

# **Jackie Robinson**

## **A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Papers of Jackie Robinson

**Span Dates:** 1934-2001

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1947-1987)

**ID No.:** MSS84832

**Creator:** Robinson, Jackie, 1919-1972

**Extent:** 7,000 items; 17 containers; 6.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** Baseball player, civil rights leader, and corporate executive. Correspondence, fan mail, financial and legal records, drafts of speeches and writings, printed matter, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous items relating to Jackie Robinson as the first African American to play major league baseball in the twentieth century and to various business and civic activities following his baseball career, including his service as a corporate executive and his participation in the civil rights movement, religious and humanitarian organizations, broadcast and media affairs, and politics.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Names:

Robinson, Jackie, 1919-1972

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Campanella, Roy, 1921- --Correspondence

Chandler, Happy, 1898- --Correspondence

Dressen, Charles--Correspondence

Duckett, Alfred--Correspondence

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United States. Congress. House. Committee on Un-American Activities

African-American Students Federation

American Committee on Africa

Brooklyn Dodgers (Baseball team)

Chock Full O'Nuts

Freedom National Bank (New York, N.Y.)

Jackie Robinson Foundation

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

New York Giants (Baseball team)

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

**Subjects:**

African Americans  
African Americans--Economic conditions  
Baseball  
Business  
Civil rights movements  
Mass media  
Race discrimination  
Africa--Politics and government--20th century  
United States--Politics and government--20th century  
United States--Social life and customs--20th century

**Occupations:**

Baseball players  
Civil rights leader  
Executives

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:**

The papers of Jackie Robinson, baseball player, civil rights leader, and corporate executive, were given to the Library of Congress in 2001 by his wife, Rachel Robinson.

**Processing History:**

The Robinson Papers are described in *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, vol. 60, no. 11 (November 2001).

**Transfers:**

A phonograph recording has been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where it is identified as part of these papers.

**Copyright Status:**

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**Preferred Citation:**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Jackie Robinson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1919, Jan. 31	Born, Cairo, Ga.
1939-1941	Attended University of California, Los Angeles, Calif.; first school athlete to letter in four sports
1942-1944	Second lieutenant, cavalry, United States Army
1945	Played baseball for the Kansas City Monarchs, Negro National League Signed contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers

1946	Married Rachel A. Isum First African American to play professional baseball in the twentieth century; joined the Montreal Royals, a minor league affiliate of the Brooklyn Dodgers
1947	Promoted to the Brooklyn Dodgers breaking the major league color barrier Rookie of the Year award
1947-1956	Played major league baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers
1949	National League Most Valuable Player award
1950	Motion picture, <i>The Jackie Robinson Story</i>
1956	Awarded the NAACP Spingarn Medal
1957	Retired from professional baseball after being traded to the New York Giants Chairman, NAACP Fight for Freedom Fund
1957-1964	Vice president, Chock Full O'Nuts
1962	Elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, N.Y.
1964	Published <i>Baseball Has Done It</i> edited by Charles Dexter (Philadelphia: Lippincott. 216 pp.)
1964-1972	Founder and chairman of the board, Freedom National Bank of New York
1965	Published with Alfred Duckett <i>Breakthrough to the Big League</i> (New York: Harper & Row. 178 pp.)
1966-1968	Special assistant for community affairs to New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller
1972	Published with Alfred Duckett <i>I Never Had It Made</i> (New York: Putnam. 287 pp.)
1972, Oct. 24	Died, Stamford, Conn.
1984	Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom (posthumously)
1997	Major League Baseball retired Robinson's number forty-two in perpetuity (posthumously)

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jack Roosevelt Robinson (1919-1972) span the years 1934-2001, with the bulk of the material dating from his introduction as the first African American to play major league baseball in the twentieth century in 1947 to the fortieth anniversary in 1987 of this event. The main body of the Robinson Papers was transferred by his widow, Rachel, in 1985 to the Jackie Robinson Foundation, a nonprofit organization she founded in 1973. Additional material from a variety of sources, including photocopies of selected items from other collections of papers in the Library of Congress, was added to the collection by the foundation prior to its donation to the Library. The papers contain correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, subject files, baseball contracts, fan mail, speeches and writings, financial and legal records, congressional testimony, military records, and a variety of printed material relating to Robinson's career as a baseball player and corporate executive and to his participation in political activities, religious and civic organizations, the civil rights movement, and media affairs. The collection also contains numerous items celebrating Robinson's legacy represented in a series of posthumous commemorations and events.

