

JOHN W. MOSLEY PAPERS

Tuskegee Airman

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JOHN W. MOSLEY PAPERS BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John William Mosley, Jr. was born in Denver, Colorado on June 21, 1921. His father came to Colorado attracted by the Cripple Creek silver rush but settled his family in Denver. Mosley attended Whittier Elementary School, Cole Junior High School and Manual Training High School in Denver, Colorado. At Manual he was an honor student, class valedictorian, Merit Scholarship winner and lettered in wrestling and football. He obtained his undergraduate education at Colorado State College in Fort Collins, Colorado where he was the first African American to play football in the Big Seven Conference and to win a regional wrestling championship.

After graduation, Mosley was drafted into the U.S. Army Field Artillery unit despite the fact that he held a private pilot's license and wished to be an Air Force pilot. Eventually he was transferred and enrolled in flight training at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base, an isolated U.S. Army Air Corps training complex for African Americans. Mosley achieved the rating of a Command Pilot. Under the command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., the Tuskegee Airmen fought in the aerial war over North Africa, Sicily and Europe. Mosley elected to return to civilian life in 1946, maintaining his commission as a 1st Lieutenant in the Air Reserve.

Mosley received a Masters in Social Work from the University of Denver in 1948. He was employed as Boys' Work Director for YMCAs in Denver, Colorado and Kansas City, Missouri until 1950, when he was recalled to active duty. Mosley served in a variety of staff and combat operational positions in Europe, Southeast Asia and the United States and obtained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Upon retirement from the Air Force in 1967, Mosley continued to serve his country with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services where he worked in a variety of positions including Equal Opportunity Specialist, Staff Director of the Mountain Plains Federal Regional Council and Special Assistant to James Farmer, Assistant Secretary of Administration.

Since retiring from the Federal Government, Mosley has remained active in professional and community organizations including the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation; Mile High United Way; Denver Sister Cities, International; Y.M.C.A.; and Goodwill Industries.

Mosley married his high school friend, Edna Wilson, in 1945. They have four children: Edna Lorette, John Gregory, Brian Wilson, and William Eric.

JOHN W. MOSLEY PAPERS SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains papers that span the years 1927-2004. It includes report cards, diplomas, school yearbooks, correspondence, newspaper clippings, certificates, publications, reports, articles, scrapbooks and photographs. The material documents Mosley's high school and college days and his career with the Tuskegee Airmen.

JOHN W. MOSLEY PAPERS SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1 PERSONAL PAPERS 1927-2004 BOX 1

The series comprises resumes, report cards from junior high, Mosley's high school commencement address and diploma, Colorado State College graduation announcement, Colorado State University alumni programs and awards and newspaper clippings. The series also includes a few items concerning Mosley's wife, Edna, and the death of his father, John W. Mosley, Sr.

SERIES 2 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN 1945-2000 BOX 1

This series includes yearbooks, publications, reports and articles about the Tuskegee Airmen. Also included are programs from the Tuskegee Airmen national conventions. Also included is a travel bag commemorating Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and The Organization of Black Airline Pilots, Inc.

SERIES 3 SCRAPBOOKS 1933-1955 BOX 2

This series consists of two scrapbooks pertaining to Mosley's childhood, education and military career. The scrapbooks contain chiefly newspaper clippings.

SERIES 4 PHOTOGRAPHS n.d. BOX 1

Photographs of Mosley's wife and family are included in this series. Also included are photographs of Tuskegee Airmen.

SERIES 5 OVERSIZE 1934, 1993 OVFOLDER 1

This series consists of an American Woodmen insurance beneficiary certificate and a poster marking the 15th anniversary of the Women's Bank. Mosley's wife, Edna, was a member of the 1993 Board of Directors and is pictured on the poster.

