Horace S. Graves, Jr. Papers
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### Summary Information

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<td><strong>Abstract</strong></td>
<td>The Horace S. Graves, Jr. (1897-1981) papers are comprised of materials documenting Horace S. Graves, Jr., who was an African-American funeral director, real estate agent, and insurance salesman in Evanston, Illinois. He was an active member of several organizations including: Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Norshore Twelve, Inc., and the American Legion. The collection material dates from 1923 to 1981 and focuses on Horace S. Graves, Jr.'s career as an undertaker and funeral director in Evanston, Illinois as well as his community involvement. There are also a few photographs of his father, Horace S. Graves, Sr., who served as minister of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church from 1911 to 1912 and died in 1913.</td>
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Biographical/Historical note

Horace S. Graves, Jr. (1897-1981) was an African-American funeral director, real estate agent, and insurance salesman in Evanston, Illinois. Graves was also an active member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, where his father, Horace Sr. Graves, Sr. had served as minister from 1911 to 1912, and the Norshore Twelve, Inc., a social and civic club, which served the communities of Chicagoland's North Shore region. Horace S. Graves, Jr. was also a member of Evanston's Garnett Post American Legion. He died in 1981.

Scope and Contents note

The Horace S. Graves, Jr. papers are arranged into three series: “Personal and Professional,” “Photographs,” and “Artifacts.” The collection material dates from 1923 to 1981 and focuses on Horace S. Graves, Jr.’s career as an undertaker and funeral director in Evanston, Illinois as well as his community involvement. The collection includes funeral industry material, patches, pins, an embosser, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Shorefront Legacy Center July 18th, 2012

Processing Information note

Related Materials
Related Archival Materials note
Norshore Twelve, Inc. records, Shorefront Legacy Center; Ebenezer A.M.E. Church records, Shorefront Legacy Center

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Graves, Horace S., Jr., 1897-1981

Subject(s)

- African American--History.
- African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.
- African Americans--Social life and customs
- Funeral industry
- Undertakers and undertaking
Collection Inventory

Series I. Personal and Professional, 1936-1981

Scope and Contents note
This series is comprised of funeral industry material, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and funeral registers for Mr. Graves’ funeral.

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Biographical Material, 1936-1981
Newspaper Clippings, 1977, undated

Series II. Photographs, 1923-1953

Scope and Contents note
This series contains photographs documenting the Graves family and Horace S. Graves Jr.’s involvement with the Norshore Twelve. It also includes a class photo from Worsham Training School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science, and Embalming.

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2 Horace S. Graves, Jr. Funeral Registers, 1981
Personal and Family Photographs, undated
Series III. Artifacts, 1936-1938, undated

Scope and Contents note

This series is comprised of Notary Public seal embosser, patches, pins, and Mr. Graves' American Legion uniform.

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Garnett Post American Legion Uniform and walking stick, 1938