The papers are organized in the following series: [Baseball File](#), [Civil Rights](#), [Political File](#), [Business and Corporate File](#), [Religious and Civic Activities](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), and [Miscellany](#).

When Jackie Robinson began his career with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, he broke the unwritten color line that had existed in major league baseball since the late nineteenth century, and a major portion of the collection is devoted to his pioneering efforts in this regard. The [Baseball File](#) contains correspondence with friends and associates, baseball officials, and sportswriters affiliated with the sport, including Buzzie Bavasi, Roy Campanella, Happy Chandler, Charles Dressen, Arthur Mann, Ralph Norton, Walter F. O'Malley, Branch Rickey, and Joseph L. Reichler. The series includes originals and photocopies of Robinson's baseball contracts with the Dodgers, as well as his unsigned contract with the New York Giants following his trade in 1956. Fan mail from home and abroad offered Robinson support and encouragement in his efforts both on and off the field, while often providing a glimpse into the writer's own struggle with racial intolerance. Although the subject of discrimination in baseball is a constant theme throughout the entire collection, the Baseball File especially contains specific files on the topic.

After the 1956 season, the Dodgers traded Robinson to their crosstown rivals, the New York Giants. Robinson declined to accept the trade and announced his retirement from baseball in 1957. The [Baseball File](#) contains material relating to Robinson's trade and subsequent retirement, including the public's response to both. In 1962, Robinson became the first African-American player to win election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York. The Baseball File contains congratulatory letters and tributes in celebration of the event, including material documenting a testimonial dinner given in his honor by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. A telegram from Martin Luther King, Jr., who had a central role in sponsoring the dinner, regretting his absence due to "an important turn of events in Albany, Georgia," symbolizes the link between athletics and civil rights issues which defined Robinson for the remainder of his life.

Robinson joined King in the civil rights action known as the Albany Movement, and a file on the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Georgia, in the [Civil Rights](#) series reveals the aftermath of that protest. The series further highlights Robinson's commitment on behalf of civil rights in his work with the NAACP, for which he was awarded the association's Spingarn Medal, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Student Emergency Fund. Material concerning tensions that arose between Robinson and other members of the civil rights community, including his criticism of Roy Wilkins's leadership of the NAACP and his open conflict with Malcolm X, is also contained in this series.

In addition to his support of racial equality at home, Robinson also developed an interest in the African independence movement. As a trustee of the African-American Students Federation, Robinson sponsored African students at American colleges and universities, and as a member of the American Committee on Africa, he supported a boycott of the 1968 Olympic Games in protest against the readmittance of the Union of South Africa, which had been barred from the 1964 games. The [Civil Rights](#) series contains material concerning Robinson's contributions in support of these and other African-related issues and organizations.

Robinson signaled the start of his involvement in political affairs by endorsing Richard M. Nixon in the 1960 presidential campaign. Although he identified with the Republican party, Robinson declared that he voted not for the party but for the candidate, and his eventual support of the Democratic administration of John F. Kennedy and for Democratic party candidates in the 1964 and 1968 presidential elections illustrated this point. The [Political File](#) documents Robinson's various political alliances, including his affiliations with the progressive wing of the Republican party, primarily as a close adviser of New York governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, for whom he served as special assistant for community affairs.

Though not fully engaged as a political activist until the 1960s, Robinson was no stranger to political controversy as evidenced by his 1949 appearance before the United States House Un-American Activities Committee, where he refuted Paul Robeson's alleged statement that American blacks would not fight in a war against the Soviet Union. Robinson's testimony in the [Political File](#) recalls his support of American values and traditions and explores the aftermath of this witness to his faith in America as well. A temporary alliance in 1963 between Harlem congressman Adam Clayton Powell and Malcolm X was the focal point for further controversy involving Robinson. Public reaction to an open letter written by Robinson critical of Powell and published in the *Amsterdam News* is contained in the Political File. Other public officials represented in the Political File, in addition to those noted above, include Chester Bowles, Barry Goldwater, W. Averell Harriman, Hubert H. Humphrey, Lyndon B. Johnson, Kenneth B. Keating, and Robert F. Kennedy.

