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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Fractious Family Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	ACMA.06-086
<b>Date:</b>	1916-1981 (bulk 1940-1970)
<b>Extent:</b>	1.7 Linear feet (5 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Fractious Family papers were donated to the Anacostia Community Museum on February 1, 2017, by Kristina Leszczak and Rene Fracticious.

### Processing Information

Minimally processed in July 2017 by intern Shannon Wagner. Finding aid revised in January 2021 by archivist Jennifer Morris.

### Preferred Citation

Fractious Family papers, Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution, gift of Kristina Leszczak and Rene Fracticious.

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## Biographical / Historical

William Fractious was born in Virginia around 1827. He and his wife Lucy were likely part of the 40,000 formerly enslaved African American refugees who came to Washington, D.C., during the Civil War. A carpenter by profession, William acquired lot 7 of section 3 of a new development, Barry Farm. The settlement was created by the Freedmen's Bureau who sold building lots to the newly freed men and women.

Robert "Bobbie" Fractious (1920 – 1996) was the son of William II and Mary V. Fractious. He had two sisters, Bessie (1918) and Lillian (1915) and one brother, Preston "Bootsie" (1922). He attended elementary school and one year of high school before joining the Civilian Conservation Corps. Robert

served in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania in 1939 and Camp Ellis, Illinois in 1940. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1941 as a corporal in Croft, South Carolina and eventually moved up in rank to Staff Sargent. During his service in World War II, he was assigned to the Quartermasters Corps in the Pacific Theater, in Australia. After the war, Robert continued serving in the army for over 20 years.

Blanche Lucille Queen (1923 – 2001) married Robert Fractious on December 2, 1945. She was the daughter of Robert H. and Louise E. Queen. Blanche had two sisters, Thelma (1923 – 2005) and Roberta "Diddie" (1924 – 2013). Blanche graduated from Shaw Junior High in 1938 and Armstrong High School in 1941. After marriage, Robert and Blanche settled on Shannon Place in Southeast, D.C., and the couple had two children, Deborah Camille (1952 – 1995) and Rene Emil (1954 – 2017). She worked for the State Department then at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for 30 years.

A fifth generation Fractious, Rene Emil Fractious was a proud descendant of the original Barry farm settlers. He spoke at the 2009 Washington Historical Studies Conference about his family legacy and the strong postbellum African American community.

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## Arrangement

The papers are organized in five series.

Series 1: Biographical Material Series 2: Correspondence Series 3: Legal Files Series 4: Printed Materials Series 5: Photographs

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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 American families
- African Americans -- Washington (D.C.)
- Military service -- World War II

Types of Materials:

- Certificates
- Correspondence
- Photographs

Geographic Names:

- Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical Material, circa 1940 (bulk 1939-1945)

English.

Biographical materials include certificates, school papers, and wedding items for the nuclear family of Robert and Blanche Fractious. Deborah Fractious' funeral documents and Robert's army certificates comprise the bulk of the series.

Box 1, Folder 1	Certificates- Birth, circa 1920
Box 1, Folder 2	Certificates- Army, circa 1970
Map-case 1, Drawer 7; Box 1, Folder 3	Robert and Blanche Fractious' Wedding Material [Oversize], circa 1945
Map-case 1, Drawer 7; Box 1, Folder 4	Blanche Fractious [Oversize], circa 1940
Box 1, Folder 5	Deborah Fractious, circa 1970
Box 1, Folder 6	Deborah Fractious, funeral materials, circa 1995
Box 1, Folder 7	Rene Emil Fractious, Circa 1970
Box 1, Folder 8	Robert Fractious, circa 1960

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## Series 2: Correspondence, 1917 - 1947 (bulk 1939-1945)

English.

Letters are primarily from Blanche Queen written during World War II to her future husband, Robert Fractious. The correspondence documents their romantic relationship, family and community news, as well as the political climate. There are a couple of letters from Robert to Blanche and letters written to Robert from his sister, Lillian.

- Box 1, Folder 9                    General, 1917-1947; undated
- Box 1, Folder 10-12;  
Box 2, Folder 1-3                Blanche Queen to Robert Fractious, 1939 - 1945 (bulk 1944-1945)
- Box 1, Folder 10                Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1939 January 7  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 9 1/2 x 6 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.  
    Topic:                    African Americans  
                                  Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
    Place:                    Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 10                Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1939 August 30  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 11 x 8 1/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.  
    Topic:                    African Americans  
                                  Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century
- Box 1, Folder 10                Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1939 December 26  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 10 1/2 x 7 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.  
    Topic:                    African Americans  
                                  Christmas  
                                  Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
    Place:                    Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 10                Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1939 December 31  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 10 1/2 x 7 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 10  
Valentine card to Robert from Blanche, 1940 February 12  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 5 1/4 x 5 1/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

English.

Topic: African Americans  
Valentine's Day

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 10  
Letter to Mr. Robert Fractious from Blanche, 1940 February 13  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 10 1/2 x 7 3/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

English.

