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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of Miami Special Collections

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Other Information:

The attached container list is specific to "Series 9: Negatives." It is an inventory of the negative file for Bob Simms' photographic collection and features people, organizations, activities and events from Coconut Grove, South Miami and Richmond Heights from 1953 to 1964.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Bob Simms was born in Snow Hill, Alabama in 1927. Shortly after his birth, Bob Simms' parents Alberta (1888-1970) and Harry Simms (1884-1949) relocated to the community of Tuskegee, Alabama, as members of the music faculty. Harry Simms was one of Dr. Washington Carver's students in the class of 1907 and often took his youngest son Bob with him on visits to Dr. Carver's home.

Bob Simms moved to Florida in 1953 to join the faculty of the George Washington Carver schools in Coconut Grove and later served as Executive Director of the Metro Dade Community Relations Board from 1968 to 1983. Mr. Simms developed the Miami Inner-City Minority Experience (MICME) for the U.S. Department of Defense in the 1970s and led efforts to create and implement the Inner City Marine Project - now known as Mast Academy. With his wife Aubrey Watkins Simms, he was a founding member of the Church of the Open Door in Liberty City and is the father of the first black woman to serve as judge in Florida, Leah Simms. Mr. Simms is Emeritus Member of the University of Miami, Board of Trustees.

## Scope and content

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The Bob Simms Collection documents the life and activities of Robert H. Simms in the black communities in Coconut Grove and Miami and reflects his work with the Community Relations Board and the Defense Race Relations Institute. The Collection also contains campaign materials from Leah Simms, the first African American female judge in the state of Florida, and the "Glory in the Grove" photographs of people and events at the George Washington Carver elementary and high schools in Coconut Grove before desegregation. A final component of the collection includes photographs, correspondence and clippings of General "Chappie" James and his family. General James was the first four star African American General and married Dorothy Watkins.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Robert H. Simms, 2007.

### Arrangement

Series I. Simms Family  
Sub-series A. Photographs  
Sub-series B. Correspondence and other documents  
Sub-series C. Audio Recordings  
Series II. George Washington Carver School Photographs and Yearbooks  
Series III. Community Relations Board  
Series IV. Miami Inner City Minority Experience / Defense Race Relations Institute  
Series V. Minority Inner City Marine Project  
Sub-series A. Photographs  
Sub-series B. Correspondence  
Series VI. Bob Simms Daily Logs  
Series VII. Judge Leah A. Simms Campaign Material  
Series VIII. General "Chappie" James and family  
Series IX. Negatives  
Series X. Awards & Exhibits

### Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

## Conditions governing use

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## Related material

Bob Simms : An Activist's Life and Legacy (online exhibit)

Information about related materials is available at <http://scholar.library.miami.edu/bobsimms/index.html>

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Metropolitan Dade County (Fla.). Community Relations Board
- Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.
- Tuskegee Institute
- Tuskegee University
- Tuskegee University. General Chappie James Center for Aerospace Science and Health Education
- James, Daniel, 1920-1978 (subject)
- Appointment books (documentary form)
- Audiocassettes (documentary form)
- Audiotapes (documentary form)
- Audiovisual materials (documentary form)
- Negatives (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Slides (Photographs) (documentary form)
- Videocassettes (documentary form)
- African American generals (subject)
- African American judges -- Florida (subject)
- African American leadership (subject)
- Civil rights -- Florida -- Miami-Dade County -- Periodicals (subject)
- Discrimination -- Florida -- Miami-Dade County -- Periodicals (subject)
- Generals -- United States (subject)
- Judges -- Selection and appointment -- United States (subject)

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## Series descriptions

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<b>Series id1080: Simms Family</b>
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Scope and content:

The Simms Family moved to Miami during the fall of 1953 when Bob Simms (b. 1927) accepted the position of chair of the physical education department at George Washinton Carver, Jr. and Sr. High School. It ws during this time that he began to take pictures of various school events, organizations and individuals to serve as a visual documentation of a segregated school. He later served as the Executive Director of the Dade County Community Relations Bard, an organization created to mediate ethnic conflicts. Aubrey Watkins Simms (1924-2006) worked as the assistant to two University of Miami presidents, Henry King Stanford and Edward T. Toote II. She was very active in various community organizations and served on the board of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Mr. and Mrs. Simms' son David Michael Simms (b. 1954) is a radiologist and classical bassist. He played in the Albany Symphony Orchestra and the Berkshire Symphony while attending Williams College. Their daughter Leah A. Simms (b. 1949) became the first black woman to serve as judge in the history of Florida. She was appointed by Governor Bob Graham in 1981 and elected to the post in 1982.