Following his retirement from baseball in 1957, Robinson accepted a position as vice president for personnel with Chock Full O'Nuts, a coffee manufacturer and lunch counter chain. As an advocate of minority enterprise, Robinson also helped establish several minority-owned businesses, including the Freedom National Bank of New York, the Gibraltar Life Insurance Company,

and the Hamilton Life Insurance Company. The [Business and Corporate File](#) contains material relating to these business ventures as well as to other aspects of Robinson's career as a businessman and entrepreneur and to his promotion of economic development in the African-American community at large.

The [Religious and Civic Activities](#) series highlights Robinson's work with church and interfaith organizations, including the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and the United Church Men of the United Church of Christ. Reflecting Robinson's commitment to community-based affairs and active sense of social responsibility, the series also documents his many civic activities, in particular his participation in youth guidance and counseling programs. Material relating to Robinson's concern for minority housing and urban renewal, including a small file on the Jackie Robinson Construction Company, is also located in this series.

The [Subject File](#) documents Robinson's broadcasting and media activities as well as the many tributes in his honor occasioned by his death in 1972. In addition to his role as a sportscaster, Robinson's work on radio and television enabled him to publicize his personal views and beliefs through political and social commentary. The Subject File contains contracts, program proposals, and transcripts relating to Robinson's media appearances, while his legacy is celebrated through numerous commemorations, posthumous tributes, and awards. The Subject File also contains the records of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded to promote leadership development and scholarship among minority youth.

Robinson was a popular public speaker, and the [Speeches and Writings](#) series displays the breadth of his audiences and interests. In addition to speeches, the series also contains drafts, contracts, notes, and outlines of the articles and books Robinson wrote with collaborators, including *Baseball Has Done It*, *Breakthrough to the Big League*, and *I Never Had It Made*. Extensive files relating to Carl Thomas Rowan's biography, *Wait Till Next Year*, are also located here, as is correspondence with associates and coauthors, most notably, Alfred Duckett, Robinson's long-time ghostwriter. The series includes items relating to the 1950 motion picture *The Jackie Robinson Story*, in which Robinson starred, and the script of the 1980 Broadway musical *The First*.

Robinson served as a commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Army from 1942 to 1944. The [Miscellany](#) series contains medical and personnel records from Robinson's military service, including court-martial charges of insubordination resulting from his refusal to obey an order to move to the back of a segregated military bus in Texas. A military jury acquitted Robinson, and shortly thereafter, he received an honorable discharge. A small group of family papers is also included in the Miscellany series, as are the many condolences received following his death.

## Related Material

The National Baseball Library and Archive, Cooperstown, New York, also contains material documenting Robinson's baseball career, as do the Arthur Mann and [Branch Rickey](#) collections, both located in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. The division's holdings further include material relating to Robinson's civil rights activities in the records of the NAACP and the National Urban League and the papers of [Joseph L. Rauh](#) and A. Philip Randolph.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eight series:

- [Baseball File, 1945-2000, n.d.](#)
- [Civil Rights, 1947-1990, n.d.](#)
- [Political File, 1949-1986, n.d.](#)
- [Business and Corporate File, 1952-1981, n.d.](#)
- [Religious and Civic Activities, 1951-2001, n.d.](#)
- [Subject File, 1953-1999, n.d.](#)
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- [Miscellany, 1942-1998, n.d.](#)

## Description of Series

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#### **Baseball File, 1945-2000, n.d.**

Correspondence, telegrams, fan mail, baseball contracts and related items, financial and legal records, interviews and writings, photocopies, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and miscellaneous items concerning Robinson's baseball career and related topics.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.

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#### **Civil Rights, 1947-1990, n.d.**

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, financial and legal records, reports, speeches and writings, congressional testimony, printed matter, newspaper clippings, photocopies, and miscellaneous items relating to Robinson's activities on behalf of the African-American community and his support of the civil rights movement.

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#### **Political File, 1949-1986, n.d.**

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, speeches and writings, congressional testimony, printed matter, newspaper clippings, photocopies, and miscellaneous items concerning Robinson's relations with various politicians and their political campaigns.

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#### **Business and Corporate File, 1952-1981, n.d.**

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, financial and legal records, reports, minutes of meetings, printed matter, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous items relating to Robinson's business interests following his baseball career.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.

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#### **Religious and Civic Activities, 1951-2001, n.d.**

Correspondence, memoranda, financial and legal records, minutes of meetings, speeches, congressional testimony, printed matter, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous items concerning Robinson's association with church-sponsored and interfaith organizations, his support of minority housing and urban renewal projects, and other community-based activities.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.

