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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

From police detective to politico, Leon Mercer Jordan became one of the most distinguished African-American leaders in the state of Missouri before his untimely death in 1970. Forging a prolific and colorful career that took him from Kansas City to West Africa and back again, Jordan served three terms in the Missouri House of Representatives, co-founded a local political organization for African-Americans, and trained the national police force in the Republic of Liberia.

Born May 6, 1905, Jordan attended Lincoln High School in his native Kansas City, and in 1933 graduated from Wilberforce University in Ohio. He joined the Kansas City Police Department in 1938, serving 16 years and becoming the first African-American to achieve the rank of Lieutenant. He was granted an extended leave of absence in 1947 and lived eight years in Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, training its police force, including flight instruction for a small air arm. Jordan also worked closely with two Kansas City colleagues there, detective Albert Reddick and fire captain Cecil R. Daniel, who trained and organized, respectively, a detective unit and a modernized fire department. Jordan's wife, Orchid, also played a vital role in establishing the records bureau of the Liberian police department. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were frequent guests of Liberian President William V. S. Tubman at the Executive Mansion, where Jordan was eventually honored for his dedicated service.

Upon his return stateside in the mid-1950s, he left the KCPD to pursue business and political interests. In 1962, Jordan and political colleague Bruce Watkins founded Freedom, Inc., a local organization that promoted voter awareness in the black community and groomed African-American candidates for political office. A year later, Jordan and Watkins guided an effort to place a public accommodations ordinance on the local ballot, granting blacks equal access to all public facilities. Under the Freedom, Inc. banner, Jordan spearheaded one of the largest voter registration drives in Kansas City history, a key event in the passing of the measure. In 1964, Jordan won a seat in the Missouri House of Representatives.

On July 15, 1970, Jordan was shot and killed in the early morning hours as he left the Green Duck Tavern, a business he owned and operated at 2548 Prospect Avenue. At the time, he was seeking his fourth term in the Missouri General Assembly – a campaign his widow took up and won. Mrs. Jordan served 16 years in the state legislature, forging her own political career where her husband's left off. The Leon M. Jordan Memorial Park at 31st Street and Benton Boulevard, which features a statue of the slain leader, was dedicated in 1975.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Leon M. Jordan Collection was purchased by the Department of Special Collections from Brian Thurn Antiques of Kansas City, who acquired the material from Phillip Banks. The collection consists of material belonging to Kansas City police detective and political leader Leon Mercer Jordan and his wife, Orchid Irene Ramsey Jordan; and ranges in date from the 1910s to the 1980s. Much of the collection focuses on their experiences in Liberia, Africa, where Mr. Jordan spent time training the national police force there from the late 1940s through the mid 1950s before returning to Kansas City to start a political career.

The collection was acquired in two parts, and so was assigned two accession numbers: MS42, in January 2006; and MS49 in May 2006. Material was consolidated into one physical grouping to simplify access and retrieval. Throughout the inventory there are archival notes indicating what material belongs to what accession number.

The bulk of the first accession is comprised of photographs, much of which highlight activity in Liberia. Other images, spanning circa 1910s-1980s, include travels to Europe, as well as personal and professional subject matter stateside. Also in this accession are miscellaneous travel documents and ephemera from West Africa and Europe, high school and college documents and ephemera, postcards, a marriage certificate, a scrapbook, publications and newspaper clippings, awards, memorabilia, and miscellaneous items related to professional and political work in Kansas City.

The second accession dates from 1946 through 1952, but primarily documents the Jordans in Liberia from 1948 through 1951, as well as a hiatus stateside in 1950. The heart of the material is correspondence, invitations and programs to social and dignitary functions in Liberia; as well as newspapers clippings and various runs of Liberian publications. Also in this accession are additional travel ephemera, postcards and photographs; business cards and name cards; and other miscellaneous items.

SERIES NOTES

Series I: Biographical/Personal

This series consists of biographical information, a marriage certificate, and school records and ephemera. Material is contained in box 1, folders 1-4.

Series II: Correspondence

This series consists of correspondence from 1947 to 1954. Most material is to the Jordans, although one folder houses material from them. Also included in this series are postcards and greeting cards, some with correspondence. Material is contained in box 1, folders 5-12.

Series III: Events

This series consists of programs, invitations and other related ephemera from 1947 to 1954, documenting various social and dignitary events. Material is contained in box 1, folders 13-24.

Series IV: Miscellaneous

This series consists of miscellaneous documents and ephemera divided into five sub-series: (1) Kansas City, including subjects related to politics, police work and the Urban League; contained in folders 1-4; (2) Liberia, contained in folders 5-6; (3) Travel Documents and Ephemera, contained in folders 7-8; (4) Business Cards / Name Cards, contained in folder 9; (5) Cocktail Napkins, some autographed/inscribed, contained in folder 10. Material is contained in box 2.

Series V: Awards & Memorabilia

This series consists of awards and memorabilia related to activity in Liberia and professional work in Kansas City, ranging in date from 1952 to 1986. Material is contained in box 3.

Series VI: Newspapers & Periodicals

This series consists of newspaper clippings from 1947 to 1970, several runs of Liberian newspapers and periodicals from 1948 to 1952, and a Wilberforce University school newspaper from 1931 with a back-page sports column by Leon Jordan. Material is contained in box 4, folders 1-5.

Series VII: Photographs

This series consists of over 2000 exposures contained in 16 Photograph Boxes. Box 1 houses pages from a photo album entitled *Inauguration Album, Republic of Liberia, January 1952*, consisting of 82 contact sheets, comprising 926 images. Boxes 2 through 15 contain 670 individual prints documenting the following subject matter in the lives of Leon and Orchid Jordan: Liberia, European travel, professional and personal activities in Kansas City and the region, as well as other miscellaneous images. Individual prints are grouped roughly by subject matter. Box 16 contains 436 negatives of various formats.

