

## Guide to the John L. LeFlore Papers

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Descriptive Summary:

Creator: John LeFlore

1971 - Becomes director of the Mobile Committee for the Support of Public Education.

1972 - Campaigns for U.S. Senate.

1975 - Elected to Alabama House of Representatives.

1976 - Dies of heart attack on January 30.

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Scope and Contents :

Consists of correspondence, minutes, and other materials relating to LeFlore's participation in the NAACP (1939 - 1956), the Mobile Housing Board (1966- 1970), the Alabama State Legislature (1975 - 1976), and other boards and committees. Also includes editorials he wrote for various newspapers, personal correspondence, and records of a business venture.

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Arrangement:

Arranged in nine series: 1. NA2IR-12(is1(N);0(.))TJ 0 Tc 0 T6.62.687 0 Td ( )Tw 0.349 0 (2 (-)Tj 15003 Tc -17006 Tw63.349

Series 1 : NAACP (Boxes 1 -4)

The Mobile branch records cover the period from 1930 to 1956. They include correspondence, affidavits, financial and membership records, minutes, miscellaneous notes, and promotional materials. The files of the Alabama Conference of the NAACP contain correspondence, minutes, and membership records from 1945 to 1953. Materials relating to the Regional Conference of Southern Branches include correspondence, press releases, and miscellaneous reports from 1936 to 1945. Publications and campaign materials from the National office of the NAACP comprise the remainder of this series.

Early regional and branch correspondence show that LeFlore and the NAACP were primarily concerned with employment opportunities and public accommodations. However, the focus shifted to political rights after the Supreme Court ruled in 1944 that white primaries were unconstitutional. For example, there are affidavits of twelve registered black voters who were denied the right to vote in the 1944 Alabama Democratic primary. Other affidavits filed in 1946 indicate that registrars were using a variety of tactics to stall black voter registration.

Series 2 : Mobile Housing Board (Boxes 5 -6)

Appointed by Mayor Joseph N. Langan to the Board of Commissioners of the Mobile Housing Authority in 1966 to fill an unexpired term, LeFlore remained on the board until 1970. This was a period of considerable activity in low-income housing projects and urban renewal in Mobile, both areas of concern to LeFlore. The series contains correspondence, minutes, newspaper articles, complaints, financial records, U.S. Housing and Urban Development publications, personnel records, and reports.

Series 3 : Other Committees and Organizations (Box 7)

LeFlore participated in many organizations and served on various state committees. In addition to civil rights, these groups represent public work in areas such as prison reform, health and family planning, veterans' rights, labor unions, public education, and general charity. In addition, he was on the editorial staff of the Mobile Beacon and was a radio commentator for a public service program, Today's World, for many years. The series includes extensive correspondence, minutes, grant applications, and financial records for the Committee for the Support of Public Education, a group organized by LeFlore and Fr. Foley of Spring Hill College in 1973. This committee received federal funds to mount



A partner in the Azalea Home Builders, Ltd. from 1973 to 1975, LeFlore retained papers from this business venture. The group acquired properties outside urban renewal areas to rehabilitate, sell, or lease. The series includes correspondence, minutes of the partners' meetings, and financial reports. Appraisals, floor plans, contracts, and bills for building supplies have not been microfilmed.

Series 7 : Alabama State Legislature (Box 10)

LeFlore was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1974, a year before his

the federal, state, and local levels. The interviewer asks LeFlore to comment on specific documents which are in the Leflore papers. The full text of the McLaurin interviews is available on this website.

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##### Box 1

NAACP Files, Mobile Branch, Correspondence

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1. 1930- 1931
2. Jan-March 1932
3. April 1932
4. May-Dec 1932
5. Jan-May 1934
6. June 1934
7. July-Aug 1934
8. Sept-Oct 1934
9. Nov-Dec 1934
- 10- 11. January 1935
12. February 1935
13. March 1935
14. April 1935
15. May-June 1935
16. July 1935
17. September 1935
18. August 1935
19. October 1935
20. November 1935
21. December 1935
- 22- 23. January 1936
24. February 1936
- 25- 26. March 1936
- 27- 28. April 1936
- 29- 30. May 1936
31. June 1936
32. July 1936
- 33- 34. August 1936
35. September 1936
36. October 1936
37. November 1936
38. December 1936
39. January 1937
40. February 1937
41. March 1937
42. April 1937

43. May 1937
44. June 1937

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45. July 1937
46. August 1937
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49. October 1937
50. November 1937
51. December 1937
52. January 1938
- 53- 54. February 1938
55. March 1938
56. April 1938
57. May 1938
58. June 1938
- 59- 60. July 1938
- 61- 62. August 1938
63. October 1938
64. Nov - Dec 1938
65. 1939
66. Jan-April 1940
67. May - June 1940
68. July - Aug 1940
69. Sept - Oct 1940
70. November 1940
71. December 1940