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 10  
Birthday card to Mr. Robert Fractious from Blanche, 1940 May 9  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 5 3/4 x 4 x 1/2 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

English.

Topic: African Americans  
Birthday cards

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 10  
Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1940 June 7  
*1 Letter*  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 10  
Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1940 June 10  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 10 1/2 x 7 3/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

English.

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Proms

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 10 Letter to Mr. Robert L. Fractious from Blanche, 1940 June 23  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 8 3/4 x 8 1/2 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 10 Letter to Mr. Robert L. Fractious from Blanche, 1940 June 31  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 8 11/16 x 8 3/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Box 1, Folder 10 Letter to Mr. Robert Lewis Fractious from Blanche, 1940 July 3  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 10 3/4 x 7 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Box 1, Folder 10 Telegram to Mr. Robert Fractious from Blanche, 1941 January 18  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 5 11/16 x 7 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.

Topic: African Americans

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 10 Letter to Mr. Robert Lewis Fractious from Blanche, 1941 March 3  
*1 Letter (ink on paper; 7 5/8 x 9 11/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
English.

Topic: African Americans



- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 July 23  
*1 Letter (7 15/16 x 9 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 July 25  
*1 Letter (4 15/16 x 7 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 July 29  
*1 Letter (7 15/16 x 9 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 July 31  
*1 Letter (10 7/8 x 7 15/16 inches )*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 3  
*1 Letter (7 15/16 x 9 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 5  
*1 Letter (8 7/8 x 4 15/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 9  
*1 Letter (7 15/16 x 9 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 9  
*1 Letter (8 15/16 x 10 15/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Lillian, 1944 August 14  
*1 Letter (6 13/16 x 10 9/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 15  
*1 Letter (7 15/16 x 9 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 17  
*1 Letter (4 7/8 x 7 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans

- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 21  
*1 Letter (5 15/16 x 7 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 25  
*1 Letter (10 1/2 x 8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 26  
*1 Letter (10 15/16 x 7 15/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 27  
*1 Letter (5 15/16 x 7 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 August 28  
*1 Letter (10 15/16 x 7 3/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Lillian, 1944 September 13  
*1 Letter (10 3/16 x 6 1/2 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 September 13  
*1 Letter (10 15/16 x 7 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Dolly, 1944 September 20  
*1 Letter (7 3/16 x 5 1/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 September 20  
*1 Letter (10 1/2 x 7 15/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 September 21  
*1 Letter (7 15/16 x 10 15/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 September 22  
*1 Letter (4 15/16 x 7 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans

- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 September 25  
*1 Letter (8 15/16 x 10 15/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 September 28  
*1 Letter (4 7/8 x 7 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 11 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 October 3  
*1 Letter (4 15/16 x 7 3/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 6  
*1 Letter ( 4 15/16 x 7 13/16 inches )*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 7  
*1 Letter ( 4 15/16 x 7 13/16 inches )*  
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Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 11  
*1 Letter (10 1/2 x 7 15/16 inches)*  
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Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
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- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 13  
*1 Letter (4 7/8 x 7 3/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to "My Darling Husband to be" from Blanche, 1944 November 14  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 1/2 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 15  
*1 Letter (6 15/16 x 10 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 17  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 18

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 12

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 23

1 Letter (7 x 10 11/16 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Thanksgiving Day

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 12

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 24

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 1/2 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 12

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 November 28

1 Letter (6 15/16 x 10 11/16 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 12

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 1

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 11/16 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 1, Folder 12

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 2

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

- Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 5  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche , 1944 December 8  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to My Darling Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 12  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 12  
*1 Letter (7 x 10 11/16 inches )*  
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Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
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- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 14  
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Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)



- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 18  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Christmas  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to My Darling Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 24  
*1 Letter (10 1/2 x 7 1/4 inches )*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Christmas  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobby from Blanche, 1944 December 26  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches )*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 28  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 5 5/8 inches )*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 29  
*1 Letter (10 1/2 x 7 1/4 inches )*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 1, Folder 12 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1944 December 30

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 x 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 2

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 3

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 4

1 Letter (6 3/4 x 10 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 5

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 6

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans

- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 1 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 8  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 1 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 10  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 1 Greeting cards to Robert from Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Queen, 1945 January 10  
*1 Letter (5 1/4 x 8 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Topic: African Americans  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 1 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 11  
*1 Letter (6 15/16 x 10 15/16 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Christmas  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 1 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 13  
*1 Letter (7 7/8 x 5 7/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 1 Letter to Bobbie from Captain Gordon Heup, 1945 January 15

1 Letter (9 1/2 x 8 3/16)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 16

1 Letter (6 7/8 x 10 5/8 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 19

1 Letter (8 x 9 11/16 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 24

1 Letter (7 7/8 x 9 3/4 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 January 29

1 Item (8 x 9 3/4 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 February 2

1 Letter (8 x 9 3/4 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 February 12  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 3/4 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Easter  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 February 19  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 3/4 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 1

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 February 27  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 3/4 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 2