Addendum: Dr. Farnsworth Research Files

The files in this addendum contain research material from Dr. Robert Farnsworth, UMKC Professor Emeritus of English, for inclusion in the Leon M. Jordan Collection. Material was collected by Dr. Farnsworth for use in writing a biography of Leon Jordan. Refer to individual folders for provenance information.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I: BIOGRAPHICAL / PERSONAL

Archival note: All material in this series from first accession.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Biographical <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Printout of Biographical Sketch for Leon Jordan Collection• Photocopy, text and photograph entry, <i>Reaching For a Dream</i> (book), profiling Leon Jordan and his ties to Wheatley-Provident Hospital in Kansas City, 1979
1	2	Marriage Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marriage certificate, Leon and Orchid Jordan, June 5, 1947 (second marriage; see <i>Addendum: Farnsworth Research File #1</i> for photocopies of first marriage certificate and divorce decree)
1	3	School – High School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduation announcement, Leon M. Jordan, Lincoln High School (Kansas City), June 11, 1926• High school diploma, Orchid Irene Ramsey, Clay County Community High School (Clay Center, Kansas), May 23, 1928• High school yearbook, <i>The Orange And Black</i>, 1925 (Inscriptions indicate yearbook belonged to Orchid's sister, Florence Ramsey. Florence is pictured in group photos, page 47 and page 71; Orchid's brother, Harvey Ramsey, graduated this year and is pictured with the senior class, page 37)
1	4	School – College <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diploma, Orchid Irene Ramsey, Wilberforce University (Ohio), June 9, 1932, degree awarded – Theory and Practice of Elementary Teaching• Diploma, Leon M. Jordan, Wilberforce University (Ohio), June 8, 1933, degree awarded – B.S., Commerce• College transcript, Leon M. Jordan, Wilberforce University (Ohio), September 11, 1933• Assorted school-related ephemera, Wilberforce University (Ohio), early 1930s

SERIES II: CORRESPONDENCE

Archival note: All material in this series from second accession, except items marked with an asterisk (*), which denotes material from first accession.

Box	Folder	Description
1	5	1947 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Fay and Sonny, Western Union telegram, December 27
		1948 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Mrs. G. Lloyd, January 9• From E. Beatrice Ross, letter with enclosed document, RE: reorganization and training of Liberian police force, February 5• From Evelina Cooper, February 7• From A.T. [Grey?], February 29• From Edwin C. Harris, March 8• From Milton N. Curtis, March 15• From Charlie Zeonh, March 16• From Paul W. Dunbar, March 17• From T. Van De Velde-Rinkes, April 7• From J. W. Yalés, April 13• From [illegible], April 17• From J. W. Yalés, April 20• From Philip Herrion, April 23• From John Wright, United States-Liberia Radio Corporation Radiogram (folder includes both original and received message copies), May 5• From Clara Davis-Brown, May 10• From Fineboy, May 14• From J.W. Yalés, June 5 (or May 6)• *From Lewis L.P. Grim[es?], June 8 or August 6• From Joseph W. Garber, June 14• From James B. Dennis, June 15• From H. Gunther, addressed and stamped envelope, no letter, postmarked June 18• From Alexander Washington, June 25• From J.W. Yalés, June 26• From L. Grimes, July 20• From Lewis L.P. Grimes, July 29• From [Mary?], August 6 (or June 8)• From Helen Mayer, August 26• From Alexander Washington, October 6 (or June 10)• From Africa Bull, October 6• From Phillip Myers, October 16• From John Kron, November 9• From Milton N. Curtis, November 12

- From J. Emery Knight, RE: Conferment by President Tubman on Mr. Jordan of Chevalier of the Star of Africa, December 8
- 1 6 1949
- From Joseph W. Garber, with envelope, January 5
 - From [illegible], January 12
 - From Emmett Harmon, January 20
 - From Mrs. Harvey Tompkins, correspondence written on formal invitation, February 12
 - From M.J. Otto, written in Dutch, with envelope, March 4 (or April 3)
 - From Guy de Schompre, French Minister in Liberia, March 25
 - From Gabriel L. Dennis, April 2
 - From Andrew N. Tom, April 4
 - From René Caulier, letter in French, with envelope, April 4
 - From Gabriel L. Dennis, two documents: letter and related correspondence, April 5
 - From David M. Thomas, two documents: letter and related correspondence, April 12
 - From Bruno Helbig, with envelope, April 18
 - From [illegible], April 21
 - From Rocheforte L. Weeks, May 16
 - From Seth C. Edwards, May 18
 - From [Flomo Kortibe?], May 20
 - From Alexander Washington, June 21
 - From William T. Thompson, August 1
 - From Peter, August 4 (or April 8)
 - From Peter, August 18
 - From Abrametta Simpson, August 19
 - From Pat, September 4
 - From R. Patricia Garnett, November 7
 - From Wallace Ross, two documents: letter and follow-up letter, November 12
 - From President William Tubman, RE: interviewing Mr. Jordan, November 13
 - From John E. Scott, RE: Garden Party in honor of Mr. Jordan, two documents, November 24
 - From Leo Swen, November 28
 - From Peter, December 7 (or July 12)
 - *From T.W. Dupigny-Leigh, Sr., December 12
- 1 7 1950
- From Hazel F. Anderson, March 21

- From Charles Etta McFall, Mary Alice Owens, and Troop 39 (letter #1), from Irene (letter #2), RE: thank you to Mrs. Jordan for speaking at Girl Scout event in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, with envelope and program from April 1 event, April 13
- From Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bornor, RE: announcing the birth of their son, Willie Jordan, named after Leon Jordan, June 27
- From Jarr Wallah, August 12
- From Thomas Nimene, August 25
- From MacDonald M. Perry, August 30
- From J.D.N. Morris, September 7
- From Irene Watson, September 13
- From Margaret E. Traub, c. September 15
- From Ken and Ida Vestal, c. October 21
- From T.W. Dupigny-Leigh, November 24
- From Saybi, November 30
- From [illegible], December 18
- From Aunt Josie [Josephine Wright]; includes envelope; holiday picture postcard of John and Josephine Wright; newspaper clipping about John Wright from the *Topeka State Journal*, dated December 19, 1950; tissue paper with “1900 Josephine and John 1950” in gold script lettering printed in corner; December 23

1 8 1951

- From Peter S. Kine, January 24
- From Doris, January 25
- *From Joseph D. Jordan, February 26
- From David M. Nelson, April 3
- *From John T. Wilson, May 31
- From David Ben, June 19
- From Charles Dean, June 19
- From Arthur Jensen, June 30
- From Edward R. Dudley, c. July 4
- From Arthur Jensen, July 19
- From the Laborers of the Monrovia Dock, RE: list of grievances related to workers’ strike, July 28
- From Ambassador [Edward R.] and Mrs. Dudley, August 11
- From Ida and John, October 10

1954

- *From Da[??]y, to Orchid, January 6

1 9 No Year/Date

- From Yvonne Anderson (President), Patricia Lacour (Secretary) and the Coles Jr. Y Teens, [probably c. spring 1950]
- From Andrew I. Turkett, [n.d.]
- From J.W. Yalés, [n.d.]
- From Milton N. Curtis, [n.d.]
- From J.W. Yalés, [n.d.]
- From Lincoln, [n.d.]
- From Angie and Elma, [n.d.]
- From Ruth (Mrs. Wallace van Jackson) , [n.d.]
- From A. Love, [n.d.]
- From Bill, November 29
- From Soso Momo, [n.d.]
- From Ed and Rae, [n.d.]
- From Ruth Taylor Jackson, [n.d.]
- From Doris, [n.d.]
- From Ruth, [n.d.]
- From J.W. Yalés, [n.d.]
- From [illegible], [n.d.]
- From Grampa, Grandson (Bev), [n.d.]
- From “Pete,” [n.d.]
- From Butch, [n.d.]
- From [illegible first name] C. Parker, [n.d.]
- From Butch and Fred, [n.d.]

