



Guide to the Edward Vaughn Papers UP002518

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
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Title:	Edward Vaughn Papers
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Abstract:	Edward Vaughn was a participant in the rise of black consciousness that began to proliferate in the 1960s. He opened Vaughn's Bookstore in Detroit in 1965, the second black bookstore in America, and it was well known as disseminator of books and information on African American history. Vaughn also became involved in Forum 66, Black Star Co-op Inc., was part of the 6th Pan-African Congress, and a number of other organizations promoting African American culture and Detroit community. Vaughn later became involved in politics at a city and state level, serving as a Michigan State Representative, as Executive Assistant to Mayor Coleman Young, and ran for other office including the Detroit City Council. After retiring from political office Vaughn moved back to his hometown of Dothan, Alabama and became more heavily involved in the NAACP, including serving as President of the Dothan/Wiregrass Branch. Vaughn also spends time writing plays and promoting local theatre.

Citation Style

"Edward Vaughn Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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Biography

Edward Vaughn was born in Alabama on July 30, 1934. In 1955, Vaughn graduated from Fisk University after studying history and government. During his time at Fisk, Vaughn served as President of the campus NAACP chapter. After graduating, he moved to Detroit and worked in a number of jobs including for the post office, then joined the U.S. Army from 1957-1959. Upon leaving the army and returning to Detroit, Vaughn worked as a social worker with the Department of Public Welfare, before opening Vaughn's Bookstore in 1965. Vaughn's bookstore specialized in books and information on African American history, literature, and writings.

In addition to his bookstore, Ed Vaughn was involved in Detroit community and writings, research, discussion, and organizations promoting African American culture. This included serving as Chairman of Forum 66, Vice President of the Community Business Association, Chairman of the Housing and Redevelopment Committee of the Citywide Citizens Action Committee, headed Black Star Co-op Inc., work with Africana World Theme Park Inc., and other organizations.

In 1978, Vaughn began his political career by running for Michigan State Representative, he served one term, then began working for Mayor Coleman Young as his Executive Assistant in 1981. Vaughn unsuccessfully ran for Detroit City Council in 1989 and 1993. From 1995-2000, Vaughn again served as a Michigan State Representative.

In January 2001, Vaughn retired from Michigan State House of Representatives and moved to his hometown Dothan, Alabama. Since his "retirement," Vaughn has stayed active in the NAACP Dothan/Wiregrass Branch, was elected Vice President of the branch in 2014, elected NAACP Alabama State Conference President, and served as a delegate to the national convention in 2014. He has also spent time creating, developing, and producing plays and theatre. To promote his work with theatre, he created both the Langston Hughes Theatre Company and Edward Vaughn and Associates.

Vaughn has six children: John, Eric, Randall, Sybil, Attallah, Sahran.

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Scope and Content

The Edward Vaughn papers are separated into 2 series, Series 1: Work and organizational involvement, 1967-2015; Series 2: Subject files, 1963-2006.

Series 1 includes a variety of material from Vaughn's working life from the late 1960s through 2015. Material includes miscellaneous correspondence, business papers, fliers, records from his work with the NAACP, and all of his elections for political office. Of note, are records regarding Vaughn's involvement in organizations that promoted the black consciousness and African American history and interests. These businesses and organizations include Vaughn's Bookstore, Africana World Theme

Park Inc., Forum 66, Pan African Congress, and others. Scrapbook materials from the 6th Pan-African Congress trip in 1974 and a video of a speech Vaughn gave as a guest speaker at an Emancipation Proclamation celebration in 2010 are also present in this series.

Additionally, in Series 2, the collection contains subject files created by Vaughn on topics related to African American history that include news clippings, publications, and in some cases, fliers, correspondence and Vaughn's own writing or notes.

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Arrangement

The Edward Vaughn papers are arranged into two series. Series 1: Work and organizational involvement files, 1967-2015 (Box 1-2), Series 2: Subject files (Box 2-4). Series are arranged in rough alphabetical order.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Collection deposited at the Walter P. Reuther Library by donor, Edward Vaughn, in 2014 and 2015.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Walter P. Reuther Library on February 14, 2018.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library Rules for Use of Archival Materials.

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Controlled Access Headings

- African American businesspeople
 - African Americans--History
 - Black power
 - Detroit (Mich.)
 - Michigan -- Politics and government
 - Political campaigns
 - Theater
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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Work and organizational involvement files

Title/Description	Instances	
1967-1978	Box 1	Folder 1-2
1983-1989	Box 1	Folder 3
1990-1999	Box 1	Folder 4-5
1993-1994	Box 1	Folder 6
2000-2015	Box 1	Folder 7-8
After retirement, 2001-2014	Box 1	Folder 9-10
Detroit years, 1956-2001	Box 1	Folder 11
Emancipation Proclamation Ceremony - guest speaker, January 1, 2010 (Additional material in the Reuther Digital Repository - DVD01)	Box 1	Folder 12
Film festival, 2005	Box 1	Folder 13
Fisk University, 1986-2010	Box 1	Folder 14
Forum 66 Heritage Committee, 1966	Box 1	Folder 15
Forum 66, 1967	Box 1	Folder 16