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list****Subseries id1089: Correspondence and family documents**Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id1107	File - Correspondence			1
id1108	File - Simms and Thompson families			2
id1109	File - Simms and Watkins families			3
id1110	File - Simms family			4
id1111	File - Covington, Simmons and Simms families			5

**Subseries id1090: Photographs**Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id1112	File - Photo albums : weddings and special tributes			6
id1113	File - Photo albums : grandchildren (Simms and Graham)			7

id1114	File - Photographs (various) : Simms, James, Lancasters, Barrys and Gunns families	8
id1116	File - Photographs : General Daniel "Chappie" James Aerospace Center	9
id1117	File - Photographs : Judge Leah A. Simms investiture ceremony	10
id1120	File - Photo albums : Tanglewood, Nassau and Jamaica and Tuskegee	11
id1121	File - Family photographs (various)	12
id1122	File - Family photographs (various)	13
id5698	File - Family photographs (various)	14
id5699	File - Negatives	15
id5703	File - Family photographs (various)	19
id5704	File - Family photographs (various)	20
id5705	File - Family photographs (various)	21
id5706	File - Family photographs (various)	22
id5707	File - Family photographs (various)	23
id5708	File - Family photographs (various)	24
id5709	File - Family photographs (various)	25
id6177	File - Family photographs (various)	26
id6166	File - Photographs	27
id6187	File - Photographs (oversize)	28

### Subseries id1091: Audio Recordings

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id5700	File - Audiocassettes			16
id377629	Item - Excerpt - Board Meeting	June 20, 1989		16
id377630	Item - Zoning Hearing - Myron Swat Miami Movie Studio	April 21, 1983		16
id377631	Item - Side A - Griffin, GA Oct. 17, 1970 / Side B - Polk County February 16, 1971 "Spirit of America"			16
id377632	Item - CRB Luncheon: Gen. "Chappy" James / Audrey Finkelstein			16
id377633	Item - [Unlabelled Cassette - "Bob Simms Collection"]			16
id377634	Item - Presentation before Dade County Media Representatives during Community Assertainment	July 1978		16
id377635	Item - Housing Conference - Homestead	May 11, 1978		16
id377636	Item - Gainesville Presentation			16
id377637	Item - Mobile Seminar	March 16, 1977		16
id377638	Item - Presentation to Gainesville Civic, Political, Business Leadership re: The Miami Model	March 26, 1982		16

id377639	Item - Macon, GA ESSAP Conference	August 9, 1964	16
id377640	Item - ECL - Session Bob Simms & Group		16
id377641	Item - ESL Closing		16
id377642	Item - Reverend Walter T. Richardson - The Half Has Never Been Told, A Black History Sermon	1993	16
id377643	Item - Interview - Staff, CBS News Rick Cohen - B. Simms	1980	16
id377644	Item - Bob Simms Retirement		16
id377645	Item - AMAWC (Copy for Bob Simms)	May 5, 1976	16
id377646	Item - Mrs. Jones Syndrome / Introduction (Non-Verbal Presentation) / Music VTR Production		16
id377647	Item - Victory Homes / KKK Victory Homes		16
id377648	Item - Emergency Follow-Up Liberty City Disturbance	March 15, 1983	16
id377649	Item - Slide Presentation		16
id5701	File - Audiocassettes		17
id377650	Item - Anne Dixon - Tuskegee, Ala.	September 8, 1996	17
id377651	Item - Ame Dixon		17
id377652	Item - Bob Simms & Audrey Finkelstein, WLRN Radio	November 1983	17
id377653	Item - J.A. Watkins Oral History / Inheritance	1973	17
id377654	Item - Graduation Excercises / Speaker, Dade Community College	May 6, 1973	17
id377655	Item - A.L. Simms - Negro Spirituals		17
id377656	Item - Audiocassettes: A.L. Simms singing spirituals		17
id377657	Item - Alberta Lillian sings Negro spirituals		17
id377658	Item - A.L.Simms spirituals		17
id377659	Item - Side A - Commencement Speech & MVS A.L. Simms / Side B- Simmons Heritage		17
id377660	Item - J.A. Warkins - Summer 1973	1973	17
id377661	Item - Side A - A Visit to Grandma Simmons Home / Side B - A Visit to Noble's; Gershwin		17
id377662	Item - Oral History - Poppoo (J.A. Watkins)		17
id377663	Item - Side A - A Visit to Grandma Simmons Home / Side B - A Visit to Nobles; Gershwin		17
id377664	Item - Alberta Lillian sings Negro spirituals	February 1954	17
id377665	Item - Noble's Birthday Party		17
id377666	Item - Hattie S. Kelly - Early Childhood 1896-1911		17
id377667	Item - Hattie S. Kelly - Early Years cont. + 1911 - high school		17