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From The Jordans

- From Lee [Leon], to Orch [Orchid], note, May 31, 1948
- From Lee [Leon], to Honey [Orchid], note, June 30, 1948
- From Leon M. Jordan, to Honorable C. Abayomi Cassell, Attorney General of Liberia, RE: two-page report of a rescue of the French High Commissioner of West Africa and party of 16 French officials, who were stranded down coast after their plane made a forced landing, September 18, 1948
- From Leon M. Jordan, to Honorable M. Dukuly, Acting Secretary of State, RE: response letter to thank you letter sent by Dukuly acknowledging services rendered during the wedding ceremony of President and Mrs. Tubman (includes Dukuly letter, dated October 15), October 18, 1948
- From Leon M. Jordan, RE: letter certifying Chief Mohammed Abdallays’s presence in Liberia (includes separate letter with similar decree from President Tubman, dated October 27, 1947), February 23, 1949

- Orchid Jordan, three documents from Office of President Tubman, RE: dinner engagement extended by the Jordans to President and Mrs. Tubman (includes handwritten response marked on third letter from Orchid Jordan), August 15-26, 1949
- From Leon M. Jordan, to Guy de Schompre, French Minister in Liberia, RE: response letter to attend ceremony to honor and decorate Mr. Jordan for his rescue efforts during the events of September 16-18, 1948 (includes de Schompre letters, one in French and one with English translation, dated September 16, 1949; event invitation, in French; and note card with typed comments by Jordan to be delivered as acceptance speech), September 21, 1949
- From Leon M. Jordan, to Mr. T.W. Dupigny-Leigh, Sr., Social Secretary to the President, RE: response letter to letter sent on behalf of President Tubman, thanking Mr. Jordan for documenting on wire recording President Tubman's address at the Liberian Centennial Celebrations in 1947 (includes Dupigny-Leigh letter, dated November 4, 1949), November 5, 1949
- From Mrs. Leon Jordan [Orchid], to Mr. Dempster, RE: obtaining copies of the *Liberian Age* with the write up on Leon Jordan, June 11, 1951

1 11 Greeting Cards

- Various greetings cards, some include added written correspondence [See also oversized: box 5, folder 1]

1 12a-b Postcards

Archival note: Postcards 66-75 from second accession.

Postcard # - Description

1 - Liberia

- Correspondence on back, to Mrs. Maud Ramsey, from Orchid, date illegible

2 - Liberia

3 - Liberia

4 - Liberia

5 - Liberia

6 - Liberia

7 - Liberia

8 - Liberia

9 - Liberia

10 - Liberia

11 - Rome, Italy

12 - Rome, Italy

13 - Rome, Italy

- 14 - Rome, Italy
- 15 - Rome, Italy
- 16 - Rome, Italy (two copies)
- 17 - Vatican City, Italy
- 18 - Vatican City, Italy
- 19 - Vatican City, Italy
- 20 - Vatican City, Italy
- 21 - Naples, Italy
- 22 - Naples, Italy
- 23 - Sorrento, Italy
- 24 - Italy, Pope Pius XII (two copies)
- 25 - Barcelona, Spain
- 26 - Barcelona, Spain
- 27 - Barcelona, Spain
- 28 - Barcelona, Spain
- 29 - Barcelona, Spain
- 30 - Barcelona, Spain
- 31 - Barcelona, Spain
- 32 - Barcelona, Spain
- 33 - Barcelona, Spain
- 34 - Barcelona, Spain
- 35 - Barcelona, Spain
- 36 - Barcelona, Spain
- 37 - Barcelona, Spain
- 38 - Barcelona, Spain
- 39 - Barcelona, Spain
- 40 - Barcelona, Spain
- 41 - Barcelona, Spain
- 42 - Barcelona, Spain
- 43 - Barcelona, Spain
- 44 - Barcelona, Spain
- 45 - Barcelona, Spain
 - Travel notes written on back
- 46 - Barcelona, Spain
 - Travel notes written on back
- 47 - Lisbon, Portugal
- 48 - Lisbon, Portugal
- 49 - Lisbon, Portugal
- 50 - Lisbon, Portugal
- 51 - Lisbon, Portugal
- 52 - Lisbon, Portugal
 - Paper booklet with ten postcards
- 53 - Lisbon, Portugal
 - Paper booklet with ten postcards
- 54 - Paris, France
- 55 - Paris, France

- 56 - Paris, France
- 57 - Paris, France
- 58 - Paris, France
- 59 - Vienna, Austria
 - Correspondence on back, to Miss Orchid Ramsey, from [illegible], 1930
- 60 - Miscellaneous
 - Correspondence on back, to Miss Orchid Ramsey, from Howard Blair, February 26, 1931
- 61 - Miscellaneous
 - Correspondence on back, to Miss Orchid Ramsey, from Mrs. Guest, October 31, 1930
- 62 - Miscellaneous
 - Printed on front: A Merry Christmas and a Truly Happy New Year, Dr. William A. Johnson (includes picture of Dr. Johnson on postcard), [n.d.]
- 63 - Capri, Italy
- 64 - Liberia
- 65 - Liberia
 - Confirmation message of a two-way amateur radio communication, or QSO, between Leon Jordan in Liberia, Africa, and Bill Pease in Georgia, USA, March 13, 1948, (postmark: April 2, 1948)
- 66 - Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - Correspondence on back, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan, from Butch, date illegible (front graphic torn/damaged)
- 67 - Miscellaneous
 - Season's Greetings, The Pierces – Jackie, Bob and Kit (includes picture on front of postcard), [n.d.]
- 68 - Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - Holland-America Line, Amsterdam, correspondence on back, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan, from [illegible], June 6, 1948
- 69 - Bruges, Belgium
 - Correspondence on back, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan, from Butch, July 10, 1948
- 70 - Langwies, Switzerland
 - Correspondence on back, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan, from Beverly, December 23, 1948
- 71 - Leipzig, Germany
 - Neues Theater, Leipzig, Germany, correspondence on back, to Mr. Police Director [Leon Jordan], from Bruno Helbig, April 18, 1949
- 72 - Marseille, France
 - Correspondence on back, to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, from [illegible], April 6, 1949

73 - St. Moritz-Dorf, Switzerland

- Correspondence on back, to Mr. and Mrs. Orchid and Leon Jordan, from [illegible], June 13, 1949

74 - Miscellaneous

- Includes separate 5-fold pamphlet, Bricks for Balomah, The National Council, New York, unaddressed postcard

75 - Miscellaneous

- Frog and white water lily graphic, printed in Switzerland, correspondence on back, to Inez Washington, [n.d.]

