continued to serve as a consultant to the university leadership team for several years after his employment. For ten years, Francis was a trustee of the Association of Graduates, retiring as trustee emeritus. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs, the Board of Managers of the Historical Society of Washington, DC and the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan USO in Washington. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Carroll Publishing Company of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. He also held memberships in the National Press Club and University Club of Washington, DC. He was a nephew of the founder and lifelong member of Sigma Pi Phi—the oldest and most prestigious African-American fraternity.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The H. Minton Francis papers contain correspondence, biographical materials, photographs, ephemera, and many reference files, primarily relating to Francis' time in the U.S. military.

## **Arrangement note**

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This collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of H. Minton Francis, 1980.

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