

## Finding Aids-Dr. John Jarvis Seabrook and Family Collection



**Creator:** Dr. Seabrook, Huston-Tillotson College

**Title:** Dr. John Jarvis Seabrook and Family Collection

**Dates:** 1915-2010

**Extent:** 12 boxes (5 Document boxes, 2 Flat boxes and 5 Banker's boxes)

**Abstract:** This collection mainly contains Dr. Seabrook's correspondence with various organizations and individuals; news articles, Inauguration programs; HT programs; speeches; photos. In addition, it also contains Dr. Seabrook's family documents and collections.

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

**Call Number:** R-A-004

**Language:** English

**Access:** Open for research

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### Biographical Notes:

Dr. John Jarvis Seabrook was the President of Huston-Tillotson College from 1955 to 1965. He received his early training in the public schools in Savannah, Georgia and Claflin College in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Dr. Seabrook gained his A.B. at Clark College, he later obtained L. M. degree from Boston University, and J.D. from Howard University.

Dr. Seabrook has been engaged in the work of various organizations. For example, he worked Christian education for approximately four decades, having served as Director of the Social Science Division at Samuel Huston College; as Chaplain, Dean of Men, and Business Manager at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma; as Director of the Morgan College Christian Center, and Professor of Philosophy at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland. And for ten years as President of Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina. During his presidency at Huston-Tillotson College. Six buildings were erected, and the institution received unqualified accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Upon his retirement he was named President-Emeritus, he left in the College's Building Fund \$300,000.00.

Dr. Seabrook has served as a delegate to two World Councils on Methodism: 1957, Springfield, Massachusetts; and 1961, Oslo, Norway. He has been a delegate to three General Conferences, and four Jurisdictional Conferences of The United Methodist Church. He has traveled extensively in Europe, and he has visited Mexico, Canada, Hawaii and the Bahama Islands. Dr. Seabrook was invited by the late President Lyndon B. Johnson to witness the signing of H.R.9567 at Southwest Texas State University. Dr. Seabrook was also a member of Austin's first Committee on Human Relations and other various organizations in the city.

### **Scopes and Contents:**

#### **Box 1**

- Folder 1: Biographical data of J. J. Seabrook
- Folder 2: Inauguration. October 25, 1956
- Folder 3: Huston-Tillotson Ramshorn Vol V. No.1, Dr. J.J. Seabrook Inaugurated
- Folder 4: Eleanor Roosevelt visit. March 3, 1958
- Folder 5: Lionel Hampton. November 10, 1964. Photos
- Folder 6: Cancelled Checks, Huston-Tillotson College, signed by Dr. J. J. Seabrook
- Folder 7: 1957-1958 Lyceum and program services invitations. Jackie Robinson, Dr. Ralph Bunche. August 9, 1957
- Folder 8: W. M. Collins Correspondences
- Folder 9: Miscellaneous correspondences

- Folder 10: Miscellaneous documents
- Folder 11: The Ramshorn Journal. Year: 1959, 1963, 1965
- Folder 12: Faculty resolution. December 17, 1957
- Folder 13: Dedication of the King-Seabrook Chapel and Jackson-Moody Humanities Building, October 20, 1974.
- Folder 14: Obituary for Dr. J. J. Seabrook. May 5, 1975
- Folder 15: Claflin College Alumni Bulletin, Vol.3, No.3. Summer 1975. Memorial Issue of Dr. Seabrook
- Folder 16: Dr. J. J. Seabrook photographs
- Folder 17: Misc. Photos

## **Box 2**

- Scrapbook, varies photos of Dr. Seabrook and family

## **Box 3: Correspondence**

- Austin City Council
- Correspondence-A's
- Board of Education, United Methodist Church
- Correspondence-B's
- Claflin College
- Committee of 100
- Correspondence-C's
- Correspondence-D's
- Democratic Convention
- Correspondence-E's
- Football tickets; F's

- Correspondence-G's
- Gammon Theological Seminary-The National Alumni Association
- Correspondence-H's
- Huston-Tillotson College
- Hertz rent a car
- Inventory
- Johnson, President and Mrs. Lyndon Baines
- Correspondence-J's
- King, Dr. John T. Quill, Huston-Tillotson College
- Correspondence-K's
- Correspondence-L's
- Correspondence-M's
- Model cities

#### **Box 4**

- Last Will and Testament of J. J. Seabrook
- Phi Delta Kappa-Mu chapter
- Correspondence-P's
- Important e-files and letters
- United Political Organization
- Urban Renewal
- Burrell D. Johnston
- Important property-schedule
- Miscellaneous
- Miss Maggie L. McLaughlin
- Correspondence-M's

