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Donald Murray Jr. Papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Donald Murray Jr. Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	ACMA.06-078
<b>Date:</b>	1934-2014
<b>Extent:</b>	2.4 Cubic feet (1 box, 4 flat boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	Donald Murray, Jr. papers consists of 2.4 linear feet of mixed archival materials. The materials speak to Mr. Murray's role as a manager and Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), his involvement in DC politics and family history. Documents include photographs, ephemera from various organizations and some videotaped materials of local social events.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by Donald Murray Jr. in 2015.

### Processing Information

In 2016, with funding provided by the Smithsonian Institution's Collections Care and Preservation Fund, the Archives at the Anacostia Community Museum implemented the use of minimal level processing standards to increase information about and facilitate access to more of our collections. For this subject, minimal processing included arrangement to the folder level, based on prior processing and preservation action, with retention of the pre-existing arrangement when possible, if applicable. Otherwise, an order was imposed by the Processing Archivist. Some materials were consolidated to eliminate excess bulk but items within folders were not arranged further. The guide may or may not include a more refined lists of folder contents. Non-archival housing was replaced for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed.

Minimal level processing and machine-readable finding aid completed by Kendra Jae, 2017 July.

### Preferred Citation

Donald Murray Jr. Papers, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution, gift of Donald Murray Jr.

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## Biographical Note

Donald Murray Junior was one of the first generation of professional city government leaders in Washington D.C. who became prominent after home rule and the election of Marion Barry Jr. Following the election of Mayor Barry, Murray became the Manager and Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) in March 1987.

Murray received his bachelor's degree from Morgan State University in Baltimore, and a master's degree in social work from Howard University. As a graduate student at Howard University, he worked for the United Planning Organization and then served three years as Associate Director of Friendship House Association. He also served in the Army for two years.

Prior to his career in city government, Murray was a professor at the University of Maryland and Director of the university's African Studies Department. He left the university in 1981 to become acting director of the Department of Licenses, Investigations and Inspections of the District of Columbia.

Donald Murray Junior served as a board member to the Humanities Council of Washington D.C. from 2004 to 2010.

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## Scope and Contents

The Donald Murray Jr. papers measure 2.4 cubic feet and date from 1934 to 2014, with the bulk of the material dating from 1987 to 2004. The papers contain biographical material, records related to Murray's professional activities, photographs, and audiovisual material.

The biographical files contain scrapbooks, awards and certificates, and material related both to his family and his personal background. Contents include a scrapbook detailing the Million Man March, memorial programs for family members or friends, a high school year book, and assorted celebratory event programs. Additional material related to Murray's family include a family portrait listed in the Photographs series.

Of the three scrapbooks in the collection, one has been disassembled due to preservation concerns and is housed in the order in which it was presented. Images of the original scrapbook are included. Additional scrapbooks are maintained as they were received.

The professional files document activities Murray led or participated in as a part of the Humanities Council of Washington D.C. which includes correspondence and material collected from his time on Mayor Marion Barry Jr.'s administration, such as copies of proclamations and background on Murray and other cabinet members.

The series Photographs contains four oversized portraits of Donald Murray Jr. and his family, as well as the Morgan State University graduating class of 1960, and a signed portrait of an unknown man.

Audiovisual material contains 15 items that include copies of documentaries, lectures given by Donald Murray Jr., and public testimonies. Additional material includes photographs or videos of events.

## Arrangement

The Donald Murray Jr. papers is arranged in 4 series.

Series 1: Biographical Files

Series 2: Professional Files

Series 3: Photographs

Series 4: Audiovisual Material

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

African Americans -- Washington (D.C.)  
D.C. Community Humanities Council

Types of Materials:

Audiovisual materials  
Awards  
Certificates  
Photographs  
Programs (documents)  
Scrapbooks

Geographic Names:

Washington, D.C. -- history

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical Files, 1934-2014

Contains Murray's personal scrapbooks, awards and certificates, and material related both to his family and his personal background.