SERIES III: EVENTS

Archival note: All material in this series from second accession, except items marked with an asterisk (*), which denotes material from first accession.

Box	Folder	Description
1	13	1947 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• *Program, Centenary of the Republic of Liberia, July 24 – August 13, 1947
1	14	1948, January-April <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invitations, New Year Day Ball (with two admission tickets) and Garden Party, January 1• Invitation and program, presentation of plaque as part of the 100th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Liberia, January 3• Flyer and admission card, subscription dance, January 6• Invitation and cocktail napkin, cocktail party, February 7• Invitation, reception, March 11• Invitation, tea party, March 13• Program, Trinity Pro-Cathedral Holy Week and Easter, March 21-30• Invitation, invitation letter, program, and name card, dinner at the Executive Mansion, March 30• Invitation, cocktail party, April 3• Invitation, cocktail party, April 6• Invitation, reception, April 9• Invitation and letter of appeal, African Academy of Arts and Research lecture, April 11• Program, community rally for hunger, April 25
1	15	1948, May-July <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invitation, farewell party, June 5• Invitation, two programs each with table assignment insert and name card, dinner, June 7

- Invitation, reception, June 10
 - Invitation, reception, June 11
 - Invitation, birthday party, June 12
 - Invitations, Baccalaureate and Commencement, July 4, July 6 (respectively)
 - Invitation, reception, July 5
 - Invitation, cocktail party, July 13
 - Invitation/menu, restaurant opening, July 17
 - Invitation, [informal gathering], July 17
 - Invitations, reception and Independence Day Ball (with two programs), July 26
- 1 16 1948, August-October
- Invitation, cocktail party, August 2
 - Invitation, inspection of new Bank of Monrovia building, August 4
 - Invitation, dedication, Air Lines of the Liberian International Airways, Ltd., Robertsfield, Liberia, August 12
 - Invitation, cocktail party, August 20
 - Invitation and program, formal opening of the new extension to St. Patrick's School, August 22
 - Invitation, cocktail party, August 27
 - Invitation, café opening, August 27
 - Invitation, Labor Day Ball, September 6
 - Invitations and programs and admission card and cocktail napkin, marriage service and reception for President William V. Shadrach Tubman and Antoinette Padmore, September 17
 - Invitation, cocktail party, September 18
 - Invitation, cocktail party, September 22
 - Invitations (two) and program, ball in honor of President and Mrs. Tubman, September 23
 - Invitation, party, September 25
 - Announcement, opening of cocktail bar, October 2
 - Invitation, "Country Crop," October 10
 - Invitation, formal gathering in honor of President and Mrs. Tubman, October 22
 - Written address by Leon Jordan (RE: reorganization of the National Police of Liberia) and program, 76th session of the Montserrado Sunday School Union, Protestant Episcopal Church, October 22
 - Funeral program, Edward Joseph Summerville, late resident judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Montserrado County, Liberia, October 25
 - Invitation and program, reception, October 29

- Invitation, French program presented by the students of the College of West Africa, October 29
- 1 17 1948, November-December
- Invitation, reception, November 6
 - Invitation, reception, November 5
 - Program, school closing exercises, November 6, 11, and 15
 - Program, school closing exercises, November 7 and 12
 - Admission tickets (two), school concert closing exercises, November 16
 - Invitation, farewell party, November 19
 - Invitation, reception, November 22
 - Invitation, reception, November 25
 - Invitation, President Tubman's fifth annual message to the National Legislature in Joint Convention, November 26
 - Invitations and programs, Legislative Ball (invitation and program) and Garden Party (invitation and two programs), November 29
 - Invitation and invitation/admission card, Matilda Newport Day Celebrations and Ball, December 1
 - Invitation, Christmas Pageant, December 25
- 1 18 1949, January-June
- Invitations, reception and ball, January 1
 - Invitation, farewell party, January 8
 - Invitation, luncheon, January 27
 - Invitation, marriage, February 2
 - Invitation, cocktail party, February 19
 - Invitation, reception/party, March 5
 - Invitation, cocktail party, March 5
 - Invitation, picnic supper, March 9
 - Invitation, lecture, March 10
 - Invitation, reception/party, March 12
 - Funeral program, Louis Arthur Grimes, Chief Justice of Liberia, March 18
 - Invitation, party, March 18
 - Invitation, marriage, March 23
 - Invitation, Swiss cheese and beer [party], April 2
 - Invitation, informal party, April 9
 - *Invitation, marriage (with envelope), April 15
 - Invitation, soiree [party], April 25
 - Invitation, reception, April 27
 - Invitation, party, April 28
 - Invitation, farewell party, May 11

- Invitation, “exclusivive soire” [exclusive soiree], June 10
- Invitation, marriage, June 19
- 1 19 1949, July-December
 - Invitation, hair style exhibition and party, July 1
 - Invitation, reception, July 4
 - Invitation (in French), reception to honor Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, July 14
 - Invitations, Baccalaureate and Commencement, July 17, July 22 (respectively)
 - Invitation, reception, July 26
 - Invitation, marriage, July 27
 - Invitation, reception, August 4
 - Invitation, farewell/cocktail party, August 4
 - Invitation, birthday party, August 5
 - Announcement card and two flyers, premiere opening of the Centennial Theatre, August 12
 - Invitation, reception, August 13
 - Invitation, farewell party, August 22
 - *Invitation, marriage (with envelope), September 1
 - Invitation, cocktail party, October 15
 - Invitation, program, and lyric sheet to “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee,” United Nations Day celebration, October 24
 - Invitation, President Tubman’s sixth annual message to the National Legislature in Joint Convention, October 28
 - Invitation, unveiling of plaque of the Free Port of Monrovia and opening of William V.S. Tubman Bridge, November 10
 - Invitation, opening of new administration building at Free Port of Monrovia, November 11
 - Invitations (two, with one containing autographs of friends who attended), dinner and drinks, November 19
 - Invitation, reception, November 22
 - Invitation, reception, November 23
 - Invitation, garden party, November 25
 - Invitation, party, November 26
 - Invitation and invitation/admission card, Matilda Newport Day Celebrations and Ball, December 1
 - Invitation, buffet luncheon, December 1
 - Program, concert/dance/tombola, December 2
- 1 20 1950
 - Announcement and program, Detective Leon Jordan lecture on Liberia, Coles Auditorium, February 24

