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Guide to the

Ted Poston research collection

1927-1971

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Summary

Creator: Poston, Ted, 1906-1974

Title: Ted Poston research collection

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Abstract: Ted Poston was the first full-time African-American reporter for the *New York Post*, where he worked from 1936 covering many major black-oriented news stories, until his retirement in 1972. The Ted Poston Research Collection consists of biographical information about Poston and a transcript of an interview that Professor Luther P. Jackson did with Ted Poston on "interracial reporting" in October 1968. Most of the collection consists of typescripts of articles and columns written by Poston (1927-1971) collected and prepared by the donor, Kathleen Hauke.

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Creator History

Ted Poston was the first full-time African-American reporter for the *New York Post*, where he worked from 1936 covering many major black-oriented news stories, until his retirement in 1972. Prior to being hired by the *Post*, Poston wrote for the *Pittsburgh Courier*, *Amsterdam News*, and the *New York Contender*. He was also on the staff of the Federal Writers' Project, and from 1940-1945 he was a member of the "Black Cabinet," an informal network of African Americans serving in or advising the Roosevelt administration. Poston was head of the Negro News Desk in the Office of War Information and was responsible for relations with the Negro press. *The Dark Side of Hopkinsville*, a book of his short stories, was published posthumously in 1991.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American authors
African American journalists
African Americans in the newspaper industry
Black author
Race relations and the press -- United States

Geographic Names

Harlem (New York, N.Y.)
United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century
United States -- Race relations
United States -- Social life and customs -- 20th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Interviews

Names

Poston, Ted, 1906-1974

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