

THE JAMES J. MC CLENDON COLLECTION

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The papers of Dr. James J. Mc Clendon were deposited with the Labor History Archives on June 23, 1965 by Dr. Mc Clendon.

James J. Mc Clendon was born on March 16, 189 8 in Rome, Georgia. He graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1926. In Detroit where Dr. Mc Clendon established a medical practice, he became active in the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P. and served as branch president from 1938 to 1945. During his tenure, the membership of the Detroit N.A.A.C.P. grew rapidly, becoming the largest branch in the country. After retiring as president, Dr. Mc Clendon continued to hold important positions in the organization through the early 1960's.

The James J. Mc Clendon Collection contains a few materials relating to Dr. and Mrs. William A. Thompson.

Dr. William A. Thompson was born on October 19, 1882 in Tennessee. He graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1912 and moved to Detroit with his wife in 1924. Dr. Thompson was for several years the Chief of Medical Staff at Park side Hospital.

Mamie L. Thompson was born on February 17, 189 2 in Tennessee. She attended Walden College in Nashville and married Dr. Thompson in 1912. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Executive Committee of the Detroit N.A.A.C.P. from 1935 to 1963. She served as the branch treasurer from 1938 to 1944 and from 1948 to 1955. Dr. and Mrs. Thompson were both active in the fund-raising activities of the Detroit N.A.A.C.P.

The James J. Mc Clendon Collection covers the period from 1932 to 1969.

Important subjects are:

Fight of the local N.A.A.C.P. against discrimination in Detroit
Discrimination in the Armed Services Fund-raising activities of
the N.A.A.C.P.

Among the correspondents are:

Edward J. Jeffries, Jr.
Henry L. Stimson Arthur
H. Vandenberg

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