id377668	Item - A.L. Simms - Negro Spirituals		17
id377669	Item - Promenade on the Mall	April 19, 1985	17
id377670	Item - Straight Talk, WLRN, guest Bob Simms	February 13, 1990	17
id377671	Item - Straight Talk, Audrey Finkelstein	1982	17
id377672	Item - Hattie S. Kelly - High School - onward		17
id377673	Item - Oral Histories - J.A. Watkins + Aunt Annie, cousins	August 1973	17
id377674	Item - MICME Master		17
id5702	File - Audiocassettes		18
id377675	Item - University of Miami Teacher Interns - Star Power Procession	February 1, 1974	18
id377676	Item - [Unmarked Tape]		18
id377677	Item - General Chappie James Jr. - CRB Luncheon		18
id377678	Item - Chappie - J-105, J-110, J-114, J-115, J-145, J-149		18
id377679	Item - General James Press Conference	January 27, 1978	18
id377680	Item - [Unlabelled Cassette - "Bob Simms Collection"]		18
id377681	Item - Robert's Speeches		18
id377682	Item - Col. James Speech on "Americanism"	December 10, 1968	18
id377683	Item - General "Chappie" James - CRB Luncheon	1975	18
id377684	Item - University of Miami Student LOBs Final Session	November 17, 1974	18
id377685	Item - The National Conference of Christians and Jews, Temple Israel of Greater Miami	November 19, 1980	18
id377686	Item - Black Vietnam Veteran's Coming Home		18
id377687	Item - School & Community Speech	May 31, 1976	18
id377688	Item - Narration Slide Presentation - Non-Verbal Communication: A Cross Cultural Phenomenon, Mrs. Jones Syndrome		18
id377689	Item - Orientation - Opening Session		18
id377690	Item - Planning Conference re: Back Paper		18
id377691	Item - Conference re: Indigenous family visit to state penal insitution hosted by Simms & Freeman		18
id377692	Item - [Unlabelled Cassette - "Bob Simms Collection"]		18
id377693	Item - Bob Simms CBS News Interview	1980 Summer 1980	18
id377694	Item - Project Involvement Meeting	January 1971	18

### **Series id1081: George Washington Carver School Photographs and Yearbooks**

Scope and content:

The "Glory in the Grove" photographs depict the life of the students at the George Washington Carver schools from 1953 to 1965 during the time of segregation. When Bob Simms joined the Carver faculty as chairman of the physical education department in 1953, he started taking photographs of the students, athletics, and school and civic activities in an effort to document the life at a segregated school. Later, after school desegregation, these pictures served as a visual documentation of the rich traditions, successes and glories of this segregated school, the students and the community. On land donated by Coral Gables developer George Merrick in 1924, the Dade County Training School served black students from throughout the Miami area at the elementary and juniro high school levels. A student of George Washington Carver's and a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute, Mrs. Frances Tucker became principal of the school in 1929. In 1934, one high school class was added to the school each year. When Dr. Carver died in 1942, the school was renamed in his honor. Today the George Washington Carver Middle School is a magnet school in international education.

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**File / item list**

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id6188	File - Yearbooks : Miami Edison and Coral Gables Senior High	1966-1968		29
id6189	File - Glory in the Grove exhibit reproductions			30
id6190	File - George Washington Carver School photographs			31
id6191	File - Glory in the Grove photographs (oversize)	1953-1964		32

**Series id1082: Metro Dade County Community Relations Board**

Scope and content:

The Metro Dade County Commission created the Community Relations Board (CRB) in 1963 to be a unique community agency that would attempt to solve hardcore social problems and economic distresses that were troubling to many Dade County residents. It was to maintain a progressive environment conducive to the equal pursuits of happiness and quality of life by all County residents. The CRB's function the time was to develop mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect among all economic, social, and religious and ethnic groups in Dade County and to make studies in the field of human relations. Bob Simms became the Deputy Director in January 1967. He was promoted to Executive Director in April 1968 by Senator Harry P. Cain, Chairman, and remained in that post until retirement on September 30, 1983.

