

THE AARON HENRY COLLECTION

Part 1 - 4 Manuscript Boxes

Part 2 - 9 Manuscript Boxes

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The papers of Aaron Henry were deposited with the Labor History Archives in October 1969 and October 1970.

Aaron Henry was born in Coahoma County, Mississippi on July 2, 1922 and attended the public schools there, graduating from high school in 1941. From 1943 to 1946 he was in the armed forces. In 1950, Mr. Henry received his degree in pharmacy from Dillard University in New Orleans. Then he returned to Clarksdale, Mississippi and established the Fourth Street Drug-store, which is now a center in the black community for a variety of programs and drives. In 1952 Mr. Henry helped to establish and became the first president of the Clarksdale branch of the NAACP. By 1959 he had risen to State President of the Mississippi NAACP. Among the positions held by Mr. Henry have been member of the National Board of the NAACP, Chairman of the Mississippi Voter Registration and Education Project, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee for Mississippi, President of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and Delegate-at-Large for that group to the 1964 Democratic National Convention. In 1963 he ran for Governor in Mississippi, receiving more than 90,000 votes. The citizens of Mississippi declared April 12, 1970 as "Aaron Henry Day", whereupon Mr. Henry received the NAACP state award for twenty years of dedicated service. On July 2, 1970, he received the "Abraham Lincoln Award" from the National Education Association Center for Human Relations.

The Aaron Henry Collection covers the period from 1965 to 1970.

Important subjects are:

- Citizens Advisory Committee on Civil Rights
- Citizens Crusade Against Poverty
- Child Development Group of Mississippi
- Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection
- Delta Ministry
- Democratic Convention, 1968
- Democratic Politics
- Freedom Schools
- Henry, Aaron Day
- Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
- NAACP
- National Conference on Black Power
- National Sharecroppers Fund

O.E.O. Programs
School Desegregation
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Vietnam War
Voting Education Rights and Registration
White House Conference on Civil Rights

Among the correspondents are:

Ralph Abernathy	Edward Kennedy
Andrew Carr	Robert Kennedy
John Conyers, Jr.	George McGovern
Gloster Current	Edmund Muskie
Charles Diggs	Richard Nixon
Charles Evers	Adam Clayton Powell
Fred Harris	Bayard Rustin
Hubert Humphrey	Roy Wilkins

Description of Series

Part 1

Boxes 1-3 Correspondence arranged alphabetically. In cases where the bulk of the correspondence from an individual warrants it, a separate folder has been established. In all other cases, letters are filed by the writer's last name. 1965-1970.

Box 4 General files arranged alphabetically by topics, group names, etc. This material consists of reports, clippings, pamphlets, notes, and similar items.

Part 2 Arrangement is the same as Part 1.

Boxes 1-4 Correspondence.

Boxes 5-9 General files.

Folder Listing - Part 1

- Box 1 Correspondence A-H
- A
 - B (3 folders)
 - C (3 folders)
 - Cooper, Owen
 - Current, Gloster
 - D (2 folders)
 - E
 - F
 - G
 - H (4 folders)
- Box 2 Correspondence J-R
- J
 - K
 - Kennedy, Edward and Robert
 - L
 - M (3 folders)
 - N
 - O
 - Olive, Thaddeus
 - P
 - Powell, Adam Clayton
 - Q
 - R (3 folders)
- Box 3 Correspondence S-Z, Outgoing and Telegrams
- S (3 folders)
 - Seabron, William
 - T
 - V
 - W (2 folders)
 - Wilkins, Roy
 - X, Y, Z
 - Outgoing, 1965
 - Outgoing, 1966
 - Outgoing, 1969
 - Outgoing, Undated
 - Telegrams, A-D
 - Telegrams, E-W
 - Unidentified
- Box 4 General Files
- Address Lists
 - Agriculture, U.S. Department of
 - American Committee on Africa
 - American Federation of Labor

Box 4

General Files (continued)

Americans for Democratic Action
Apollo 11
Bills
Child Development Group of Mississippi
Citizens Crusade Against Poverty
Clarksdale, City of
Coahoma Opportunities, Inc.
Democratic National Committee
Democratic Party of Mississippi
Drugstore
Economic Development Administration
Education
Evers, Medgar Memorial
Freedom Talk
Health, Education and Welfare, Department of
Invitations, Christmas Cards, etc.
"Lest We Forget" Memphis March - April 4, 1969
Lincoln, Abraham Association
Local Elections
McGovern, George
Miscellaneous
Mississippi Action for Progress
Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party
Mississippi Voter and Education League
Natchez, Mississippi vs. NAACP
NAACP - Mississippi
NAACP - National
NAACP - Southeast Region
Newspapers and Clippings (2 folders)
Office for Economic Opportunity
Press Releases
Southern Educational and Recreational Association
Speech Notes
Star Inc.
SNCC
Voter Education and Registration
Voting Rights Bill
WLBT,-Jackson, Mississippi