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#### **Subject File, 1953-1999, n.d.**

Correspondence, memoranda, financial and legal records, speeches and writings, printed matter, newspaper clippings, photocopies, and miscellaneous items relating largely to Robinson's broadcast and media activities and posthumous events.

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#### **Speeches and Writings, 1934-1999, n.d.**

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Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

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Texas Association of Christian Churches, eighty-first annual assembly, 1968  
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Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., founder's day dinner, 1964  
Connecticut State Parole Board, 1955-1957, n.d.  
Drug abuse, 1968-1971, n.d.  
Education and youth, 1961-1968, 1987  
Minority housing and urban renewal

Bahamas and Jamaica, 1964-1968  
Correspondence, 1951-1968, n.d.  
Jackie Robinson Construction Co., 1972, 1985, 2001  
Jackie Robinson Garden Apartments, San Francisco, Calif., 1971  
Memorial Recreation Forest, Warren County, N.C., 1964  
Miscellany, 1952, 1962, 1973, n.d.  
Puerto Rico, 1963  
Testimony before the Housing Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Banking and  
Currency, 1967  
West Side urban renewal project, 1960-1967, n.d.  
New York State Athletic Commission, 1971, n.d.  
Young Men's Christian Association, 1953-1957, 1963-1964  
Youth activities, 1957-1969, n.d.

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#### **Subject File, 1953-1999, n.d.**

Correspondence, memoranda, financial and legal records, speeches and writings, printed matter,  
newspaper clippings, photocopies, and miscellaneous items relating largely to Robinson's  
broadcast and media activities and posthumous events.  
Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.

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#### Broadcast and media activities

Advertising, ca.1950s  
"America's Town Meeting," radio broadcast, 1954  
"Biography: Jackie Robinson," photocopies of television transcript from the Department of  
Special Collections, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1963, n.d.  
Broadcasting companies  
WNBC, New York, N.Y., radio station, director of community activities, 1953-1954  
WSTC, Stamford, Conn., radio station, licensing controversy, 1971  
Correspondence, 1957-1966  
Licensing Corp. of America, 1961  
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Brooklyn Dodgers Fan Club, 1987

California Association of Community Colleges Sports Hall of Fame, 1984

Commemoration of breaking major league baseball's color line, 1977, 1987, 1997  
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Dedication of Jackie Robinson Stadium, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1981

Jackie Robinson Foundation

Correspondence, 1989

“Jackie Robinson: A Search for Excellence,” essay/poetry contest, 1988

“Jackie Robinson: An American Journey,” traveling exhibit

National tour, 1987-1988

Printed matter, 1987

Printed matter, 1987-1991, 1997-1999, n.d.

Montreal Expos, 1984-1985

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African-American athletes, 1979-1981, 1987-1990

Campanis, Al, 1987

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Robinson Park, Pasadena, Calif., 1975

Sculptures and statues

Jackie Robinson sculpture project, 1984-1985

Jersey City, N.J., 1998

Montreal, Canada, memorial statue, 1988-1990

U.S. Sports Academy, Daphne, Ala., Jackie Robinson medallion, 1986-1987

Recreational activities, 1964

State department tour proposals, 1956-1961, n.d.

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**BOX 10-15**

**Speeches and Writings, 1934-1999, n.d.**

Correspondence, drafts and outlines, literary contracts, notes and research material, royalty statements, book reviews, printed matter, newspaper clippings, photocopies, and miscellaneous items concerning articles, books, and speeches by and about Robinson.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

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Drafts

Duckett, Alfred, 1967, n.d.  
Eisenberg, Arthur, "Jack Roosevelt Robinson: A Biographical Portrait," 1977  
Parrott, Harold, "Inside Jackie Robinson," 1973  
Rudeen, Kenneth, "Jackie Robinson," n.d.  
Weaver, William, "The Reaction of Negro Newspapers to Jackie Robinson's Breaking the Color Line in Baseball, 1945-1947," 1976

Newspaper clippings and printed matter, 1934, 1954, 1965-1992, 1999, n.d.  
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Books

Bobley, Peter A., "I Remember Jackie," unpublished, 1981  
Rowan, Carl Thomas, *Wait Till Next Year* (New York: Random House, 1960)

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Musical biographies

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Wallerstein, Caroline and David, 1951-1961, 1993

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*Jackie Robinson: An Intimate Portrait*, 1996

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