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File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id383541	File - Community Relations Board Reports			32
id6192	File - Audio recordings (1/4" reel-to-reel tape)			33
id377696	Item - Radio Interview, WACL, Robert Simms, Wycross City School System	May 21, 1971		33
id377697	Item - CRB Forum	June 1970		33
id377698	Item - [Unmarked Reel in Box]			33
id377699	Item - Prelude to Action: The Story of Miami's Model Cities	January 2, 1969		33
id377700	Item - April Forum	April 2, 1970		33
id377701	Item - Parable of the Piano, a sermon	February 19, 1967		33
id377702	Item - Annual Luncheon - Carl T. Rowan			33
id377703	Item - Art Green Radio Show / Small Business Development Center	1965		33
id377704	Item - [Unmarked Reel in black case]			33
id6193	File - Audio recordings (1/4" reel-to-reel tapes)			34
id377705	Item - [Unmarked Reel in box]			34
id377706	Item - CRB Forum	January 8, 1970		34
id377707	Item - Assorted School Board and CRB Meeting Minutes & Police Training Session	1966-1969		34
id377708	Item - CRB Meeting	February 6, 1969		34
id377709	Item - CRB Conference with University Presidents	December 21, 1972		34
id377710	Item - Side 1 - John Brown, "Youth, his influence & his influences" / Side 2 - Father's Day 1963, Honoring R.H. Simms	1963		34
id377711	Item - CRB 1979	1979		34
id377712	Item - CRB Meeting	March 17, 1972		34
id6194	File - Audio recordings (Audiocassettes)			35
id377713	Item - CRB Forum - The Closing of Ada Merrit: its impact on the community	March 9, 1979		35
id377714	Item - CRB Forum - The 1978 Annual CRB Burning Issue Forum	July 14, 1978		35
id377715	Item - Forum - The Abuse of Black Children in Sea	January 1978		35
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id377720	Item - Forum: Grand Jury Selection Process	1978	35
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id377722	Item - [Unmarked Tape]		35
id377723	Item - [Unmarked Tape]		35
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id377725	Item - Jack Lewis, Chronology of Arrest August 29, Recorded August 30		35
id377726	Item - Executive Committee (Oct 4)		35
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id377728	Item - CRB Mobile Seminar Process - Board Members		35
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id377730	Item - Board Meeting	March 16, 1972	35
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id377736	Item - CRB Council 12/17		36
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id377740	Item - CRB - Black/Jewish Relations		36
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id377746	Item - CRB Board Conference at Youth Hall	March 13, 1981	36
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id377749	Item - Rap-up Teacher 1/14		36
id377750	Item - Forum - "Where to from here?"	September 1972	36
id377751	Item - Board Council Banquet 12/13		36
id377752	Item - Side 1 - Storing Committee Meeting @ MICC/CRB 9/3/1981 / Side 2 - KK 12/14/1981 Discussion re: crime in Liberty City	1981	36

id377753	Item - NCCD dialogue break, Don McAlvoy, National Director, NCCD - Police-Community Relations	November 21, 1981	36
id377754	Item - CRB Annual Luncheon - Emilio Milian	1976	36
id377755	Item - Lee McCain - Hustle & Service		36
id377756	Item - Blind Clerk - CRB	1982	36
id377757	Item - Executive Committee	December 4, 1980	36
id377758	Item - CRB Ad Hoc Committee re: wrong house raid	July 24, 1979	36
id6196	File - Audio recordings (Audiocassettes)		37
id377759	Item - CRB Annual Luncheon - Julian Bond, speaker	November 1973	37
id377760	Item - CRB Forum - Employment of minorities and women in county government (Tape #1)	April 14, 1978	37
id377761	Item - CRB - Community Disturbance Process, Liberty City	1980	37
id377762	Item - CRB Forum	1980	37
id377763	Item - CRB Martinez vs. Community (Goulds) / Special Ad Hoc Meeting re: Goulds Construction Project		37
id377764	Item - CRB Forum - Summer Jobs/Rec for youth	April 14, 1978	37
id377765	Item - KKK - Hurricane Planning	September 21, 1979	37
id377766	Item - CRB Forum - "What is the future of low and moderate income housing in Dade County?" Tape 1	May 12, 1978	37
id377767	Item - CRB Forum - "What is the future of low and moderate income housing in Dade County?" Tape 2	May 12, 1978	37
id377768	Item - Forum - Neighborhood Schools: Educational Achievement and Social Consequences	February 10, 1978	37
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id377772	Item - CRB Forum re: Culmer	April 15, 1977	37
id377773	Item - KKK - Hurricane Reassess Maint.	September 4, 1979	37
id377774	Item - KKK - 9/10 Emergency Meeting re; Hurricane Preparation pre-"David"	1979	37
id377775	Item - CRB August Forum - "Who should be responsilbe for the needs of Hatian aliens parolled here by the Immigration and Naturalization Service?" Tape 2		37

