

**BYAS, ULYSSES.**  
**Ulysses Byas papers, 1930-2008**

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**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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**Administrative Information**

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**Source**

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**Citation**

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Unprocessed collection.

## **Collection Description**

### **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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## Container List

### Subject Files

Box	Folder	Content
1		AASA-Alabama
2		Alabama-Arts and education
3		Asante-Black colleges
4		Black history-Brown Bakke
5		Budgets-Citizen education
6		Civil defense-Computers, micro
7		Computers in schools-Cycling
8		Daisy, Driving Miss-Dissertation proposals
9		District of Columbia University-Employment contracts
10		Emergency school closing-Fernbank Museum
11		Fetal organs-Fusion
12		Future-Gifted
13		Givens, Charles-Hay, John Fellowship
14		Hay, John Fellowship-Human relation trends
15		Human rights-Johnson, Doretta
16		Jones, Byrd to Professional Teachers-Leadership theory
17		Leaders-Lydia E. Hall Hospital
18		Lynch, John R.-Mattox, Alton
19		Mercer University-National Guard
20		National Hockey League-Open admission
21		Open classroom-Piney Woods School
22		Pitts, Lucius-Principals, training
23		Prisons-Race, enrollment in higher education
24		Race and intelligence-Roosevelt School
25		Roosevelt School (entire box)
26		Roosevelt School-School cost
27		School bus safety-Sizemore, Barbara (study)
28		Sizemore, Barbara-State and local school districts
29		Staff development-Superintendent, New York
30		Supreme Court-Teaching teams
31		Teaching staff-Ulysses Byas Elementary School
32		Unions, becoming irrelevant-Volunteers
33		Volunteer, school-Zoysia Grass; Cakes-Campaigns

### Macon County, Alabama - Superintendent correspondence

- 34 July 1970-February 1973
- 35 March 1973-December 1975
- 36 January 1976-December 1976

**Personal files**

- 37 Speeches, resumes, retirement documents
- 38 Speeches, resumes, printed material by him
- 39 Brag books
- 40 Macon County
- 41 Collaboration with Vanessa Siddle Walker [contains early original documents];  
UMass and Roosevelt Staff Development project; Brag books
- 42 Speeches
- 43 Speeches
- 63 Dissertation, Lawsuits, brag book, National Alliance of Black School Educators  
(NABSE) membership cards, contact card index
- 64 Personal documents
- BV Scrapbook, Navy base, Miami, Florida, 1940s
- OP1 1 Photographs

**Roosevelt Public Schools-Superintendent**

- 44 Correspondence, 1978-June 1980
- 45 Correspondence, July 1981-July 1982
- 46 Correspondence, June 1982-June 1984
- 47 Correspondence, February 1984-July 1986
- 48 Correspondence, July 1986-May 1987; Reports, 1977-1986
- 49 Roosevelt School records
- 50 Roosevelt School records
- 51 Roosevelt School records

**Macon County Schools records**

- 52-59 Macon County Schools records

**Other records**

- 59 Georgia Education Association
  - 60-62 National Association of Black School Superintendents (NABSS), National  
Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)
  - 65 Alzheimer's Association
  - 66 Fort Valley Reunions and Alumni Association
  - 67 Macon Bibb County Library Board records
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