- Moore, Bishop Noah W. Jr
- Correspondence-N's
- NAACP-Programs sponsored
- National Education Association
- Correspondence-O's
- Mrs. Opal M. Seabrook's correspondence
- Programs

### **Box 5**

- Mrs. Stella B. Brooks Samuel Huston College certification collection. Scroll in cylinder
- 1968 Langston University Football Guide
- Langston University Catalog 1968-70
- Notes, 2001-2003, notebook
- Notebook, unknown year (5 copies)
- Langston University 1968-1969
- Langston University 1969 calendar
- Langston University articles
- Receipt. 2009-2010
- Notes, unknown year
- Austin Writers' League presents: Agents! Agents! Agents!...& Editors too!. August 21-23, 1998. Folder
- 1998 Austin Writers' League membership directory
- Correspondence about Brewer House, 2004
- Brewer Foundation
- Notes, 2001-2008
- Correspondence about public sale; memo. 2004

- Notes, 2000-2001
- Notes, 2008-2009
- Notebook, 1999-2000. Includes Birth certificate of Minnie Marianne Miles
- Photos and notes to Minnie Miles. Envelope
- Last Will and Testament of J. J Seabrook

### **Box 6**

- Correspondence- Seabrook, Miss Emma J.
- Correspondence-T's
- Retirement Fund for Lay Workers-United Church Board
- Rembert, Susan Miss
- Smith, Mrs. Katie
- General Board of Pension
- Correspondence-S
- Board profiles, date: 6-30-1998
- Profile on Brewer Foundation
- Travis Central Appraisal District; (1) photos of building
- Travis Central Appraisal District (2); City of Austin
- Travis Central Appraisal District (3)
- Agenda and items for June 30, 1998 Board meeting
- Master copy of Brewer Foundation
- Board mailing labels and board list, 6/30/1998
- Mic/materials and notes
- News Clipping (1)
- News Clipping (2)

-News Clipping (3)

### **Box 7**

-Programs-Brewer Foundation, profiles on foundation and restoration of Brewer Home.  
1999

-Brewer Fondation Inc. operational guidelines for conducting business

-Brewer Fondation Inc. Letter of Agreement

-Brewer Fondation Inc. Organizational Structure

-Brewer Fondation Inc. Board members

-Brewer Fondation profile, prepared for Front Banic. June 29, 1998. Mail copy

-Group photos, film negative

-The Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra Society, 1964-1965 Season, fifth program, April 4.  
Booklet

-Artwork photos, film negative

-Brewer Fondation Inc. Board members title cards

-Meeting of Board of Trustees, Brackenridge Hospital. October 1, 1971. Questions by Mr.  
Garrison and questions by Mr. Robinson

### **Box 8**

-Phone messages, 6 books.

-Texas Education Product Study, Volume 1 & 2

### **Box 9**

-Memorials

-News clipping

-Varies collections

-Austin Independent School Distinct application (original), 1915

- Genealogy documents
- Old photographs, unknown dates (pre-1950s). Three folders/envelopes
- Negatives Brookwood etc. Unknown dates

**Box 10:**

- 7 Large frame size photos
- 2 film negatives
- 9 photographs of Dr. Seabrook and groups
- Name card of Dr. Seabrook from Texas Welcome Dinner with President and Mrs. Kennedy, Vice President and Mrs. Johnson
- Photos; Seabrook Austin home
- Family photographs, unknown dates
- HTC Honors Day photos, circa 1960s
- Varies events photos
- Event photos; Mrs. Roosevelt. 1958
- Texas College and University System (1)
- Texas College and University System (2)
- Dr. And Mrs. Seabrook Going Away Party (Aboard trip) photos, known date
- HT Board of Trustees photos
- Library Ceremony photos, 1960
- 1961 Commencement and Board meetings photos
- Commencement photos, 1962
- Congratulating letters for service on Coordinating Board; photos
- Events, dates: 1965, 1956, 1957
- HT Programs
- Award and certificates, 1929-1974

-Dr. Seabrook's Certificate-National Education Association of United States Active Member for Life

-Howard University Law Class 1926, photo

### **Box 11**

-1957 Huston-Tillotson College Engagement Calendar

-Mortgage of Emma Seabrook

-Conditional Sale Contract from First National Bank

-Photos

-Mrs. Opal Seabrook

-Biographic data and memorial of Opal Seabrook

-Columbia University annual commencement. June 6, 1944 (Opal Seabrook)

-Frame photos

-Claflin University annual catalogue, 1919-1920

-Church programs

-Letter to Opal

-Dr. J. J. Seabrook

### **Box 12**

-Emma Seabrook certificate from Claflin University

-Frame photos

-Photographs

### **Restrictions:**

Conditions Governing Access-Advance notice required retrieval, contact repository for retrieval. Most materials and manuscripts are delicate, needed to be handled carefully.

