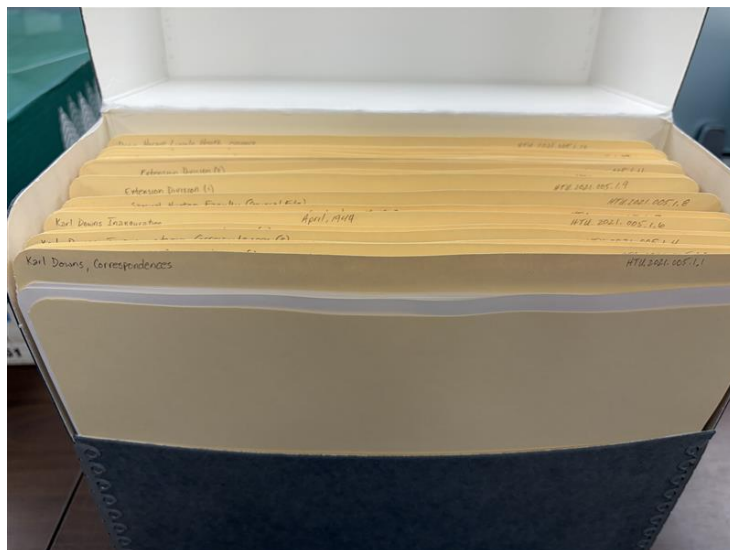


Finding Aids-Dr. Karl Everett Downs Papers



Creator: Dr. Karl Everett Downs, Samuel Huston College

Title: Dr. Karl Everett Downs Papers

Dates: 1943-2014

Extent: 1 Document Box

Abstract: Dr. Karl Everett Downs Papers included Inauguration correspondences, general correspondences, speech, address to the faculty, Samuel Huston faculty general file, book review, Dr. Downs funeral, Karl Everett Downs Day program, Mrs. Marion Jones related material, news clipping, as well as photos of Dr. Downs.

Location: The Huston-Tillotson University Archives Repository at Downs-Jones Library

Call Number: Presidents' Collection R-A-007

Language: English

Access: Open for research

Biographical Notes:

Dr. Karl Everett Downs was the President of Samuel Huston College from 1943 to 1948. He was born in Abilene, Texas, on June 2, 1912, the son of Reverend John and Lucretia Downs. He earned his A.B. degree from Samuel Huston College in 1933. He continued his education at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia, earning a B.D. degree in

1936, and then received a Master of Sacred Theology from Boston University in 1937. Dr. Downs became a Methodist minister and Methodist Board of Foreign Missions.

In 1939 he took up a position as pastor of Scott Methodist Church in Pasadena, California, a position he would serve in until 1943. He then moved to Austin, Texas, when he took up the offer to become Samuel Huston College's president. He was the youngest president of a college or university at the time. During his time as president enrollment increased significantly, from 174 students to more than 600. Dr. Downs also invited Jackie Robinson to be the head of the athletics department of Samuel Huston College from 1944-45, before his rise to fame as a baseball player.

Dr. Downs passed away unexpectedly on February 26, 1948, in Austin, Texas. The Down-Jones Library was named after Dr. Downs, along with Dr. William Jones.

Scopes and Contents:

Folder 1-Correspondences

Folder 2-Inauguration correspondences (1)

Folder 3- Inauguration correspondences (2)

Folder 4- Inauguration correspondences (3)

Folder 5- Inauguration correspondences (4)

Folder 6- Inauguration (April 1944)

Folder 7 – Initial address to the faculty (September 10, 1943)

Folder 8- Samuel Huston faculty general file

Folder 9- Extension division (1)

Folder 10- Extension division (2)

Folder 11- Extension division (3)

Folder 12 – Karl Downs, “I stand committed”

Folder 13- “Friends of Karl Down”, book review of “Meet the Negro”

Folder 14- Accreditation

Folder 15- Karl Down’s funeral (March 2, 1948)

Folder 16- Karl Everett Downs Day program (1966)

Folder 17- Photographs

Folder 18- Marion Downs (Dr. Down's wife)

Folder 19- News clipping "Aliene man mentor to Jackie Robinson" (2008)

Folder 20- Correspondence from Lee Lowenfish concerning Dr. Downs (2014)

Folder 21- Miscellaneous

Folder 22- Dean Horace Lincoln Heath papers

Folder 23 – Photographs (in envelope)

Organization and Arrangement:

The collection not only collects Dr. Downs' presidency but also his family, such as his daughter's communication about news clipping. The collection puts the original and printed materials in 23 folders, sorted by category. Some fragile materials have been put in protection cases or laminated.

Restrictions:

Conditions Governing Access-Advance notice required retrieval, contact repository for retrieval.

Manuscripts and photos are usually delicate, needed to be handled carefully.