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Biographical Sketch
Horace James McMillan was the first African American physician practicing in the Santa Barbara, California, area in 1952. A tireless leader in the fight for civil rights, McMillan has made indelible marks in the community. As a local political activist at the front-line of the struggle for civil rights, McMillan's experience provides an invaluable and fascinating window to examine the evolution of American race relations, the tactics and strategies employed in the civil rights movement, and the real effects of federal civil rights policies at the level of local implementation.

McMillan was born on October 30, 1919 in Dallas, Texas. He served in the US Coast Guard from 1942-46 as the first African American pharmacist mate in the history of the Coast Guard. McMillan received his medical credentials from Maharry Medical College in 1950 and he did his postgraduate work at St. Louis University and at UCLA. He practiced medicine in Santa Barbara since 1952 as a physician and a cofounder of the Family Medical Center. McMillan encountered and fought against racism throughout his career. His commitment to racial justice and equality pre-dated the Civil Rights Movement. In 1953, for example, he confronted racism at St. Francis Hospital of Santa Barbara and was responsible for the discontinuance of segregating African American and Anglo patients.

McMillan was instrumental in establishing various community institutions and programs which have contributed to a better quality of life for all residents; among these are the Goleta Valley Community Hospital (GVCH) and Professional Building (he was one of a group of eight physicians forming the Physicians' Investment Corporation that founded GVCH and for which he served as Vice President and later was Founding Director of the GVCH), the Franklin Neighborhood Service Center, the Community Health Task Force's Zona Seca, the Human Relations Commission, as well as the Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Commission.

As a community leader and civil rights advocate, he was a champion for affordable housing for low income and minority people and was a primary mover in improving the quality of life in health services, housing, employment and education in the Santa Barbara community.

He held various offices where he made a major impact, including serving as the first Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Human Relations (1967), Chair of the Community Health Task Force (1973-81), Chair of the Housing Committee for the Santa Barbara branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (1961), and as a member of the Santa Barbara Committee for Due Process (1969).

McMillan has garnered much recognition for his many contributions, for example, he was honored in 1971 by the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce for distinguished service in helping to provide the community with an outstanding health resource--the Goleta Valley Community Hospital. In 1991 he was the recipient of the Santa Barbara News Press Lifetime Achievement Award; in 1988 he received a certificate of recognition from the California Legislative Assembly for 35 years of service to the community of Santa Barbara. In 1986 he received the African American Community Center award "for helping us to realize the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr."

The McMillan Papers in CEMA consists of correspondence files, notes, addresses and speeches to the Santa Barbara City Council, meeting agendas and minutes, motion picture film and newspaper clippings that cover the issues of racism, housing, and urban social problems. A fairly detailed and useful oral history interview with McMillan, with transcripts, is in CEMA's Santa Barbara African American Oral History Collections. The interview was conducted by Ranford Hopkins in...

SCOPE NOTE

The Horace J. McMillan Papers consists of nine series distributed in six archival boxes. Correspondence, reports, and newspaper clippings make up the bulk of the collection. Together with the McMillan oral history interview in CEMA’s Santa Barbara African American Oral History Collections, these papers document McMillan’s education and career as a physician and his fights against racism and for civil rights.

The Biographical and Personal Information series consists of two folders and a scrapbook. They contain a family tree of the McMillans, newspaper articles about him and his family, typed notes of incidents of discrimination when he applied to medical school, and other materials related to him. The scrapbook, which was donated by McMillan’s daughter, Yvonne Sawyer, includes photos, memorabilia, booklets, events and correspondence of family and friends.

The Civil Rights and Civic Activities series is the largest and perhaps most important of all the series. In it one finds the proposals McMillan wrote to the city government on the establishment of various public agencies to deal with discrimination and poverty, letters and speeches on civil rights, and materials related to his various civic activities.

The Letters to Editors series consists of drafts and published versions of McMillan’s many letters to newspapers regarding civil rights issues.

The Newspaper Clippings series is a compilation of the extensive, though not systematic, collection of newspaper articles, especially from the Los Angeles Times and Santa Barbara News-Press, on civil rights-related issues.

The Writings and Speeches series includes drafts of unpublished writings and speeches.

The Subject Files series contains brochures, directories and other materials that McMillan collected for reference.

The Photographs series consists of original and reproduced photographs of McMillan and family.

The Correspondence series contains letters to and from McMillan on various topics not covered elsewhere in the collection.

The Audio/Video Material series has only one item, a film of super 8mm format on Santa Barbara.

Related Collections
Santa Barbara African American Oral History Project (including a transcribed oral history interview with McMillan by Ranford Hopkins in 1988-1989); Anita J. Mackey Papers (African American social worker and civic leader in Santa Barbara).
Box 3, Folder 6-7  General 1966-1990
Box 4, Folder 1  General 1966-1990
Box 4, Folder 2  Race and Housing 1961-63
Box 4, Folder 3  Casandra Young Story 1968

Newspaper Clippings

Box 4, Folder 4  Anti-Poverty 1966-1969
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Box 4, Folder 8  Elks Lodge Controversy 1989-1990
Box 5, Folder 1  Ethnic Issues 1989
Box 5, Folder 2  General 1984-1988
Box 5, Folder 3  Hope Ranch Racial Query 1968
Box 5, Folder 4  Housing 1963-1968
Box 5, Folder 5  Reagan Administration 1981-1988
Box 5, Folder 6  Santa Barbara City Governmental Offices 1966-1974

Writings & Speeches

Box 5, Folder 7  Drafts of Letters and Speeches 1968-1989
Box 6, Folder 1  Martin Luther King Day Speech 1986
Box 6, Folder 2  Notes on Watergate 1970
Box 6, Folder 3  Trinity Lutheran Church Speech 1968
Box 6, Folder 4  "What One Should Know," 1968

Subject File

Box 6, Folder 5  Directory of Santa Barbara Health, Education, and Welfare Resources 1967
Box 6, Folder 6  Goleta Valley Community Hospital 1991
Box 6, Folder 7  Health Maintenance Organization 1967
Box 6, Folder 8  Human Resources Names 1968
Box 6, Folder 9  Resume of Lemmon McMillan, Jr. 1968
Box 6, Folder 10  Santa Barbara City Government & Social Services Directories 1967
Box 6, Folder 11  Santa Barbara Community Service Center 1966-69
Box 6, Folder 12  UCSB Educational Opportunity Program 1988

Correspondence

Box 6, Folder 13  Miscellaneous 1967-1982
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Box 6, Folder 15  Santa Barbara Health Services 1975-1976

Photographs

Box 6, Folder 16  Photographs and Negatives n.d.

Audio and Video Material

Audio

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