

Damon J. Keith Collection
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The papers of Damon J. Keith were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Judge Keith in March of 1994 and opened for research in August of 2002.

Damon Jerome Keith was born on July 4, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan, shortly after his father, Perry Alexander Keith, moved his wife, Annie Louise (Williams) Keith, and their five children from Atlanta, Georgia to take a foundry job at Ford Motor Company's Rouge plant.

After graduating from Detroit's Northwestern High School in 1939, Damon Keith became the first member of his family to attend college, earning a bachelor's degree from West Virginia State College, one of the nation's historically black schools, in 1943. He served three years in the U. S. Army and then, following the advice of his mentor, West Virginia State president, John W. Davis, enrolled in Howard University Law School, where Thurgood Marshall and others were planning the legal strategy for the civil rights battles of the 1950's. He received his LL.B. in 1949 and an LL.M. in labor law from Wayne State University in Detroit in 1956.

Keith spent the early years of his career with the black Detroit law firm of Loomis, Jones, Piper & Colden and on the staff of the Wayne County Friend of the Court. He was one of six Detroit attorneys invited to the White House in 1963 by then President John F. Kennedy to discuss the role of lawyers in the civil rights struggle. In 1964 he and four other black attorneys formed Keith, Conyers, Anderson, Brown & Wahls, setting up shop in what had previously been the all-white legal district of downtown Detroit. During this period he also served as chair of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and president of the Detroit Housing Commission. In 1967 President Lyndon Johnson, upon the recommendation of Michigan Senator Philip Hart, appointed him to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, only the second African American to sit on that court.

Judge Keith served on the district court from 1967 until 1977, becoming chief judge in 1975. During his tenure, he delivered several landmark rulings in civil rights and civil liberties cases: on school desegregation in *Davis v. School District of the City of Pontiac* (1970); on employment discrimination and affirmative action in *Stamps v. Detroit Edison Co.* (1973) and *Baker v. City of Detroit* (1979); and on housing discrimination in *Garrett v. City of Hamtramck* (1971) and *Zuch v. Hussey* (1975). But he is most frequently cited for his opinion in *U.S. v. Sinclair* (1971), dubbed the "Keith decision," which found wiretap surveillance in domestic security cases unconstitutional, absent a court order, a decision unanimously upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

In 1977 President Jimmy Carter appointed Judge Keith to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit where he has served for the past twenty-five years, taking senior status in 1995. In the 1980's he served as chair of the Sixth Circuit and Judicial Conference committees commemorating the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

Over the course of his long career, Judge Keith has played an active role in a number of civic, cultural and educational organizations, including the Detroit YMCA, the Detroit Arts Commission, the Detroit Cotillion Club and Interlochen Arts Academy, and has been a tireless fundraiser for the United Negro College Fund and the Detroit NAACP. In addition, he serves as a deacon of the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Judge Keith is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the NAACP's highest award, the Springarn Medal, in 1974, the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award in 1997, the prestigious Edward J. Devitt Award for Distinguished Service to Justice in 1998 and honorary degrees from Yale University, Georgetown University, the University of Michigan, Tuskegee University and over thirty other institutions. The Detroit Board of Education has named an elementary and middle school in his honor.

Damon Keith married Dr. Rachel Boone, an internist, in 1953. They have three daughters: Cecile Keith-Brown, Debbie and Gilda.

The first installment of the papers of Damon J. Keith consists primarily of published material documenting important milestones in Judge Keith's career, his precedent-setting judicial decisions and the many honors and awards bestowed upon him for his dedication to the city of Detroit and his pioneering role in ensuring equal justice for all Americans.

Important subjects in the collection:

Affirmative action programs--Law and legislation--Michigan--Detroit
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African American law students
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Busing for school integration--Michigan--Pontiac
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Important correspondents in the collection:

Warren Burger
John Warren Davis
George C. Edwards, Jr.
William T. Gossett
Myles Lynk
Charles Renfrew

Non-manuscript material:

Several photographs, a few videotapes, including a history of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association, and other items of memorabilia received with the collection have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Department.

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Additional photographs and oversized items are located in the Reuther's Audiovisual Department.

History

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Scope and Content

The second installment of the papers of Damon J. Keith consists of additional personal and professional correspondence received by Judge Keith and of additional published material documenting important milestones in Judge Keith's career, his precedent-setting judicial decisions, his role in ensuring equal justice for all Americans, and the many honors and awards bestowed upon him for his dedication to civil rights and to the City of Detroit. The collection also includes a number of photographs, other audiovisual materials, and physical objects illustrating the life, career, and interests of Judge Keith.

Important Subjects:

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Mary S. Coleman	Rosa Parks
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Lani Guinier	G. Mennen Williams
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Series V: Personal Files, circa 1950-2007

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Series VIII: Subject Files, 1954-2006

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Series X: Audiovisual Material and Physical Objects, circa 1938-2007

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Arrangement

The Damon J. Keith Papers, Part II, are arranged into six series: Series V (Boxes 21-29), Series VI (Boxes 29-32), Series VII (Boxes 32-36), Series VIII (Boxes 36-38), Series IX (Box 39), and Series X (Boxes 40-41). Series V, VI, VII, and VIII contain materials related to those in Series I, II, III, and IV in Part I. Series V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX are arranged alphabetically by subject. In Series X, the videocassettes, film, and audiocassettes are organized alphabetically by title and the photographs and physical objects are not in order.

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