Box 2

NAACP Files, Mobile Branch, Correspondence

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1. Jan-March 1941
2. April - June 1941
3. July - Dec 1941
4. 1942
5. Jan-June 1943
6. Oct 1943- March 1944
7. April 1944 - January 1945
8. Feb-July 1945
9. Sept - Dec 1945
10. January 1946
11. Feb-April 1946
12. May 1946
13. June - Nov 1946
14. 1948
- 14A. 1949
15. June 1950- May 1951
16. June - Sept 1951
17. Oct - Dec 1951

18. Jan-Feb 1952
19. March -May 1952
20. June-Sept 1952
21. Oct-Nov 1952
22. December 1952 -January 1953
23. Feb



35. Minutes, 1934, 1937, 1944
36. Minutes, November 1952- May 1953
- 37- 39. Minutes, June -Dec 1953
- 40- 44. Minutes, 1954
45. Minutes, 1955
46. Minutes, 1956
47. Minutes, not dated
48. Misc. Civil Rights Materials
- 49- 50. Misc. List of Names, not dated

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- 51- 52. Misc. Notes, 1942- 1956
53. Misc. Notes (complaints, cases)
54. Misc. Notes (employment, history), not dated
55. Misc. Notes (reports, etc.), not dated
- 56- 57. Press Releases
- 58- 59. Promotional Materials, Meeting Programs
60. Related Committees and Organizations
61. Reports, Summaries
62. Student Retainer and Information Sheets, 1955
63. Duplicate Materials (not micro filmed)

Box 4

NAACP Files, Regional, Alabama, and National, Correspondence

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1. 1936
2. 1937
3. January 1938
4. February 1938
5. March 1938
6. April 1938
7. May 1938
8. June 1938
9. July 1938
10. Aug- Sept 1938
11. October 1938
12. November 1938
13. December 1938
14. March -Dec 1939
15. Jan-March 1940
- 16- 17. April 1940
18. May 1940
19. June 1940
- 20- 21. July 1940
22. August 1940
23. September 1940
- 24- 25. October 1940
26. November 1940
27. December 1940

28. Jan-Feb 1941
29. March 1941
- 30- 31. April 1941
- 32- 33. May 1941
34. June 1941
- 35- 36. July 1941
37. August 1941
38. Sept -Dec 1941
- 39- 40. 1942
- 41- 42. March -Oct 1943
43. November 1943- March 1944
- 44- 45. April -June 1944
46. September 1944- December 1945
- 47- 48. not dated
49. Membership/Newsletters
50. Press Releases, 1941 -1943
51. Report Forms

(Begin Microfilm Reel 5)

52. Constitution
53. Correspondence, 1945 -1951
54. Correspondence, 1952 -1953
55. Meetings
56. Membership Records
57. Bulletins
58. Meetings
59. Membership Campaign Material
60. Pamphlets
61. Press Service
62. Press Service (not microfilmed)
- 63- 64. Publications
65. Structure

Box 5

Mobile Housing Board (MHB), Correspondence

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- 1-4. 1966
- 5-9. 1967
- 10- 19. 1968
- 20- 32. 1969
- 33- 44. 1970
45. 1971- 1973
46. not dated

Box 5

Mobile Housing Board (MHB), Minutes

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- 47- 49. 1966
- 50. Jan-Feb 1967
- 51. Feb-March 1967
- 52. April -May 1967
- 53. June 1967
- 54. July 1967
- 55. August 1967
- 56- 57. September 1967
- 58. October 1967
- 59- 60. November 1967
- 61. December 1967
- 62. January 1968
- 63. February 1968
- 64- 67. March 1968
- 68. April 1968
- 69- 70. June 1968
- 71. July 1968
- 72. August 1968
- 73. September 1968
- 74- 75. October 1968
- 76. November 1968
- 77. December 1968
- 78- 79. January 1969
- 80- 81. Feb 1969 ( 090 Td [(6)1(7)]TJ -0.002 Tc Tc 70Bb 0N987)TJ -0.002 Tc Tc -Tc e0N67 81-90 b\$ (bee) F 760690x 100

4. Bids/Appraisals
- 5-6. Budgets, 1968- 1970
7. Bylaws
8. Carriage House Restaurant
- 9-11 . Complaints
12. Contractors/Developers
- 13- 14. Contracts
15. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- 16- 17. Financial Records (reports)
18. Financial Records (travel)
19. Forms (blank)
- 20- 24. HUD, 1966- 1970
25. HUD, Grant Program Handbook, 1969
- 25A. HUD, Low -Rent Housing Engineering Survey Report, 1967
- 26- 28. List of Pending Items, 1969 - 1970
29. Management Study, March 1970
30. Maps/Floor Plans
31. Miscellaneous
32. Mobile Housing Board v George N. Cross et. al.
- 33- 34. National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
- 35- 36. Notes
- 37- 38. Personnel, Job Descriptions
- 39- 42. Personnel, Records
- 43- 44. Printed Materials
- 45- 46. Printed Materials, Journal of Housing
47. Public Housing Program, September 1967
48. Public Housing Program, March 1968
49. Public Housing Program, September 1968
50. Public Housing Program, December 1968
51. Resolutions/Policies
52. South Alabama Regional Planning Comm. Report, December 1969
- 53- 56. South Alabama Regional Planning Comm. Report, not dated
57. Tenant Newsletters
58. Turnkey Homes