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 March 6  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 2

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 March 12  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Easter  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

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*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 2 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 March 21  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 2 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 March 26  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 2 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 March 31  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Easter  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 2 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 April 3  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Easter  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 2 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 April 16

*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 2

Letter to Bobbie from Blance, 1945 April 26

*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 2

Letter to Bobbie from Blance, 1945 April 28

*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 May 3

*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 May 7

*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 May 8

*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans

- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 May 12  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*  
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Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
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Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 May 16  
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- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 May 21  
*1 Letter (8 x 9 5/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 May 25  
*1 Letter (7 7/8 x 10 1/8 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 June 4  
*1 Letter (7 x 6 1/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)



- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 June 6  
*1 Letter (6 15/16 x 4 1/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 June 19  
*1 Letter (7 x 6 1/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 July 2  
*1 Letter (7 x 6 1/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 July 12  
*1 Letter (7 x 6 1/4 inches)*  
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Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 July 20  
*1 Letter (7 x 6 1/4 inches)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001  
Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 July 24

1 Letter (7 x 6 1/4 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 July 26

1 Letter (7 x 6 1/4 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 August 3

1 Letter (7 x 6 1/4 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 August 6

1 Letter (8 1/4 x 10 1/2 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Bobbie from Blanche, 1945 August 10

1 Letter (8 1/4 x 10 1/2 inches)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Fractious, Blanche Queen, 1923 - 2001

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Blanche from Bobbie, 1945 August 29

1 Letter (5 1/8 x 4 1/8 inches)

[Image\(s\): Letter to Bobbie from Blanche](#)

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Blanche from C. P. ?, 1945 September 11  
*1 Letter (6 7/8 x 9 7/8 inches)*

[Image\(s\): Letter to Bobbie from Blanche](#)

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Box 2, Folder 3

Letter to Blanche from Bobbie, 1945 October 1  
*1 Letter (9 x 6 inches)*

[Image\(s\): Letter to Bobbie from Blanche](#)

Topic: African Americans  
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

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## Series 3: Legal Files, circa 1950

English.

Legal documents include property deeds, receipts, and settlement papers. The series also contains legal items belonging to a Mr. Charles and Lulu Roy whose relation to the Fractious family is unknown.

Map-case 1, Drawer 7; Property Documents [Oversize], circa 1950

Box 2, Folder 4

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## Series 4: Printed Material, 1959 - 1981

English.

Printed materials include brochures published by the United States Army, newspaper clippings and Smithsonian's Anacostia Neighborhood Museum publications featuring the Barry Farm community. There are also Anacostia High School yearbooks from 1969 and 1970.

Box 2, Folder 5	Anacostia High School Yearbooks, circa 1970
Box 2, Folder 6	Anacostia Neighborhood Museum, circa 1975
Box 2, Folder 7	Brochures, circa 1960
Box 2, Folder 8; Map-case 1, Drawer 7	Newspaper/ Clippings [Oversize], circa 1975
Box 2, Folder 9	Autographed restaurant menu, circa 1975

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## Series 5: Photographs, circa 1900 - 1970s

No linguistic content; Not applicable.

Photographs are primarily of family members and friends including Bessie Fractious, Preston Fractious, Roberta Queen Gambrell, and Thelma Queen Thomas. The images document social events, vacations, and family gatherings. Images are organized by family member, then thematically.

Box 3, Folder 1	Bessie Fractious, circa 1940
Box 5; Box 3, Folder 2	Blanche (Queen) Fractious [Oversize], circa 1960
Box 3, Folder 3	Blanche Fractious' Retirement Party Album, circa 1970
Box 5; Box 3, Folder 4	Deborah Fractious [Oversize], circa 1970
Box 3, Folder 5	J. Cleveland Edward, circa 1900
Box 3, Folder 6	Preston Fractious
Box 3, Folder 7	Rene Fractious, circa 1970
Box 3, Folder 8	Robert Fractious, circa 1940
Box 3, Folder 9; Box 5	Roberta (Queen) Gambrell [Oversize], circa 1950
Box 3, Folder 10	Thelma (Queen) Gross, Thomas and Family, circa 1950
Box 3, Folder 11	William Queen, circa 1950
Box 3, Folder 12	William Murphy, circa 1920
Box 3, Folder 13	Animals, circa 1950
Box 3, Folder 14	Church Events, circa 1950
Box 4, Folder 1; Box 5	Family and Friends Gatherings [Oversize], circa 1950
Box 4, Folder 2	General, circa 1950
Box 4, Folder 3	Leisure/ Vacation, circa 1970

Box 4, Folder 4	Professional Events and Associates, circa 1960
Box 4, Folder 5	Property, Bulidings, Vehicles, circa 1950
Map-case 1, Drawer 7;	School Photos [Oversize], circa 1950
Box 4, Folder 6	
Box 4, Folder 7	Studio Photos, circa 1950
Box 4, Folder 8	Wedding Portraits, circa 1940
Box 4, Folder 9	Negatives, circa 1970

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