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Bradley, Fay, Diplomas, MS 371

Overview of the Collection

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| Title | Fay Bradley Diplomas |
| Collection Number | MS 371 |
| Creator | Fay Bradley |
| Dates | 1958-1974 |
| Quantity | 0.4 cubic feet |
| Summary | The Fay Bradley Diplomas consists of four diplomas, two for the Independence Community College (Independence, Kansas), one for the Kansas State College of Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State University), one for Howard University (Washington DC). |
| Repository | Pittsburg State University, Leonard H. Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu |
| Access Restrictions | There are no restrictions and collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University |
| Languages | English |
| Biographical Note | Fay Bradley was born on January 13, 1938 to Henry and Irene Ransom Bradley in Independence, Kansas. Fay had three sisters and three brothers. His mother worked as a maid and his father worked as a mail router for the Union Gas Station, and as a porter at the Independence Train Depot. Fay started school at the Washington Grade School in Independence. After graduating from Independence High School, he then began attending Independence Community College in 1956. Fay developed an interest in medicine and helping others. Fay subsequently enrolled at Kansas Teachers College of Pittsburg (today's Pittsburg State University) in 1958 on a track and field scholarship. During college, Fay was involved in the Biology Club, Alpha Psi, and the track and field team. In 1958 and 1959, Fay won the CIC high hurdle championship, and the KU relays in 1958. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, Fay joined the Army in January, 1960. He was sent to Atlanta, Georgia where he would eventually be sent to Fort Benning, also in Georgia. At Fort Benning, Fay worked as a laboratory technician inside the Martin Army Hospital. After the Army, Fay returned to Kansas to work at a laboratory at Ascension Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. He also attended Wichita State University and became certified to teach. Fay taught biology at Wichita Heights |

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High School, and at John Marshall Middle School from 1961-1962, becoming that school's first African American teacher. After leaving the school systems in 1967, Fay and his brother were offered scholarships to go to graduate school at the Howard University School of Law in Washington D.C. Fay started working as a teaching assistant and as a laboratory technician in the laboratory in the Howard University Hospital. After graduating medical school in 1974, Dr. Fay Bradley went to work in public health. In 1982, Dr. Bradley began donating regularly to the PSU Foundation. Dr. Bradley retired from health service in 1992. After retiring, Dr. Bradley became the president of the American Running and Fitness Association. In 2013, Dr. Bradley donated \$1,000,000 to Pittsburg State University's Nursing Department to create the Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing, to honor his mother's legacy and hopes to become a nurse herself. Dr. Fay Bradley passed away on January 14, 2021 at the age of 83.

Content Description

This collection is primary resources and is divided into the following series:

1. Diplomas

Detailed Description of Collection

Series 1: Diplomas

Independence Community College Course Study Certificate, 1956

Independence Community College Associate of Arts Degree, 1958

Kansas State College of Pittsburg Bachelor of Arts Degree, 1960

Howard University Doctor of Medicine, 1974