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Dr. John O. and Marie Faulkner Brown papers

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Summary information

Repository:	University of Miami Special Collections
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Dr. John O. Brown, M.D. was born in Colbert, Oklahoma to Edward D. Brown and Gala Hill of Texas. He spearheaded much of the activism that was associated with the civil rights movement in Dade County. His name is linked with Sit-ins, pickets, the Gibson vs. Board of Education suit and Miami's role in the 1963 March on Washington.

Dr. Brown attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison and graduated in 1943. That same year, he married Marie Faulkner in Nashville, TN. They had four children (three boys and one girl). He later attended Meharry Medical School (a historically black Medical College) in Nashville and graduated from there in 1950. He completed his post-graduate work in Ophthalmology at the Veteran's Administration Hospital at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. After completing his formal education Dr. Brown moved to Miami in 1955 and opened his Ophthalmology practice in Liberty City the following year.

During WWII he was an Officer in the U.S. Army and first lieutenant in the all black 92nd Infantry Division nicknamed the Buffalo Soldiers. Dr. Brown was awarded a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his heroic service in the Amo Po Valley and Apennines campaigns in Italy during the Second World War. The "Oak Leaf Cluster" indicates that a subsequent award was added to the initial decoration. By the late 1950s he was head of the Miami Chapter of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE). He led marches to integrate lunch counters and public beaches. Many of these protests were patterned after the historic lunch counter sit-ins across the South. Dr. Brown was quoted saying that Miami was Jim Crow from top to bottom in the late 1950s and 1960s (The Miami Herald, 02/26/1995). One of his sons (John, Jr.) was among the black children who sued the Dade County Public School System (Gibson vs. Board of Education) to force desegregation of Public Schools (Edison High School). The case was settled in 1963, the same year Dr. Brown participated in the March on Washington. By then John, Jr. had graduated high school and gone away to Harvard University.

Dr. Brown was voted president-elect of the National Medical Association and took control as President in 1986. He was a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and member of the regional board of the National Council of Christians and Jews and he was

a Director at Capital Bank along with being a Charter member of the Community Race Relations Board (CRB).

Scope and content

The papers consists of correspondence, photographs, clippings, publications, awards, certificates and medals, speeches and various other materials documenting the life and work of Dr. John O. Brown, first African American Ophthalmologist in Florida and the first African American President of the American Medical Association. The collection also includes clippings, sermons, speeches and photos of African American folklorist, Rev. William Faulkner.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

The collection is open for research.

Related material

"To Eliminate Racial Discrimination" - The Wolfson Archive

Information about related materials is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lQM5QNoqORE&feature=youtu.be>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:574
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Access points

- African Americans -- Civil rights (subject)
 - African Americans -- Segregation -- Florida (subject)
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Series descriptions

Series id5489: Brown Family

<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id6677	File -			1
id6678	File - Correspondence	1945-2002		1 1
id6725	File - Correspondence	1956-2007		1 2
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id6727	File - Correspondence	1959-1965		1 4
id6728	File - Correspondence	1927-1940		1 5
id6729	File - Correspondence	1937-1941		1 6
id6730	File - Correspondence	1937-1948		1 7
id6731	File - Correspondence	1927-1946		1 8
id6679	File -			2
id6680	File - Clippings			2 1
id6681	File - Clippings			2 2
id6682	File - Clippings/Photographs			2 3
id6683	File - Clippings			2 4
id6684	File - Military Service			2 5
id6685	File - Military Service			2 6
id6686	File - Photographs			2 7
id6687	File - Photographs			2 8
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id6689	File - Photographs			2 10
id11858	File - Medals and Medallions			3
id11859	File -			4
id11928	File - Gala Travel Photocopies of scrapbook	1972-1995		4 1
id11934	File - Gala Travel scrapbook	1972-1995		4 2
id11935	File - Gala Travel Photographs	1972		4 3
id116945	Item - Gala Travel Photographs	1972		4 3
id116946	Item - Gala Travel Photocopies			4 3
id11939	File - Campaign Materials			4 4
id11940	File - Documents	1926-1968		4 5
id11942	File - Awards and Certificates	1995		4 6
id11948	File - Awards/Certificates	1962-2007		4 7
id11951	File - Transcript, Real American Hero	2006		4 8
id11954	File -			5
id11959	File - Yearbooks	1930 and 1970		5 1
id11970	File - Articles			5 2
id11971	File - Edward Brown	1918-1984		5 3
id11972	File - John, Jr.	1946-1963		5 4
id11973	File -			6
id11974	File - Society Hill Family Reunion Photographs	1991		6 1
id11975	File - Society Hill Family Reunion Preparation	1989		6 2

id11976	File - Society Hill Family Reunion Documents	1991	6 3
id11977	File - Anniversary/Family Reunion	1993	6 4
id11978	File - Anniversary Photocopies of Album		6 5
id11979	File - 30th Anniversary Photographs		6 6
id14931	File -		7
id14932	File - Pamphlets and Brochures	1963-1991	7 1
id14935	File - Research Files: A Short History of Black Cedar Street	1991-2001	7 2
id14937	File - Voter Information	1962	7 3
id14938	File - CORE Button and Pin		7 4
id14940	File - CORE		7 5
id14942	File - National Urban League		7 6
id14943	File - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People		7 7

Series id14944: Dr. John O. Brown Professional Papers

Publication status:

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id14946	File -			1
id14948	File - National Medical Association	1955-1986		1 1
id14950	File - National Medical Association Convention	1978		1 2
id14953	File - National Medical Association Presidential Installation 1	1986		1 3
id14954	File - National Medical Association Presidential Installation 2	1986		1 4
id14955	File - National Medical Association Presidential Installation Correspondence	1986		1 5
id14956	File - Florida State Dental Pharmaceutical Association Auxilliary	1971		1 6
id14957	File - Documents, Notes and Reports	1953-1986		1 7
id14958	File - Resume and Biography	1963-1986		1 8
id14959	File - Awards and Certificates	1950-1986		1 9
id14960	File - Dade County Medical Association Certificates	1987-1991		1 10
id14961	File - Florida Medical Association Certificates	1991-1993		1 11
id14962	File -			2
id14965	File - Photographs and Slides	1968-1986		2 1
id14966	File - National Medical Association House of Delegates	1982		2 2
id14971	File - Florida Medical Association House of Delegates Handbook	1986		2 3
id14972	File - National Medical Association House of Delegates Handbook	1986		2 4
id14963	File -			3

id14973	File - Sigma Pi Phi Scrapbook	1962	3 1
id14974	File - Sigma Pi Phi Scrapbook Photocopy	1962	3 2
id14975	File - Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity	1969-1994	3 3
id14977	File - Boule Journal	1986-1994	3 4
id14964	File -		4
id14980	File - Event Programs	1960-1999	4 1
id14985	File - Event Programs	1963-2007	4 2
id14988	File - Event Programs	1952-1992	4 3
id15014	File - National Medical Association Convention and Assembly Program	1986	4 4