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Abstract:

In 1972, Chicago native Wayne D. Watson (1945-) earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. While there he studied the history of the local African American experience through conducting oral histories and gathering copies of primary material. The Wayne D. Watson Dissertation Files are comprised of research files pertaining to Dr. Watson's research conducted between 1969 and 1972. Included are audiotapes of oral history interviews, interview transcripts, photocopies of newspaper clippings, and a copy of his dissertation, "The Development of a Model for the Generation of Data for a Social Science Curriculum."

Biographical Note:

As a student at Northwestern University in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Wayne D. Watson began studying the history of the local African American experience. During the course of his research, Watson conducted oral history interviews on the subject, which led to his befriending writer Alex Haley, with whom he worked for four years. In 1972, Watson earned his Ph.D. degree from Northwestern with his dissertation, "The Development of a Model for the Generation of Data for a Social Science Curriculum." Upon graduation, Dr. Watson held academic positions at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina; Boggs Academy in Keysville, Georgia; and the City Colleges of Chicago. For a time, Dr. Watson also served as General Manager of Wheeler Airlines.

Cited Sources:

"Biography Page for Wayne D. Watson," last modified 2010,
<http://www.idvl.org/thehistorymakers/Bio629.html>.

Scope and Content Note:

The Wayne D. Watson Dissertation Files is organized into three series: "Publications," "Research Files," and "Interview Tapes." The collection includes audiotapes of oral history interviews conducted by Watson as a student at Northwestern University, interview transcripts, photocopies of newspaper clippings, and a copy of his dissertation, "The Development of a Model for the Generation of Data for a Social Science Curriculum."

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Access Headings:

African American history.
African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.
Evanston (Ill.)--History.
Oral histories
Population--Statistics--Illinois--Evanston
Watson, Wayne D.

Container List:

Series I. Publications, 1972

This series is comprised of a copy of Dr. Wayne D. Watson's Ph.D. dissertation submitted to Northwestern University.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	"The Development of a Model for the Generation of Data for a Social Science Curriculum"	1972

Series II. Research Files, 1969-1972

This series is composed of material gathered for and used in the writing of Dr. Wayne D. Watson's Ph.D. dissertation.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	2	Research on Evanston	1969
	3	Evanston African American Population Statistics	1970
	4	Evanston History, Interview Transcripts	1971-1972

Series III. Interview Tapes, 1971

This series consist of DAT copies of analog audio recordings of oral history interviews conducted by Wayne D. Watson.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	N/A	Thomas Garnette	1971
	N/A	Mr. and Mrs. Leon Robinson, Sr. (2 tapes)	1971