

**Horace S. Graves, Jr. Papers**  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Shorefront Legacy Center
<b>Title</b>	Horace S. Graves, Jr. Papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1923-1981
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Horace S. Graves, Jr. (1897-1981) papers are comprised of materials documenting Horace S. Graves, Jr., who was an African-American funeral director, real estate agent, and insurance salesman in Evanston, Illinois. He was an active member of several organizations including: Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Norshore Twelve, Inc., and the American Legion. The collection material dates from 1923 to 1981 and focuses on Horace S. Graves, Jr.'s career as an undertaker and funeral director in Evanston, Illinois as well as his community involvement. There are also a few photographs of his father, Horace S. Graves, Sr., who served as minister of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church from 1911 to 1912 and died in 1913.</p>

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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Horace S. Graves, Jr. (1897-1981) was an African-American funeral director, real estate agent, and insurance salesman in Evanston, Illinois. Graves was also an active member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, where his father, Horace Sr. Graves, Sr. had served as minister from 1911 to 1912, and the Norshore Twelve, Inc., a social and civic club, which served the communities of Chicagoland's North Shore region. Horace S. Graves, Jr. was also a member of Evanston's Garnett Post American Legion. He died in 1981.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The Horace S. Graves, Jr. papers are arranged into three series: "Personal and Professional," "Photographs," and "Artifacts." The collection material dates from 1923 to 1981 and focuses on Horace S. Graves, Jr.'s career as an undertaker and funeral director in Evanston, Illinois as well as his community involvement. The collection includes funeral industry material, patches, pins, an embosser, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

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## **Administrative Information**

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## **Related Materials**

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## **Related Archival Materials note**

Norshore Twelve, Inc. records, Shorefront Legacy Center; Ebenezer A.M.E. Church records, Shorefront Legacy Center

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Personal Name(s)**

- Graves, Horace S., Jr., 1897-1981

### **Subject(s)**

- African American--History.
- African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.
- African Americans--Social life and customs
- Funeral industry
- Undertakers and undertaking

## Series I. Personal and Professional,

**Collection Inventory****Series I. Personal and Professional, 1936-1981****Scope and Contents note**

This series is comprised of funeral industry material, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and funeral registers for Mr. Graves' funeral.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Biographical Material, 1936-1981	1	1
Newspaper Clippings, 1977, undated	1	2
		<b>Box</b>
2 Horace S. Graves, Jr. Funeral Registers, 1981		1

**Series II. Photographs, 1923-1953****Scope and Contents note**

This series contains photographs documenting the Graves family and Horace S. Graves Jr.'s involvement with the Norshore Twelve. It also includes a class photo from Worsham Training School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science, and Embalming.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Personal and Family Photographs, undated	1	3

**Series III. Artifacts,**

Norshore Twelve, undated	1	4
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Worsham Training School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science, and Embalming, Class of 1923 Photograph, 1923	1	5
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**Box**

Oversized Photographs (Norshore Twelve and Drum and Bugle Corps), 1953, undated		1
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**Series III. Artifacts, 1936-1938, undated****Scope and Contents note**

This series is comprised of Notary Public seal embosser, patches, pins, and Mr. Graves' American Legion uniform.

**Box****Folder**

American Legion patch and pin, 1936, undated	1	6
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Norshore Twelve patch, undated	1	7
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**Box**

Notary Public seal embosser, undated		1
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Garnett Post American Legion Uniform and walking stick, 1938