#### Scrapbooks, 1934-2010

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| Box 1, Folder 1-8    | <p>Million Man March, 1995</p> <p>Due to binding deterioration, scrapbook has been disassembled. Pages are in the order in which they were presented.</p>                                  |
| Oversize 2, Folder 1 | <p>Million Man March scrapbook images, 1995</p> <p>Images of the original scrapbook.</p>   |
| Oversize 3           | <p>Humanities Council of Washington D.C., 2004-2010</p> <p>Contains photographs, fliers, event programs, and postcards from Murray's time on the Humanities Council of Washington D.C.</p> |
| Oversize 3           | <p>Personal Scrapbook, 1934-2010</p> <p>News clippings, event fliers, memorial information, research material, and photographs.</p>  |
| Oversize 2, Folder 2 | <p>Awards and Certificates, 1988-2004</p>  |

#### Personal and Family Material, 1961-2014

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| Box 1, Folder 9  | <p>Celebratory Event Programs, 1992-2014</p>   |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | <p>Forest Park High School yearbook, 1961</p>  |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | <p>Jack and Jill of America Incorporated event programs, 1993, 2014</p>  |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | <p>Memorial Programs, 2003-2011</p> <p>Memorial programs for Reverend Dr. William W. Walker (maternal grandfather), Rosa Walker Murray (mother), and Walter Edward Washington (former mayor of Washington D.C.).</p> |

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## Series 2: Professional Files, 1987-2008

Contains material related to Donald Murray Jr.'s professional activities on the Humanities Council of Washington D.C., his personal notification about his appointment to the Housing and Community Development Reform Advisory Commission, and material accumulated from his time on Mayor Marion Barry Jr.'s administration.

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| Box 1, Folder 13     | Humanities Council of Washington D.C. records, 2006-2008<br>Notes, programs, correspondence, newsclippings, and lesson plans related to the program "Conversations on U," presented by Donald Murray with the support of the Humanities Council of Washington D.C. |
| Box 1, Folder 14     | Housing and Community Development Reform Advisory Commission<br>Appointment Notification Letter, 2003 December 03  |
| Box 1, Folder 15     | Mayor Marion Barry Jr. Administration Files, 1987-1989<br>Written profiles of cabinet members in the Mayor Marion Barry Jr. Administration.  |
| Oversize 2, Folder 3 | Mayor Marion Barry Jr. Earth Day Proclamation, 1989 April 22   |

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## Series 3: Photographs, 1960, undated

### *Oversize 4*

Contains four photographs: a portrait of Donald Murray Jr., a portrait of Donald Murray Jr. with his family, the graduating class of Morgan State University in 1960, a signed (illegible) portrait featuring an unknown man.

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## Series 4: Audiovisual Material, 1996-2010

Contains 15 items. Includes video and sound recordings, and image files. Materials are documentary projects, lectures, public testimonies, events.

Box 5

Audiovisual Media, 1996-2010

Alama and Kali Cotillion, undated  
VHS tape.

Conversations on Great Streets with Don Murray: Doll Collecting, 2007  
DVD. 2 copies. Presented by the Humanities Council of Washington D.C.

*Conversations on Great Streets with Don Murray, The Ethiopian Millennium,*  
2007  
DVD. Presented by the Humanities Council of Washington D.C.

Conversations on Great Streets with Don Murray: Hip Hop and Civil Rights  
generations working toward an understanding, 2008 June 19  
DVD. Presented by the Humanities Council of Washington D.C.

*Conversations on Great Streets with Don Murray, Walking into African  
American History: Different Paths to the Future,* 2007  
DVD. Presented by the Humanities Council of Washington D.C.

Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole Public Hearing,  
2008 April 25  
DVD. Additional text reads "DC Office of Cable Television. TRT: 24:00.  
Testimony: Humanities Council of Washington D.C."

Council of the District of Columbia Committee on Economic Development  
Public Hearing, 2008 April 18  
CD. Additional text reads "D.C. Office of Cable Television. TRT: 63:00.  
Testimony: Humanities Council of Washington D.C."

*Dancing Griot: Life and Times of Melvin Deal,* 2010  
DVD. Presented by Ward 7 Arts Collaborative Incorporated.

Don and Paul, WPFW-Ambrose, undated  
Cassette tape. Note attached on back reads "Anthony WMS mayoral  
campaign."

Giving Freedom a World Voice: A Reflection of the Global Impact of Dr.  
Martin Luther King Jr., 2008 November 17  
CD. Additional text reads "Pictures from the opening reception at the Meridan  
International Center, 17 November 2008."

Giving Freedom a World Voice: A Reflection of the Global Impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., undated

CD or DVD. Presented by the Humanities Council of Washington D.C.

*Ira Blount: The Common Threads That Bind*, 2009

DVD. Documentary project led by the Ward 7 Arts Collaborative and funded in part by the Humanities Council of Washington D.C.

*Journey for Justice: The A.P. Turdeaud Story*, 1996

DVD. Documentary by Rachel L. Emanuel, Ph.D.

Kwame Brown, Committee on Economic Development, 2007 April 20

CD or DVD.

*Soul of the City: Portraits of a Community*, 2010

CD or DVD. Presented by the Humanities Council of Washington D.C.

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