Folder Listing - Part 2

- Box 1 Correspondence A-G
- A
 - B (4 folders)
 - C (4 folders)
 - Current, Gloster H.
 - D (2 folders)
 - E
 - F
 - G (2 folders)
- Box 2 Correspondence H-N
- H (3 folders)
 - Harris, Fred
 - Humphrey, Hubert
 - I
 - J (2 folders)
 - K
 - L
 - Louie, Lillian
 - M (3 folders)
 - McGovern, George
 - N
- Box 3 Correspondence 0-Z
- O
 - P
 - Q
 - R (3 folders)
 - S (3 folders)
 - Seabron, William M.
 - T
 - V
 - W (4 folders)
 - Y
- Box 4 Outgoing Correspondence, Telegrams, Unidentified Letters
- Outgoing Correspondence (9 folders)
 - Telegrams (7 folders)
 - Unidentified Letters

Box 5

General Files

Addresses and Lists (2 folders)
Agriculture, U.S. Department of
American Civil Liberties Union
AFL-CIO, Mississippi
AFL-CIO, National
American Pharmaceutical Association
Americans for Democratic Action
Announcements, Cards, Tickets, etc.
Autocomp, Inc.
Beacon Neighborhood House
Board of Christian Social Concerns
Bread and Peace Committee
Campaign Associates
Cards, Christmas, 1969
Charles County Branch of the NAACP vs. Charles County Board
of Education
Citizens Committee to Support the GE Strikes
Civic Communications Corp.
Civil Rights
Clarksdale, City of
Clarksdale Municipal Separate School District
Coahoma County
Coahoma Opportunities, Inc.
Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection
Conscientious Objector Service
Conyers, John Jr.
County Advisory Committeemen
Delta Area Council
Delta Ministry
Democratic National Committee (2 folders)
Democratic National Committee News
Democratic Party of Mississippi
Democratic Politics
Drugstore
DuShane Fund
Emergency Action Committee on Genocide
Equal Employment Opportunity Program
Evers, Medgar Fund, Inc.

Box 6

General Files

Financial Records (7 folders)
Fischer, George D.: Statement
Food Stamp Program
Freedom Information Service
Freedom Schools
Harper, Jack E., Jr.: Statement
Hart, Philip A.
Health, Education and Welfare, U.S. Department of

Box 6 General Files (continued)

Henry, Aaron
Henry, Aaron: Statements and Reports
Henry, Rebecca E. vs. The Clarksdale Municipal Separate
 School District
Holland, Jerome H.
Howard University, Mississippi Project
Insurance
International Platform Association

Box 7 General Files

Invitations: 1963-1969
Invitations: 1970
Knights and Daughters of Tabor
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
Levin, Sander M.
Loyal Democrats of Mississippi
L.Q.C. Lamar Society
Miscellaneous (2 folders)
Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc.: 1968-1969
Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc.: 1970
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Mississippi State Conference - NAACP
Mississippi State Employment Service: 1969
Mississippi State Pharmaceutical Association
Mississippi Teachers Association
National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees
NAACP - Coahoma County
NAACP - National: 1966-1968
NAACP - National: Jan. 1969-Aug. 1969
NAACP - National: Sept. 1969-Oct. 1969
NAACP - National: Nov. 1969-Dec. 1969
NAACP - National: Jan. 1970-June 1970
NAACP - National: July 1970-Sept. 1970
NAACP - Pike County
NAACP - Southeast Regional Office

Box 8 General Files

National Committee to Abolish HUAC/HISC
National Educational Advertising Services
National Pharmaceutical Association, Inc.
National Welfare Rights Organization
Newsletters (5 folders)
Newspaper Clippings: 1966-1968
Newspaper Clippings: 1969-1970
Newspaper Clippings: Undated
Newspapers (2 folders)
Notes
Operation Breadbasket
Opportunities Industrialization Centers

Box 9

General Files

Pamphlets
Peace Corps
Plainfield Joint Defense Committee
Press Releases
Programs and Agendas
Progress Association for Economic Development, Inc.
Race Relations Information Center
Randolph, A. Philip Institute
Rural Housing Alliance
Rust College
Rustin, Bayard
St. Joseph Head Start Center
Southeastern Regional Medical Library Program
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (2 folders)
Southern Legal Action Movement
Southern Regional Council
Star, Inc. (2 folders)
Statewide Coalition for Better Broadcasting
Television and Radio
Thomas, The Norman Fund
Tougaloo College
United Democrats for Humphrey
United Nations
Urban Research Corporation
Vance, Robert S.: Statement
Vietnam War
Voter Education Project, Inc.
Young, Andrew vs. L.O. Davis
Young Democratic Clubs