Letters, undated	Box 1	Folder 17
Miscellaneous, undated	Box 1	Folder 18
NAACP, 2002-2014	Box 1	Folder 19-20
6th Pan African Congress trip - scrapbook, 1974	Box 1	Folder 21
Political: Michigan State Representative - scrapbook, 1978	Box 2	Folder 1
Political: Michigan State Representative - scrapbook 2, 1978	Box 2	Folder 2
Political: Executive Assistant to the Mayor, 1985-1989	Box 2	Folder 3
Political: Detroit City Council election, 1993	Box 2	Folder 4
Political: Mayor of Detroit election, 1997	Box 2	Folder 5-6
Political: Michigan State Representative, 1995-2000	Box 2	Folder 7-12
Political: Michigan State Senator campaign, 2001	Box 2	Folder 13
Political: Alabama State Representative campaign, 2010	Box 2	Folder 14
Theatre, 1977-2012	Box 2	Folder 15
Plays I have written, produced, and directed since "retirement" in 2001, 2000-2013	Box 2	Folder 16
Edward Vaughn - playwright and promoter, 2012-2015	Box 2	Folder 17
Vaughn's Bookstore, undated	Box 2	Folder 18

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Series 2: Subject files

Title/Description	Instances	
Afram Farm	Box 2	Folder 19
Africa (general)	Box 2	Folder 20
Africa - economics and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Box 2	Folder 21
African-American Institute	Box 3	Folder 1
African Liberation Day	Box 3	Folder 2
African Liberation Day (ALD) communications, 1976	Box 3	Folder 3
African marriage	Box 3	Folder 4
African religion	Box 3	Folder 5
African study guide	Box 3	Folder 6
African history: Ashanti - Akan Ghana	Box 3	Folder 7
American Bicentennial Project, 1976		

	Box 3	Folder 8
Angola	Box 3	Folder 9
Architecture - pan African	Box 3	Folder 10
Africa origin of man	Box 3	Folder 11
Art	Box 3	Folder 12
Asia - sub continent	Box 3	Folder 13
Australia	Box 3	Folder 14
Josephine Baker	Box 3	Folder 15
Black archives for museum	Box 3	Folder 16
Black capitalism	Box 3	Folder 17
Black crime	Box 3	Folder 18
Black flag	Box 3	Folder 19
Black history general	Box 3	Folder 20
Black ideologies - revisionist, pan Africanism, etc.	Box 3	Folder 21
Black inventors	Box 3	Folder 22
Black Jews	Box 3	Folder 23
Black male-female relationships	Box 3	Folder 24
Black music entertainers	Box 3	Folder 25
Black Panther Party	Box 3	Folder 26
Black scholar	Box 3	Folder 27
Black studies	Box 3	Folder 28
Blacks in Detroit - A reprint of articles from the Detroit Free Press, December 1980	Box 3	Folder 29
Cable T.V.	Box 3	Folder 30
Amilcar Cabral	Box 3	Folder 31
Stokely Carmichael	Box 3	Folder 32
Center for Black education	Box 3	Folder 33
Ruwa Chiri	Box 3	Folder 34
CIA and FBI	Box 3	Folder 35
Reverend Cleage	Box 3	Folder 36
Committee for Unified Newark (CFUN)	Box 3	Folder 37
Congress of African People (CAP)	Box 4	Folder 1
Consumer groups - utilities	Box 4	Folder 2

Detroit Public Schools	Box 4	Folder 3
Dowdell, etc.	Box 4	Folder 4
Drugs	Box 4	Folder 5
W.E.B. Dubois	Box 4	Folder 6
Education - all levels	Box 4	Folder 7
Egypt	Box 4	Folder 8
England	Box 4	Folder 9
Energy crisis	Box 4	Folder 10
Ethiopia	Box 4	Folder 11
Franz Fanon	Box 4	Folder 12
Federation - Pan African and Nationalist organizations	Box 4	Folder 13
Films	Box 4	Folder 14
Fisk University	Box 4	Folder 15
Garvey	Box 4	Folder 16
Marcus Garvey	Box 4	Folder 17
Dick Gregory	Box 4	Folder 18
Nikki Giovanni	Box 4	Folder 19
Guerilla warfare - worldwide	Box 4	Folder 20
Guine Bissau	Box 4	Folder 21
Guinea	Box 4	Folder 22
Guyana	Box 4	Folder 23
Haiti	Box 4	Folder 24
Billie Holiday	Box 4	Folder 25
Homes for Black Children	Box 4	Folder 26
Homosexuality	Box 4	Folder 27
Housing	Box 4	Folder 28
How Europe underdeveloped Africa	Box 4	Folder 29
Inner-City Business Improvement Forum (ICBIF)	Box 4	Folder 30
Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO)	Box 4	Folder 31
Reverend Ike	Box 4	Folder 32
Integration, etc.	Box 4	Folder 33
IRS	Box 4	Folder 34

Israel	Box 4	Folder 35
Jesse Jackson	Box 4	Folder 36
C.L.R. James	Box 4	Folder 37
Jesus	Box 4	Folder 38
Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, etc.	Box 4	Folder 39
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King Alfred plan	Box 4	Folder 42
Martin Luther King assorted materials	Box 4	Folder 43
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Miscellaneous, 1970 and 1978	Box 4	Folder 51
Miscellaneous, 1974-2000?	Box 4	Folder 52
Motown	Box 4	Folder 53
Mozambique	Box 4	Folder 54-55
The Museum of African American History	Box 4	Folder 56
Muslims	Box 4	Folder 57
NAACP Reporter - Volume 1, 1975	Box 4	Folder 58
Namibia	Box 4	Folder 59
Nigeria	Box 4	Folder 60

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