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Guide to the

J. Raymond Jones collection

1962-1991

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Summary

Creator: Jones, J. Raymond (John Raymond), 1899-1991

Title: J. Raymond Jones collection

Date: 1962-1991

Size: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: J. Raymond Jones, also known as the "Harlem Fox", was a Democratic Party district leader from the Carver Democratic Club on 145th Street, and one of the most powerful political leaders in New York City. From 1964 to 1968, he was chief of Tammany Hall, a position to which he was elected by his peers in the New York City Democratic Party, and the only African American to hold that position. Among Jones's many protégés in the Carver Club were former Judge Constance Baker Motley, Congressman Charles Rangel, and former Mayor David Dinkins. Articles in the collection discuss these relationships. The J. Raymond Jones Collection consists primarily of news clippings (1962-1989) related to Jones's activities and achievements, most notably on the occasion of a dinner given in his honor in 1962, and the publication of his biography by John C. Walter in 1989. Jones's relationships with Motley, Rangel, and Dinkins are discussed in the clippings. There is also an incomplete copy of the manuscript of his biography, *The Harlem Fox*; several letters, including from Charles Rangel (1987) and David Dinkins (1986); and material related to the Jones-Holloway-Bryan Foundation, which Jones established in 1985 to raise money for the College of the Virgin Islands.

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Creator History

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American politicians -- New York (State) -- New York
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West Indians -- New York (State) -- New York

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government

Names

Dinkins, David N.
Jones, J. Raymond (John Raymond), 1899-1991
Motley, Constance Baker, 1921-2005
Rangel, Charles B.
Walter, John C. (John Christopher), 1933-

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- b. 1 f. 8 Letters and telegrams 1962
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Biographical writings
Walter, John C. The Harlem Fox: J. Raymond Jones and Tammany, 1920-1970
- b. 1 f. 10 Incomplete typescript 1989
- b. 1 f. 11 Chapters 1 and 6 1989
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