

HAROLD E. THOMAS COLLECTION

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(1905-1968)

Harold E. Thomas was born on July 11, 1905 in Iberia, Louisiana. He moved to Nashville at an early age, attended the public schools, and continued on to receive both the A.B. and M.A. degrees from Fisk University.

In 1941, as a teacher at Pearl Elementary School, he initiated court action against the Board of Education to equalize salaries of black teachers to whites. Appearing in his behalf were prominent attorneys Z. Alexander Looby and Thurgood Marshall.

After winning the case, he resigned in 1943 to work fulltime with the labor Movement. He was also an agent for the Metal Arts corporation.

Thomas was a member of Clark Memorial Church; lifetime member of the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; the Nashville chapter of Frontiers International among other organizations. He died in 1968.

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SCOPE NOTE

The Harold E. Thomas Collection contains one box of biographical information; correspondence; court documents of Harold E. Thomas vs. Louis Hibbitts, Civil Docket 202; newspaper clippings; memorabilia; and printed matter. It was given by his widow, Lillian Thomas.

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- 1--Biographical.
  - 2--Correspondence--1961-71.
  - 3--Accounts--Otey's Real Estate Agency, December 1, 1960.
  - 4--Harold E. Thomas Plaintiff vs. Louis H. Hibbitts et al,  
Respondent, Louis H. Hibbitts, May 20, 1941.
  - 5--U. S. District Court, Civil Docket, No. 202, Harold E.  
Thomas vs. Louis Hibbitts et al, February 23, 1942.
  - 6--Thomas vs. Hibbitts et al. Cv. A. No. 202. Federal Supplement,  
July 28, 1942.
  - 7--Newspaper clippings--1943-1966.
  - 8--Memorabilia.
  - 9--Thomas, Vivien--Printed matter--Collected--1971
  - 10--Printed matter--Metal Arts Company, Harold E. Thomas, Agent.
  - 11--Liberia Housing Development Map.
  - 12--Printed matter--Collected.