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id377779	Item - Forum	November 2, 1970	37
id6197	File - Audio recordings (Audiocassettes)		38
id377780	Item - CRB Cart with President + Audrey Finkelstein	December 21, 1972	38
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id377785	Item - Morning Session	August 22, 1971	38
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id377793	Item - [Unmarked Tape]		38
id377794	Item - CRB Forum	September 6, 1972	38
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id377797	Item - CRB Forum	March 1978	38
id377798	Item - [Unmarked tape]		38
id6198	File - Audio recordings (Audiocassettes)		39
id377813	Item - [Unmarked tape - Bob Simms collection]		39
id377814	Item - [Unmarked tape - Bob Simms collection]		39
id377815	Item - Side 1 - CRB - Teen King follow-up meeting / Side 2 - CRB - South Dade Labor Camp	1973-1975	39
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id377817	Item - Ex-Offender Programs - Tape #1		39

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id377822	Item - KKK - "Scattered Site 16," shooting incident	Winter 1979	39
id377823	Item - ACLU Meeting on Civilian Review	April 8, 1979	39
id377824	Item - Special City Committee meeting re: Police Brutality	Spring 1979	39
id377825	Item - CRB/CAA joint meeting re: La Huer, Atty King		39
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id377827	Item - Forum (1) State Legistlation, Where to from here? (2) Food stamp office conflicts (3) Gladys Taylor - police brutality (4) Nursing Homes (5) Homestead Response		39
id377828	Item - Forum - School Violence community response		39
id377829	Item - Forum - Role of financial institutions in minority/women economic development		39
id377830	Item - KKK - Miami Herald article re: Youth Gang in Overtown	August 13, 1979	39
id377831	Item - KKK - (1) Miami Herard/Overtown cont'd (2) Larry Little Developmental Center	August 27, 1979	39
id377832	Item - [Unmarked tape - Bob Simms collection]		39
id377833	Item - CRB Executive Committee - TAK result & Budget hearing re: salary		39
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### **Series id1083: Miami Inner City Minority Experience / Defense Race Relations Institute**

#### Scope and content:

In the late 1960s the Department of Defense conducted a study to determine the causes of racial unrest in the Armed Forces. As a direct result of that study, the Defense Race Relations Institute (DRRI) was established on June 24, 1971 by Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard. This institute was located at the Patrick Air Force Base in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The DRRI's primary objective was to reduce racial tension and prevent violence in the armed forces. The students in the Institute represented a broad cross section of American ethnic backgrounds and every branch of the service. The Institute provided a comprehensive 6 week program that included a 50-hour experiential workshop. This workshop was developed by Bob Simms and his company, Robert H. Simms & Associates. The experiential workshop became known as the Miami Inner-City Minority Experience (MICME) and was conducted from 1972 to 1976. MICME was based on the DRRI's curriculum and theories learned, and an authentic, hands-on experience that began on a Friday afternoon and concluded two days later.

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<u>Scope and content:</u>				
This program served as the forerunner of the Mast Academy, Dade County Public Schools new Marine High School and brought together the resources of the Marine industry to enhance the quality of marine education for inner city youth. - Bob Simms				
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<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Judge Leah A. Simms, the daughter of Aubrey Watkins Simms and Bob Simms, was the first African-American woman to serve as judge in the state of Florida from 1981 to 1986. Prior to her election, she was the first African-American woman to serve as Assistant State Attorney in Miami Dade County from 1980 to 1981. From 1960 to 1962, she was the first African-American student at Robert E. Lee Junior High School in Miami after desegregation.				
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### Series id1087: General Daniel "Chappie" James Family

#### Scope and content:

General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. (1920-1978). General James was the first black four-star general in U.S. history. He began his military career as one of the "Tuskegee Airmen" the segregated black air force that fought during World War II. He married Dorothy Watkins James, sister of Aubrey Watkins Simms.

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<u>Date:</u> 1953-1964 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>  The negative file (attached as a pdf) for Bob Simms' photographic collection and featuring people, organizations, activities and events from Coconut Grove, South Miami and Richmond Heights.				
<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
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