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Institution: Shorefront Legacy Center
Collection Title: Daniel P. Phillips
Date Span: c1940-1960s
Extent: .2 linear feet
Processors: Dino Robinson. September 7, 2013
Restrictions: None

Related Collections: Emerson Street YMCA, Bethel A.M.E. Church. Digital Audio Interviews (142 minutes), Obituary Collection - Daniel P. Phillips.

Abstract:

Daniel P. Phillips, (1917-2011), was a Chemist who specialized in electroplating. Held positions at the Federal Tool and Plastics in Evanston and retired as Plant Manager. Second career was as a Real Estate Agent for Cyrus and Coldwell Banker. He retired in 2001. Dan was the first Black president of ETHS School District 202 board. Dan was active in civic engagement, youth development and sports. The Daniel Phillips collection spans from c1940-1960s, and consists primarily of photographs of and about Bethel A.M.E. Church but include images of the Emerson Street YMCA and other miscellaneous photographs.

Biographical Note:

Daniel P. Phillips was born in Sharon, PA. He attended Lincoln University in Chester, PA where he studied education and chemistry. Daniel came to Evanston, during the 1940s. As a chemist, he specialized in electroplating. He later held positions at the Federal Tool and Plastics in Evanston and retired as Plant Manager in the 1980s. His second career was as a Real Estate Agent for Cyrus and Coldwell Banker. He retired from real estate in 2001. Daniel was involved on boards with the Emerson Street YMCA, The McGaw YMCA, Bethel AME Church, First United Methodist Church, Youth Organizations Umbrella, Kendall College, Evanston Chamber of Commerce, Evanston Community Development Corporation (1970-1990), North Shore Association for the Retarded, Evanston Recreation Board, Evanston Rotary Club and Evanston Sports Association. A Member of the North Shore Board of Realtors, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Evanston North Shore Branch of the NAACP. Dan Served on the District 202 Board of Education for 25 years and served as Board President for 7 years and Vice President for 8 years. Dan coached the Evanston Midget Relay teams for 15 years, served as an official at local high school track meets for 20 years. In 1989, ETHS held a community celebration "Dan Day" in honor of his 25 year involvement in high school sports. The annual indoor track meet then know as the ETHS Invitational Relays was renamed to the "Dan Phillips invitational Relays".

Cited Sources:

Printed Obituary (shorefront archives); ETHS website: http://www.eths.k12.il.us/eths_district_202_reflects_on_life_of_former_school_board_president_daniel_phillips/?idevsearch=y&Archive=y; YOU website: <http://www.youevanston.org/index.php/latest-news/items/19.html>; Evanston Patch: <http://evanston.patch.com/groups/schools/p/eths-district-202-reflects-on-life-of-former-school-b522826c6d4>; The Chicago Reporter, reprint from the June 1998 Issue: <http://www.chicagoreporter.com/news/2007/08/tale-two-towns-evanston-oak-park-struggle-keep-racial-balance>.

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Scope and Content Note:

The Daniel P. Phillips Collection consists mainly of photographs. There are several printouts of articles on and related to Dan Phillips. The photograph collection spans c1940-1960. The article printouts are from the web and contain biographical information. A CD of an interview conducted through the Evanston Historical Society has been digitized by Shorefront and placed in the file.

Access Headings:

African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.

Suburban African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.

African American Churches--Illinois--Evanston

African Americans--Social life and customs

Evanston (Ill.)--History

Container List:

Series I. Correspondences and articles.

This series contains correspondence between Shorefront and Dana Phillips (daughter) and several web printouts of articles.

Folder	Title	Date
1	Correspondences Letter from Dana Phillips about donated items	Jan. 2013
1	Correspondences Letter from Shorefront about receipt of donated items. List of items.	Jan. 2013
1	Articles Articles from Y.O.U., ETHS, Chicago Reporter	1998-2011
1	CD Audio oral history conducted by EHC (Melinda Quetter)	May, 1990

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Series II. Photographs

This series contains photographs of various gatherings, Mostly Bethel AME Church.

Folder	Title	Date
2	Bethel AME Church Various group shots and several portraits. Several are of Dan Phillips, his wife Dorothy Weston and mother-in-law Emma Weston. 32 images.	c1940s
3	Bethel AME Church 8 x 10 images, one of the daycare, one of an exterior group shot. 2 images.	c1940s
4	Emerson Street YMCA 8 x 10 of the "clipperettes" cheerleaders at Emerson Y gym. 2 3x 4 of group meetings. 3 images.	c1950s
5	Wedding Party Various photographs of wedding and wedding party. Unidentified. 8 images	c1950s
6	Miscellaneous Unidentified images, various sizes. 5 images.	c1950s