JOHN W. MOSLEY PAPERS

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES 1 PERSONAL PAPERS

Box 1 Papers

FF1	n.d.	Biographical data, resumes
FF2	1933, 1934, 1935	Boys Scouts of America: membership cards, pins
FF3	1934-1936	Cole Junior High School: report cards
FF4	1936	Cole Junior High School: ribbons, bell schedule, newspaper clippings, graduation program
FF5	1936-1938	Manual Training High School: report cards
FF6	August 14, 1937	Dancing party given by Mosley: invitation
FF7	1938	Manual Training High School: Thunderbolt yearbook
FF8	1939	Manual Training High School: National Honor Society induction ceremony program, graduation announcement, program, diploma
FF9	April 8, 1939	Commencement address: drafts, final
FF10	1938	Manual Training High School football: newspaper clippings
FF11	1939	Manual Training High School football: newspaper clippings
FF12	1939, 1940	Mosley, John W.: correspondence sent, received
FF13	1942, 1943	Colorado State College: correspondence sent, received
FF14	1939, 1940, 1942, n.d.	Colorado State College: football program, college booklet, programs, football ticket, Senior class dinner ticket
FF15	1943	Colorado State College: graduation announcement
FF16	April 14, 1996	Colorado State University - alumni association awards dinner: program, correspondence
FF17	April 25, 1996	Colorado State University - honors luncheon: program
FF18	October 9, 1998	Colorado State University - Hall of Fame banquet: program
FF19	April 5, 1946	Insurance certificate
FF20	June 28- July 2, 2000	U.S. African Conference, Sister Cities: proposal, memorandum
FF21	1945, 1950, 1987, 1991, 1996, 1998, 2002, 2004, n.d.	Newspaper clippings
FF22	1942	Mosley, John W. Sr., death: telegram, list of flowers
FF23	n.d.	Mosley, Edna W. (wife): biographical data
FF24	May 19, 1974	Mosley, Edna W. (wife): Scott United Methodist Church certificate of recognition
FF25	September 20, 1975	Mosley, Edna W. (wife): United Negro College Fund, Colorado Campaign: program

SERIES 2 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

Box 1 Papers

FF26	1945	Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Kentucky: yearbook
FF27	1982	<i>The Tuskegee Experience</i> , published by Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.
FF28	August 4-8, 1991	Tuskegee Airmen Annual National Convention, Denver, Colorado: program
FF29	August 7-13, 2000	Tuskegee Airmen Annual National Convention, San Antonio, Texas: correspondence, program, articles
FF30	November 1997	<i>Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.</i> : newsletter
FF31	February 11-17, 1991	“Benjamin O. Davis: Breaking the Silence”, <i>Washington Post National Weekly Edition</i>
FF32	1997	Tuskegee Air Force Flying School: newspaper clipping, “The Road that Led to the Sky”
FF33	January 11, 2000	“Flying into Black History”, <i>Aurora Sentinel</i>
FF34	n.d.	<i>So That Others May Know</i> (newsletter)
FF35	n.d.	<i>Tuskegee Airmen: Fact Sheet</i> , Department of Defense
FF36	December 15, 2000	Biffle, Richard L., Jr., Lt. Col. USAF (retired), Tuskegee Airman: tribute, memorial booklet
FF37	November 2000	Tuskegee Airmen monument dedication, Columbus, Ohio: articles
FF38	2001	Tuskegee Airmen exhibit, Aurora Museum: photographs, ticket
FF39	n.d.	Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.: certificate of membership
FF40	n.d.	<i>Vietnam Report: Fact-Finding Tour of Senator Peter Dominick</i> : interview with John W. Mosley
Item 1	n.d.	Commemoration of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and The Organization of Black Airline Pilots, Inc.: travel bag

SERIES 3 SCRAPBOOKS

Box 2 Scrapbooks

Item 1	1933-1942	Scrapbook: newspaper clippings, correspondence, report cards, membership cards, photographs
Item 2	1936-1955	Scrapbook: newspaper clippings, correspondence, church and school programs, greeting cards, diplomas, photographs

SERIES 4 PHOTOGRAPHS

Box 3 Photographs

FF1	1915, 1927-1929, 1943, 1997, n.d.	Mosley, John W., Edna Mosley, family: black and white photographs, color photographs, copies
FF2	n.d.	Tuskegee Airmen: black and white photographs, copies

SERIES 5 OVERSIZE

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FF1 1993

FF2 April 3, 1934

Women's Bank, 15th Anniversary, 1978-1993: poster
Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen: beneficiary
certificate