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59. Urban Renewal Activities, March 1968

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1. Alabama Civic Affairs Association, 1959
2. Alabama Public Affairs Association, 1958
3. Ala. State Advisory Comm. to the U.S. Civil Rights Comm., 1964- 1966
4. Ala. State Advisory Comm. to the U.S. Civil Rights Comm., 1966
5. Ala. State Advisory Comm. to the U.S. Civil Rights Comm., 1967
- 6-7. Ala. State Advisory Comm. to the U.S. Civil Rights Comm., 1968
- 8-9. Ala. State Advisory Comm. to the U.S. Civil Rights Comm., 1969 -1972
- 10- 12. Ala. State Advisory Comm. to the U.S. Civil Rights Comm., 1972 -1973
13. Ala. State Advisory Comm. to the U.S. Civil Rights Comm., n.d.
14. Ala. Committee for Equal Justice, Correspondence, 1945
15. Ala. Committee on Correctional Institutions and Procedures, 1969
- 16- 17. Ala. Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning, 1969
- 18- 22. Ala. Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning, 1970
23. Ala. Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning, 1971
- 24- 27. Ala. Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning, 1972
- 28- 29. Ala. Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning, 1973
- 29A. Ala. Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning, 1973 (not filmed)
30. Ala. Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning, 1974 -1975
31. Ala. Council for Volunteer Family Planning, 1971 -1972
32. Ala. Council for Volunteer Family Planning, 1973
33. Ala. Council for Volunteer Family Planning, 1974 -1975
34. Ala. Council for Volunteer Family Planning, n.d.

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35. Ala. Council on Human Relations, 1955 -1971
36. Ala. State Conference of Negro Veterans, 1946
37. AFL-CIO, 1943
38. AFL-CIO, 1943- 45
39. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, 1939 -1941
40. Citizens Civic Council, 1955
41. Mobile Beacon, 1957 -1961
42. Mobile Comm. for the Support of Public Education (MCSPE), Articles, 1972- 1974
43. MCSPE, Correspondence, 1971 -1972
44. MCSPE, Correspondence, 1972
45. MCSPE, Correspondence, 1973 -1974
46. MCSPE, Correspondence, 1974 -1975
47. MCSPE, Correspondence, 1975 -1976
48. MCSPE, Emergency School Aid and Grants, 1972
49. MCSPE, Emergency School Aid and Grants, 1973
50. MCSPE, Emergency School Aid and Grants, 1974- 1975
51. MCSPE, Emergency School Aid and Grants, not dated
52. MCSPE, Financial Records, 1972
53. MCSPE, Financial Records, 1974 -1975
54. MCSPE, Financial Records, not dated
55. MCSPE, Inco

61. Today's World, 1958 - 1959
62. United Seaman's Service, 1944- 1945

Box 7A

Editorials and Articles

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63. 1940- 1943
64. 1944
65. not dated
66. 1947
- 67- 75. 1948
- 76-83. 1949
- 84- 93. 1950
- 94- 99. 1951
- 100 . 1952
- 101 - 105 . not dated and incomplete

Box 8

Personal Correspondence

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4. 1936- 1937
5. 1938- 1939
- 6-7. 1940
8. 1941
9. 1942- 1943
10. 1944
- 11- 12. 1945
- 13- 16. 1946
17. 1947- 1950
18. 1951- 1952
- 19- 20. 1953

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21. 1954- 1955
22. 1956
- 23- 24. 1957
- 25- 26. 1958
27. 1959
28. 1960- 1962
29. 1963- 1964
30. 1965
- 31- 32. 1966
- 33- 36. 1967
- 37- 40. 1968

41- 42. 1969  
43- 45. 1970  
46- 49. 1971  
50- 51. 1972  
52- 54. 1973  
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58. 1975  
59. 1976

- 33- 38. Building Supplies, 1973- 1975
- 39. Contracts
- 40. Floor Plans
- 41. Forms
- 42. Newspaper Clippings
- 43. Notes
- 44. Office Supplies
- 45. Payroll
- 46.



- 82. Opportunities Industrialization Center
- 83- 84. Periodicals, Articles, 1938 -1967, and not dated
- 85- 86. Southern Negro Youth Congress
- 87. United Seaman's Service Log

Box 10A

Legal Materials

(Files 88- 93 have not been microfilmed.)

- 88. Clarence Moses, Attorney Records, 1959 -1966
- 89. James E. Kidd Case
- 90. Med-Dent Health Services Bylaws
- 91. Girard Raine, Postal Employee Records, 1947 -1952
- 92. Pecola D. Moore and Anthony L. Moore, Guardianship Case, 1963 -1965
- 93. Thomas McAboy Jr., U.S. Army Proceedings

Box 10A

Photographs