- Programs (two), address delivered by Detective Sergeant Leon Jordan as part of program, Missionary mass meeting, Pleasant Green Baptist Church, March 12
- Invitation, Tapping Exercises, School of Nursing, Tubman National Institute Medical Arts, August 14
- Invitation, dedication, Official Residential Headquarters of Chiefs, August 18
- Invitation, reception, September 26
- Complimentary ticket to participants, Young Women's Christian Association fashion show, September 29
- Program, Milady's Day – first annual benefit fashion show, sponsored by Young Women's Christian Association, October 3
- Invitation, Young Women's Christian Association tea party in honor of fashion show participants, October 13
- Invitation, farewell/cocktail party, October 13
- Souvenir Dance Program, Greenwood Singers, crowning of Miss United Nations, United Nations Eve Ball, October 23
- Invitation, President Tubman's seventh annual message to the National Legislature in Joint Convention, November 7
- Invitation, farewell party, November 11
- Invitations (two) and commencement events flyer (for events November 16-22), commencement exercises, November 21
- Invitation, reception, November 22
- Invitation, garden party, November 24
- Invitations, Baccalaureate and Commencement, November 26, November 27 (respectively)
- Invitation and program, Matilda Newport Day Celebrations, December 1
- Invitation, cocktail party, December 19

- *Pamphlet, African Art, Monrovia, 1951
- Invitations, reception and ball, January 1
- Invitation, marriage, January 7
- Invitation, cocktail party, January 10
- Program (autographed by Dr. and Mrs. Patterson), reception in honor of Dr. Frederick D. Patterson (President of Tuskegee Institute) and Mrs. Patterson, sponsored by Liberia-Tuskegee Club, includes lyric sheet insert for "The Tuskegee Institute Ode," by Paul

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Lawrence Dunbar, music by N. Clark Smith, January 18

- Program, Tombola and fancy dress ball, January 25
- Invitation, tea party, January 29
- Invitation, marriage, January 31
- Funeral information, Benjamin Green Freeman, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, February 9 [see oversized: box 5, folder 1]
- Invitation, house warming, March 8
- Funeral information, Mrs. Cecelia Adeline King, wife of Charles Dunbar Burgess King, former President of the Republic of Liberia, March 10 [see oversized: box 5, folder 1]
- Invitation, dedication, John Lewis Morris Public School, March 19
- Invitation, marriage, March 30
- Program, reception, April 1
- Invitation, farewell party / welcome party, April 28
- *Invitation, cocktail party, May 19
- *Invitation, cocktail party, June 1
- Invitation/announcement, Greenwood Singers, crowning of Miss Liberia, June 1
- Invitation and letter of appeal, dedication, new St. Thomas Church On-Camp-Johnson-Road, June 3
- Invitation, pulpit and altar rally, June 3
- *Invitation, Jubilee Social Hour, June 4
- *Invitation, reception, June 7
- *Invitation and program, reception, June 8
- *Invitation, chili party, June 9
- *Invitation, cocktail party, June 22
- Invitation, cocktail party, June 29
- Invitation, cocktail party, June 30
- Invitation, farewell party, July 2
- Invitation, farewell party, July 5
- Program, reception party, July 10
- Invitation, invitation/admission card, program, reception and Independence Day Ball, July 26
- Invitation, Tapping Exercises, School of Nursing, Tubman National Institute Medical Arts, August 12
- Invitation/announcement, meeting, World's Council of the Young Women's Christian Association, August 21
- Invitation, cocktail party, August 21
- Invitation, Labor Day Ball, September 3

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- Program, Etta Moten concert, sponsored by Young Women's Christian Association of Liberia, January 6
 - *Program, dedication, Liberian Institute Of The American Foundation For Tropical Medicine; Harbel, Liberia, January 11, 1952
- 1953
- *Invitation, dance, January 29
 - *Invitation, rum punch party, January 30
 - *Invitation, garden party, January 31
 - *Invitation, garden party, December 13
- 1 23 1954
- *Invitation, reception, January 1
 - *Invitation, New Year's reception, January 1
 - *Invitation, Native Customary Burial of the late Clan Chief Toto, January 8
 - *Invitation, cocktail party, January 12
 - *Invitation, trade exposition, January 13 – 19
 - *Invitation, dinner, January 17
 - *Invitation, cocktail party, January 23
 - *Invitation, tea party, January 26
 - *Invitation, "kid party"(costume party), January 30
 - *Invitation, birthday party, February 6
 - *Invitation, garden party, February 8
 - *Invitation, reception, February 18
 - *Invitation, party, February 27
- 1 24 No date/year
- *Invitation, tea party, February 25
 - Invitation, birthday party, June 11
 - Invitation, luncheon/bridge/canasta, August 25
 - Invitation (with attached note with change of date for event), baby shower, October 29 [original date], October 22 [revised date]
 - Invitation, Halloween party, October 30
 - *Announcement, baby confirmation, December 6
 - Invitation, Independence Day Ball, [n.d.]
 - Invitation, birthday/dinner/cocktail party, [n.d.]

SERIES IV: MISCELLANEOUS

Archival note: All material in this series from second accession, except items marked with an asterisk (*), which denotes material from first accession.

Box	Folder	Description
2	1	Kansas City / Missouri – Police

- *Booklet, By-laws of the Police Benefit Association of Kansas City, Missouri, 1938
 - *Police insurance receipts, Police Benefit Association of Kansas City, 1937
 - Three “Police Training Lesson” Q&A sheets, issued by Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, H.W. Johnson, Chief of Police, 1950
 - Detective Division Investigation Report Form (blank)
- 2 2 Kansas City / Missouri – Politics
- *Freedom, Inc. promotional ephemera (2 items)
 - *Program, Inaugural Ceremonies, State of Missouri, State Capitol, January 13, 1969
 - *Blank letterhead paper, Leon M. Jordan, Missouri House of Representatives
 - *Notarized Certificate: Leon M. Jordan, certifying his election to State Representative of Missouri, 4th district, in the November 3, 1964 election, awarded December 18, 1964 [see oversized: box 5, folder 2]
 - *Notarized Certificate: Orchid I. Jordan, certifying her election to State Representative of Missouri, 25th district, in the November 7, 1972 election, awarded December 18, 1972 [see oversized: box 5, folder 2]
 - *Notarized Certificate: Orchid I. Jordan, certifying her election to State Representative of Missouri, 25th district, in the November 5, 1974 election, awarded December 16, 1974 [see oversized: box 5, folder 2]
 - *Two resolutions from the Missouri House of Representatives commending Representative Orchid Jordan for her efforts regarding the Democratic National Convention in the non-presidential election year of 1974 [see oversized: box 5, folder 2]
 - *Scrapbook, Orchid Jordan, documenting political activity between July 1970 – September 1972 [see oversized: box 5]
- 2 3 Kansas City / Missouri – Urban League
- *Ticket, Central Region Urban League Guilds Breakfast, April 27, 1980
 - *Report, Urban League of Kansas City, 51st Annual Report
 - *Publication, *Source Materials On The Negro*, Urban League of Kansas City, July 1939
- 2 4 Kansas City / Missouri – Social
- *Program, 1932 Smarter Set Minstrel New Centre Theatre, December 1, 1932

