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John Henley Williams Papers

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Collection Overview**Creator:** Prairie View A&M University**Title of Collection:** John Henley Williams Papers**Dates:** 1932-1947**Extent:** 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)**Abstract:** John Henley Williams Jr. was a Texas agricultural extension agent from 1932 to 1947. The John Henley Williams papers document his activities as an extension service worker in Texas from 1932 to 1947. Most of the materials are correspondence with county agricultural agents concerning farm and demonstration activities.**Access Restrictions:** ☑Collection is open for research**Identification:** UA 0022**Use Restrictions:** Written permission must be obtained from the Special Collections/ Archives Department and all relevant rights holders before publishing quotations, excerpts, or images from any materials in this collection.**Language:** English**Repository:** Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University**+Biographical Note:** John Henley Williams Jr. was a Texas agricultural extension agent from 1932 to 1947. Born December 5, 1921, in Houston, Texas, he graduated from Hempstead Public Schools, before obtaining a bachelor's and master's degree at Prairie View A&M University. He worked as a teacher and coach in Brookshire, Texas, and later became the principal of Cameron High School. He was the first minority in the graduate school to pursue his terminal degree (Ph.D.) at the University of Maryland at College Park in 1955.

In 1958, he accepted an appointment to the Washington, D.C. Unemployment Compensation Board, recommended by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson. He later worked with the Washington, D.C. public schools, serving as a teacher for delinquent children, a counselor and assistant principal. He completed additional post-graduate study at D.C. Teachers College and George Washington University. He served on a task force to do research at Bank Street College in New York, N.Y. on curriculum development for integrating schools. In 1967, he left the public schools to enter the Federal Government as the first Employment Policy Officer for Federal Housing Administration developing employment policies for hiring minorities. After a merger of FHA and Housing and Urban Development, he became Deputy Director of Special Personnel Programs at HUD, until asked to go to Indiana and assist in organizing the HUD Indiana State Area Office as the first Director of Administration. During his tour of duty in Indiana, he was awarded his terminal degree at the University of Indiana. He remained in Indiana for three years, and he returned to the staff of Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as a Fair Housing Examiner until retirement.

He returned to Texas in 1980 and became involved in an investigation of abused and neglected children where he began the first juvenile program in Waller County, Texas. He was active in the

Urban League, N.A.A.C.P., chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board for G.G.A.C., served as Vice Chairman for the Statewide Advisory Board for Texas Commission for Alcohol and Drug Abuse University Teachers Center Educational Council at Prairie View A&M University and member of the Local Board of the Selective Service Board for the Texas Region IV. He is a Phi Beta Kappa, a member of the American Society for Public Administration and the National Citizen He is a veteran of WWII, a member. He died on November 24, 2017, in Prairie View, Texas. He rests at the Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia.

Scope & Contents: The John Henley Williams papers document his activities as an extension service worker in Texas from 1932 to 1947. Most of the materials are correspondence with county agricultural agents concerning farm and demonstration activities. Other materials are certificates, annual reports, meeting minutes, agricultural, livestock and farm reports from the U.S. War and Food Administration related to farm labor, employment, and ongoing issues. There are no materials related to his personal life or his employment in the Federal Housing Administration or the Unemployment Compensation Board.

Arrangement: Collection is arranged in two series by format and subject.

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