Descriptive Summary

Creator: Byas, Ulysses.
Title: Ulysses Byas papers, 1930-2008
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1105
Extent: 67 linear feet (67 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), and 1 bound volume (BV)
Abstract: Personal and professional papers of African American educator and administrator Ulysses Byas, including correspondence, subject files, writings, and some photographs, and administrative records from the various schools and counties in which he worked, including Macon County, Alabama, and Roosevelt, New York.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Ulysses Byas, African American educator and administrator, was born in Macon, Georgia on June 23, 1924. After serving in the United States Naval Reserve during World War II, Byas graduated from Fort Valley State College in 1950. He earned a Master of Arts in Education Administration from Columbia University in 1951, in addition to a Doctorate of Education from the University of Massachusetts in 1977. After serving as principal of several schools in Georgia, Dr. Byas became the first African American principal of Macon County Public Schools in Tuskegee, Alabama in 1970. In 1977, he then became the superintendent of the Roosevelt Union Free School District, where he served for ten years before he retired in 1987. Upon his retirement, the elementary school in the district was renamed the Ulysses Byas Elementary School.

Dr. Byas married Annamozel Boyd on July 5, 1952 and has four children.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the personal and professional papers of Dr. Ulysses Byas, including correspondence, subject files, writings, and some photographs, and administrative records from the various schools and counties in which he worked. The correspondence is primarily of a professional manner, and documents his tenure as superintendent of Macon County Public Schools (1970-1976) and Roosevelt Union Free School District (1978-1987). In addition to the correspondence, the collection includes other records from these districts, such as financial reports, board meeting agendas and minutes, and general reports. Also included are records of various education associations with which Byas was involved, including the National Association of Black School Superintendents (NABSS) which later became the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE). The subject files cover a variety of topics of interest to Dr. Byas, focusing mainly on education and school administration. His writings consist primarily of speeches and lectures on similar topics.

Arrangement Note
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60  -  National Association of Black School Superintendents (NABSS), National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)

60  -  National Association of Black School Superintendents (NABSS), National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), 1970 November 21 (4 tapes, tapes 1-4) [original: audio cassette]

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