- *Invitation, L'Esprit Girls Club Spring Party, June 5, 1933
 - *Invitation, Trouveur Boys Club Dance, December 25, 1952
- 2 5 Liberia – Documents and Ephemera
- Permanent pass, Free Port of Monrovia, Liberia, Mr. Leon M. Jordan, Police Specialist, effective August 1, 1948
 - Membership card, Orchid Jordan, Young Women's Christian Association, Monrovia, May 16, 1948
 - Business card/note from President and Mrs. Tubman, originally given with two pieces of wedding cake
 - Business card with campaign slogan: "Tubman is the right man!"
 - Typed list of Liberian government officials
 - Public notice, Starliners (run by Liberian International Airways), RE: commencing air service, [n.d.]
 - Resolutions of Thank and Appreciation, 76th session of the Montserrado Sunday School Union of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Liberia (Leon Jordan is acknowledged in list of names), October 24, 1948
 - Two driver's license certifications, Leon M. Jordan, Republic of Liberia, Bureau of Revenues, Monrovia, issued January 8, 1948 and January 10, 1949
 - Radio and press release, Liberian International Airways, RE: inauguration of air service, July 2, 1948
 - Special release, general agreement for technical assistance and cooperation between the governments of the United States and Liberia, December 22, 1950
 - Speech transcript, address delivered by Honorable C. Abayomi Cassell, Attorney General of Liberia, Independence Day – July 26, 1949, Centennial Pavilion, Monrovia
 - Document, pertinent questions addressed to the people of Liberia and the legislature of the Republic, RE: possible abuses of power by President Tubman, [n.d.]
 - General letter, Northern Athletic Club, RE: reviving the Club Library, September 10, 1949
 - Various dry goods receipts and transaction records, most from the National Drug Company, Monrovia
 - Public notice, C. Frederick Taylor, Managing Editor of *African Nationalist*, RE: an alleged plot to murder Mr. Taylor, [n.d.] [see oversized: box 5, folder 1]
- 2 6 Liberia – Publications

- **Meet The Press*, interview transcription of Ambassador George A. Padmore, Republic of Liberia, February 26, 1961
 - *Reasons Why Kroo People Were Never Slaves: An Historiette of the Kroo Confederacy*, edited by Charles Caine, 1939
 - *Conference on Liberia*, Howard University, July 26, 1946
 - **Liberia's Past And Present*, by Nathaniel R. Richardson, 1959 [see oversized: box 5]
- 2 7 Travel – Official Documents
- **Two passports*, Orchid Jordan, 1952 and 1970
 - **International Certificates of Vaccination*, Orchid Jordan, 1970
 - **Letter*, from Berry World Travel, confirming Orchid Jordan's trip cancellation following the death of her husband, dated July 20, 1970
 - *Two dinner menus*, American South African Line, SS African Grove, Leon Jordan and Orchid Jordan, December 9, 1947 (both are autographed by ship's captain and others)
 - *Baggage claim ticket*, American South African Line, SS African Grove, New York to Monrovia, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan, November 26, 1947
 - *Baggage claim ticket*, American South African Line, SS African Glen, New York to Monrovia, Leon M. Jordan, July 28, 1950
 - *Station card*, SS African Glen, Mr. Leon Jordan, [n.d.]
- 2 8 Travel – Ephemera
- **Miscellaneous ephemera* from Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, and Hawaii, including guidebooks and brochures, currency, and ticket cards
- 2 9 Business Cards / Name Cards
- *Various business cards and name cards* collected by Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, many from Liberia
- 2 10 Cocktail Napkins
- *Various napkins* from social events Mr. and Mrs. Jordan attended; some are autographed/inscribed

SERIES V: AWARDS AND MEMORABILIA

Archival note: All material in this series from first accession.

Box	Folder	Description
3	N/A	Awards

- Plaque award, Leon Jordan, The Kansas City Business Association Award For Meritorious Service, January 14, 1964
- Plaque award, Leon M. Jordan, Antler Lodge No. 1426, I.B.P.O.E. of the World, Service Award, February 27, 1966
- Plaque award, Leon M. Jordan, Freedom, Inc., Freedom Award, First President And Founder – Whose Inspired Leadership Has Given Increased Dignity And Stature To A Grateful Community, April 15, 1966
- Plaque award, Leon Jordan, A.H.C.M.I., For His Political Contributions To The Community, 1966
- Memorial plaque, In Loving Memory of Leon Jordan, May 6, 1905 – July 15, 1970, Freedom, Inc., “Working Today For A Better Community Tomorrow”
- Plaque award, Orchid Jordan, Freedom Inc., Leadership Award, In Recognition Of 16 Years Of Dedicated And Professional Service To The Greater Kansas City Community, May 18, 1986
- Certificate of Achievement, presented to Leon Jordan by William V.S. Tubman, President of the Republic of Liberia, June 2, 1952 (20” x 16”) [see oversized: box 5, folder 2]

3 N/A

Memorabilia

- Metal printing plate with Freedom, Inc., logo/artwork
- Zippo lighter (shell only) with “LMJ” engraving
- Liberian President Tubman and Vice President Tolbert pin-on button
- Police badge from Monrovia, Liberia, in protective case
- Three commemorative police night sticks, inscribed [found on shelf next to box 3]

SERIES VI: NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Archival note: All material in this series from second accession, except items marked with an asterisk (*), which denotes material from first accession.

Box	Folder	Description
4	1a	Newspaper Clippings – Photocopies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “To A Post In Liberia,” <i>Kansas City Star</i>, [c. June 1947]• “Citizens Pay Tribute To Detective Jordan,” <i>Kansas City Call</i>, November 28, 1947• “K.C. Detective To Plan Liberia’s Police Force,” <i>Voice of the People</i> (NY), December 6, 1947

