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COLLECTION OF NEGRO BASEBALL
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The Effa Manley Collection of Negro Baseball was given to the Fisk University Library in 1975. Mrs. Manley was the wife of Abraham Manley, popular New York Negro businessman and owner of the Newark Eagles baseball team. She was the first woman to be a co-owner and business manager of a baseball team. Born in 1903, she died in Los Angeles, CA in 1981.

The team originated in 1935 as the Brooklyn Eagles in New York, then moved to Newark in 1936 and was renamed the Newark Eagles. It was one of the top-ranking teams in the Negro National League, winning the League Pennant in 1946 and the Negro World Series. It had such notable players as Larry Doby, Don Newcombe and Monte Irwin. When white leagues began pirating Negro baseball players, the team disbanded in 1948.

There are circa 100 items in the collection that consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, memorabilia, a manuscript, and printed matter.

Register

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BOX 1

- f. 1. -- Correspondence -- 1975-1977
2. -- Notes
3. -- Manuscript – Black Baseball
4. -- Newspaper clippings
5. -- Photographs
6. -- Printed matter
7. -- Memorabilia