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## Finding Aid for the Ivan J. Houston papers, 1880-2009

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Ivan J. Houston papers

**Date (inclusive):** 1880-2009

**Collection number:** 1866

**Creator:** Houston, Ivan J.

**Extent:** 27 boxes (12.25 linear ft.)4 oversized boxes.

**Abstract:** Ivan J. Houston was born in Los Angeles, California in 1925. He worked at Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company for forty years, including at the executive level when he became the company's President and CEO in 1970 and Chairman in 1980, a position he held until his retirement in 1990. In 1943 he enlisted in the Army and in 1944 he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 370th Infantry Regiment Combat Team, 92nd Infantry Division of the U.S. Fifth Army, also known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Houston's battalion journal became the basis for the memoir he published in 2009, *Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II*. The collection consists of documentation of Houston's World War II service; records of his tenure with Golden State Mutual Life Insurance; materials related to the creation of *Black Warriors*; various periodicals, programs and annual reports which feature Houston as well as Houston's personal papers, photos and slides including materials related to his father, Norman O. Houston and his mother, Doris Talbot Young.

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### Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift of Ivan J. Houston, 2010.

### Processing Note

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### Biography

Ivan J. Houston was born in Los Angeles, California in 1925. That same year, Houston's father, businessman Norman O. Houston helped organize Golden State Mutual Life Insurance, one of the largest historically black-owned companies in the country - a company Houston would head over four decades later.

After graduating from L.A.'s Polytechnic High School in 1942, Houston entered the University of California at Berkeley - also his father's alma mater. A track star in high school, Houston lettered in track as a freshman, and also boxed. However, at this time the country was also engaged in World War II, so in 1943 he left Berkeley and enlisted in the Army.

Though the U.S. Armed Forces were still segregated, Houston was sent to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) that was actually integrated and only included those who were college students or graduates. In March of 1944, the Army announced the shutdown of the ASTP and Houston was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 370th Infantry Regiment Combat Team, 92nd Infantry Division of the U.S. Fifth Army also known as the Buffalo Soldiers. The 3rd Battalion became the first African American infantry unit to engage in combat against Hitler's Nazi Germany in World War II. Houston was discharged in December 1945 as Battalion Sergeant Major.

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After the war, Houston married Philippa E. Jones, and he returned to UC Berkeley in the spring of 1946. Houston graduated in February 1948, with a B.S. from the School of Business Administration (now the Walter A. Haas School of Business). Houston then attended the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, to study actuarial science.

In 1948, Houston became an accountant at Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company (GSM). After working in several other capacities, including at the executive level, Houston became the company's President and CEO in 1970. In 1980, Houston was also elected as Chairman, a position he held until his retirement in 1990. Under his leadership, Golden State became the third largest black-owned financial services enterprise in the United States.

Also, throughout his tenure at GSM, Houston had the opportunity to meet many historic figures including: Mayor Tom Bradley, President Jimmy Carter, and Dr. Martin Luther King. Houston met King in 1965 during the effort to resolve the Watts Riots aftermath, when Houston allowed him and other civic and elected leaders to conduct meetings at the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Building.

Acclaimed for his business acumen, Houston served as a director for other companies ranging from Fortune 500 corporations to regional and state businesses. The companies included: Daniel Freeman Hospitals; First Interstate Bank (now Wells Fargo); Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation; Metromedia; North America Produce, Inc.; Pacific Indemnity Company; and Pacific Telesis Group/Pacific Bell (now AT&T ).

Houston was named one of Harvard Business School's American Business Leaders of the 20th Century, and was inducted into UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business Hall of Fame as an alumnus. He was also featured in the Los Angeles Times, and listed on *Ebony Magazine's* "100 Most Influential Black Americans" for fourteen consecutive years, from 1976 to 1990. Houston, along with his wife, was featured in *Time Magazine's* June 17, 1974 cover story, "Middle-Class Blacks: Making it in America." In 1993, Pope John Paul II honored Houston as a Knight of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great for his meritorious service to the Church.