- “Liberian Company To Develop Riches of W. African Republic,” [1948]
- “Name Embree President Of Liberian Company,” [1948]
- “Radio Call From Liberia Checks On Shipment Of Police Supplies,” [1948]
- “Liberia Air Company To Open August 7” [1948]
- “750 Acre \$20,000,000 Harbor Open In Liberia,” [1948]
- “Leon Jordan Describes Life In West Africa,” *Kansas City Call*, January 30, 1948
- “Leon Jordan Talks With Local Friends: Makes Radio Connection,” *Kansas City Call*, March 12, 1948
- “Honor To 23 Negroes,” *Kansas City Times*, March 20, 1948
- “President Of Liberia Is Wed,” [c. September 1948]
- “Mrs. Virginia Jacobs, 92, Dies In Topeka,” [c. Nov 1948]
- “Newly Married Wife Of Dr. Schnitzer Ends Her Life By Suicide,” *Liberian Age*, November 15, 1948
- “Liberian Police Get Superb Training From Former K.C. Cop,” [1949]
- “Liberia And U.S. Will Exchange Ambassadors Now Instead of Ministers,” [1949]
- “Dudley Nominated As Ambassador To Liberia,” [1949]
- “Dudleys Nomination Goes To The Senate,” [1949]
- “To Liberia Soon” [article about Ambassador Edward R. Dudley], *Kansas City Call*, [1949]
- “Death To Liberia’s Richest Citizen: Illness Fatal To James Cooper,” *Kansas City Call*, January 28, 1949
- “Acheson Names King Ambassador To Liberia,” May 20, 1949
- “Praises Leon Jordan Of Kansas City For Modern Police Force In Liberia,” *Kansas City Call*, two copies from different editions, August 26, 1949
- “Leon Jordans Glad To Be Home Again,” *Kansas City Call*, December 30, 1949
- “Liberia’s New Police Force Set Up By A Kansas Citian,” *Kansas City Star*, January 2, 1950
- “Welcome Home, Leon,” [c. January 1950]
- “Leon Jordan On Radio Sunday,” [c. January 1950]
- “Lincoln-Coles Calendar” [events listing for February 26 – March 3], February 24, 1950

- “Mrs. Leon Jordan Charms Audience With Talk On Liberia At Tracy Center,” *Kansas City Call*, March 3, 1950
- “Leon Jordan Gets Leave Of Absence,” *Kansas City Call*, March 31, 1950
- “Leon Jordan To Make First Solo,” [c. April 1950]
- “Unexpected Help From Missionary,” [c. April 1950]
- “Girl Scouts Offer Program Tonight At Douglass,” [c. spring 1950]
- “K.C. Association Of Colored Women To Sponsor Tea,” [c. spring 1950]
- “Leon Jordan Gives Talk At Lear B. Reed Institute,” [c. spring 1950]
- “Plan To Return To Liberia Soon,” *Clay Center Dispatch* (Clay Center, Kansas), [c. May/June 1950]
- “Organizer Of Liberian Police Visits Capital,” *Afro-American*, July 29, 1950
- “Liberia Rejoices As Unanimous Election Gives President Tubman A Further Term,” [c. May 1951]
- “Liberian Economist Rips Time Magazine’s Story On Country Election,” [c. May/June 1951]
- “Leon Jordan Takes Out Life NAACP Membership; Realizes Life-Long Dream,” [c. May/June 1951]
- “Extend NAACP Drive Two Weeks,” [c. May/June 1951]
- “NAACP Praised By Leon M. Jordan,” [c. May/June 1951]
- “Liberia President Rips At White ‘NAACP Cable Is Slanderous,’” *Kansas City Call*, July 6, 1951
- “Policies Of Liberia,” *New York Times*, International Edition Supplement, August 12, 1951
- * “Leon Jordan Comes Home For Brief Visit,” *Kansas City Call*, May 14, 1954
- * “Links Install Officers / Links’ Protégés Receive Gifts,” *Kansas City Call*, July 3, 1964
- * “Victim Of Gunman,” *The Stars And Stripes*, July 17, 1970
- * “Rep. Henry Ross Denies Support By Factions,” *Kansas City Call*, August 20, 1970
- * “Watkins Loses Committee Job In Second Ward,” *Kansas City Call*, August 20, 1970
- * “Freedom, Inc., Gives \$1,000 To Reward Fund,” *Kansas City Call*, August 20, 1970
- “Col. John B. West Describes Liberia,” *Kansas City Call*, [n.d.]

- “Initial Complement For Military Mission To Liberia To Leave In July,” [n.d.]
 - “Liberia Missions Fight Illiteracy,” [n.d.]
 - “Two New Liberian Consuls In Chicago,” [n.d.]
 - “Family Of Jimmy Cooper, Liberia’s Richest Man, Involved In Litigation,” [n.d.]
 - “Asks That Liberia Share In ECA Funds,” [n.d.]
 - “Texas Minister, Wife To Africa,” [n.d.]
 - “For Police Pay Boost,” [*Kansas City Star?*], [n.d.]
- 4 1b Newspaper Clippings – Originals
- See box 4, folder 1a, for use copies (photocopies) and citation information about specific clippings
- 4 2 *The Liberian Review*
- January – June 1951
- *Liberia Today*
- February 1952
 - July 1952
- 4 3 *The Liberian Age*
- January 31, 1948 – October 15, 1951 (incomplete run)
- 4 4 *The Daily Times* (Liberia)
- September 25, 1950 – November 19-20, 1950 (incomplete run)
- The Liberia Official Gazette*
- August 2, 5, 11, 12, 1948
- The Liberian Churchman*
- August 1950
- 4 5 *The Daily Listener* (Liberia)
- September 19, 1950 – February 23, 1952 (incomplete run)
- *The Mirror* (Wilberforce University, Ohio)
- February 3, 1931; back page column, “Sport Talk,” written by “Sweetie” Jordan (Leon Jordan)

SERIES VII: PHOTOGRAPHS

Archival note: Photograph Box 1 houses pages from a photo album entitled *Inauguration Album, Republic of Liberia, January 1952*, consisting of 82 contact sheets, comprising 926 images.

Most folders contain two contact sheets pasted back to back on standard black paper – as they originally appeared in the photo album. All contact sheets are 8” x 10” in size and most have up to 12 exposures each. Original front cover of photo album is housed in a folder at the beginning. Photo album from first accession.

Box	Folder	Description
1	N/A	Front cover
1	1	Page 1

1	2	Page 2
1	3	Page 3
1	4	Page 4
1	5	Pages 5-6
1	6	Pages 7-8
1	7	Pages 9-10
1	8	Pages 11-12
1	9	Pages 13-14
1	10	Pages 15-16
1	11	Pages 17-18
1	12	Pages 19-20
1	13	Pages 21-22
1	14	Pages 23-24
1	15	Pages 25-26
1	16	Pages 27-28
1	17	Pages 29-30
1	18	Pages 31-32
1	19	Pages 33-34
1	20	Pages 35-36
1	21	Pages 37-38
1	22	Pages 39-40
1	23	Pages 41-42
1	24	Pages 43-44
1	25	Pages 45-46
1	26	Pages 47-48
1	27	Pages 49-50
1	28	Pages 51-52
1	29	Pages 53-54
1	30	Pages 55-56
1	31	Pages 57-58
1	32	Pages 59-60
1	33	Pages 61-62
1	34	Pages 63-64
1	35	Pages 65-66
1	36	Pages 67-68
1	37	Pages 69-70
1	38	Pages 71-72
1	39	Pages 73-74
1	40	Pages 75-76
1	41	Pages 77-78
1	42	Pages 79-80
1	43	Page 81
1	44	Page 82

Archival note: Boxes 2 through 15 contain 670 individual prints and are roughly arranged into the categories below. Photos 663-670 are from the second accession; 666-670 are facsimile copies of photos housed in the Brian Thurn Collection.

- (a) Liberia / West Africa, 1948-1955
- (b) European travel photos
- (c) Kansas City / Regional – Professional/Political/Social
- (d) Personal/Miscellaneous

Box	Photos
2	1-50
3	51-100
4	101-150
5	151-200
6	201-250
7	251-300
8	301-350
9	351-400
10	401-450
11	451-500
12	501-550
13	551-600
14	601-650
15	651-670

Archival note: Box 16 contains 436 negatives of various formats. All are from first accession.

Box	Negatives
16	1-436

[For these additional images, see oversized: box 5, folder 3]

- Color photo (11" x 14"): Warren E. Hearnes, Governor of Missouri; inscribed: "To Mrs. Orchid Jordan, Best Regards, Warren E. Hearnes"
- Copy of color photo (8.5" x 9.75" image on 11" x 14" paper): Stuart Symington; inscribed: "To Orchid Jordan, from her friend, Stuart Symington"
- Photo (9.5" x 7.5"), mounted to 13.5" x 11.5" brown-matte backing: Unidentified group of boys and girls, with two men and two women, possibly an elementary school photo; Orchid Ramsey, far left, second row
- Portrait painting of Leon M. Jordan (16" x 19.5")
- Photo (20" x 16"): Missouri Representatives, 74th General Assembly, 1967-1968, includes oval portrait of Leon Jordan, District 11
- Photo (20" x 16"): Missouri Representatives, 76th General Assembly, 1971-1972, includes oval portrait of Orchid Jordan, District 11
- Photo (20" x 16"): Missouri Representatives, 80th General Assembly, 1979-1980, includes oval portrait of Orchid Jordan, District 25

- Photo (20" x 16"): Warren E. Hearnes, Governor of Missouri; inscribed: "To My Good Friend Leon Jordan, Personal Regards, Warren E. Hearnes"
- Portrait photo of Leon M. Jordan (16" x 19.75")

ADDENDUM: DR. FARNSWORTH RESEARCH FILES

Archival note: The files in this addendum contain research material from Dr. Robert Farnsworth, UMKC Professor Emeritus of English, for inclusion in the Leon M. Jordan Collection. Material was collected by Dr. Farnsworth for use in writing a biography of Leon Jordan. Refer to individual folders for provenance information.

Box	Folder	Description
Farnsworth-1	1	File #1 <u>Archival note:</u> Provenance: Dr. Farnsworth <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annotated timeline and list of people who met the Jordans in Liberia and visited them after they returned to Kansas City• Photocopy, marriage affidavit and marriage license, Leon and Orchid Jordan, August 15, 1932 (first marriage; see <i>Series I, box 1, folder 2</i> for second marriage certificate)• Photocopy, divorce decree, Leon and Orchid Jordan, March 4, 1947 (first marriage; see <i>Series I, box 1, folder 2</i> for second marriage certificate)• Photocopy, Deed of Trust, Leon Hart Jordan, June 22, 1908• Photocopy, Quit-Claim Deed, Samuel Jordan, April 1, 1891• Photocopy, obituary, Maraman Harve Ramsey, 1924 (date of death: February 20, 1924)• Photocopy, <i>Kansas City Sun</i>, headline: "Leon H. Jordan Dead" (Leon M. Jordan's father), August 10, 1918• Photocopy, <i>Kansas City Call</i>, headline: "In Sympathy Protest," [includes photo of Mrs. Robert Farnsworth (Sylvia) and Mrs. Leon Jordan (Orchid) picketing outside a bus station], May 26, 1961
Farnsworth-1	2	File #2 <u>Archival note:</u> Provenance: Research compiled by Annette W. Curtis; material submitted by Dr. Farnsworth. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two 8" x 10" portrait illustrations (one color, one black and white) of Leon Hart Jordan, by Bill Curtis, 2006• Research notes, regarding the Jordan-Rivers families, printed February 24, 2006• Photocopy, census records page, Boone County, Missouri, 1880

- Photocopy, marriage license and affidavit, William Jacobs and Mary Daly, June 11, 1889
 - Photocopy, marriage license and affidavit, William F. Bufkin and Katie A. Jordan, June 29, 1903
 - Photocopy, marriage license and affidavit, Leon Hart Jordan and Lena Rivers, April 6, 1896
 - Photocopy, marriage license and affidavit, John M. Wright and Josephine M. Rivers, September 5, 1900
 - Printout, "Liberian Law at Cornell University Library," Cornell University Library web site, February 28, 2006
- Farnsworth-1 3 File #3
- Archival note: Provenance: Property of the U.S. Army Heritage And Education Center; Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Material acquired by Dr. Farnsworth in November 2006.
- Photocopies, diary of Brigadier General Benjamin Davis, Sr., 1951-1952
- Farnsworth-1 4 File #4
- Archival note: Provenance: Property of the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center; Kansas City, Missouri. Material acquired by Dr. Farnsworth in July 2007.
- Photocopies, correspondence regarding personal anecdotes/memories of Leon Jordan from surviving friends and colleagues for a book Orchid Jordan was pursuing about her late husband, 1970 & 1975
- Farnsworth-1 5 File #5
- Archival note: Provenance: Property of Errol & Vesta Warren (Errol is the son of Clifford Warren, Jordan's detective partner in the Kansas City Police Department). Material acquired by Dr. Farnsworth in September 2007.
- Photocopies, newspaper clippings, memorandum, and photograph related to Clifford Warren's (and Leon Jordan's) police work
 - Photographic reproduction (5x7) of Clifford Warren in police uniform
- Farnsworth-1 6 File #6
- Archival note: Provenance: Property of the Black Archives of Mid-America; Kansas City, Missouri. Material acquired by Dr. Farnsworth in April 2008.
- Photocopies, Freedom Inc. Newsletter, June 1966
 - Photocopies, Remarks prepared by Tom Webster for the Black Economic Union, 18th and Vine Streets Heritage Week, July 5, 1984
 - Photocopy, Program for the Leon M. Jordan Memorial Seminar, May 18, 1974
 - Photocopy, newspaper clipping about the Leon Jordan Club (incomplete article, no date)

- Photocopy, remarks about the Leon Jordan Memorial Park at 31st and Benton
- Photocopy, commemorative poster entitled “Statesman Leon Jordan in Life and Death”
- Photocopies, Freedom Inc. flyers regarding Leonard S. Hughes III and Tom Eagleton
- CD copy, Orchid Jordan interview, no date
- CD copy, Richard Bolling interview, October 1, 1976 (related UMKC material: Richard Bolling Collection)