Houston was a member and leader in numerous professional organizations, including: the American Academy of Actuaries, American Council of Life Insurance (board member) International Association of Black Actuaries, and the National Insurance Association (board member). He also sat on the Boards for the California Chamber of Commerce and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Houston provided leadership in civic affairs at the local, state and national level. He was president of the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission and chaired the boards of the Los Angeles Urban League and the United Way of Los Angeles Central Region. He headed the Los Angeles chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity also known as "The Boule."

Houston is the author of *Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II*, an account of his service in the Army.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of documentation of Houston's World War II service including copies of battalion journals, correspondence, photos, awards and memorabilia; records of his tenure with the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance company including correspondence, publications, photos, slides, and speeches; materials related to the creation of Black Warriors including interviews, research, notebooks, correspondence, drafts, photos, maps, speeches, and World War II Veterans Buffalo Association newsletters. The collection also contains various periodicals, programs and annual reports that feature Houston, as well as his personal papers, photos and slides including materials related to his father, Norman O. Houston and his mother, Doris Talbot Young. Files have been divided into series according to Houston's original order of the materials and into subseries according to primary genres as interpreted by the collection processor. Folder titles have been maintained from Houston's original titles and noted as such in the corresponding descriptions.

### **Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. World War II
  1. Battalion journals
  2. Correspondence
  3. Photos
  4. Awards and memorabilia
2. Golden State Mutual
  1. Correspondence
  2. Photos and slides
  3. Publicity and publications
  4. National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (NAFCOC)

*Black Warriors*

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1. Correspondence
  2. Drafts
  3. Research and notebooks
  4. Photos and maps
  5. Buffalo soldier speeches
  6. The Buffalo 92nd Infantry World War II Association
  4. Personal papers, photos and slides
    1. Ivan J. Houston
    2. Norman O. Houston
    3. Talbot family
  5. Publications

#### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

#### **Subjects**

Houston, Ivan J. --Archives.

African American executives --California --Los Angeles --Archival resources.

African American authors --California --Los Angeles --Archival resources.

#### **Related Material**

[Black leadership in Los Angeles oral history transcript, 1986-1987 : Ivan J. Houston / interviewed by Ranford B. Hopkins.](#)  
[Los Angeles] : Oral History Program, University of California, Los Angeles, c1989.

[Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company Records, 1866-1985, bulk 1925-1985 \(Collection 1434\)](#) . Available at Library Special Collections, UCLA.

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### **1. World War II 1943 - 1945**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Series comprises copies of the battalion journal Houston kept for the 3rd Battalion, 370th Regiment Combat Team, correspondence from Houston to his mother and to his future wife, Philippa E. Jones, draft letters from the War Department to Houston, copies of letters of commendation from the Commander of the Buffalo Division, a bulk of photos of Houston in uniform both in Los Angeles and abroad, documents about Houston's Purple Heart award, honorable discharge certificate, army and war publications, his personal war journal, and a leaf of remembrance from the U.S. Military Cemetery in Florence, Italy.

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#### **1.1 Battalion Journals 1944 August 25 -1945 June 18**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Copies of the operations journal for the 3rd Battalion, 370th Regiment Combat Team, 92nd Infantry "Buffalo" Division of the U.S. Fifth Army. The 3rd Battalion began its combat activities in Italy on August 23, 1944. As Battalion Clerk, Houston recorded its hourly and daily activities and produced typed copies of the journal which were sent to regimental headquarters. Houston's folder titles were retained for this subseries.

Box 1, Folder 1

##### **3rd Battalion 370th Infantry Journal 1944 August 25 - 1944 September 5**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Two sets of photocopies, pages 1-23.

Box 1, Folder 2

##### **3rd Battalion 370th Infantry Journal 1944 October 16 - 1944 November 27**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Photocopies, pages 65-168.

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Box 1, Folder 3	<p><b>3rd Battalion 370th Infantry Journal 1944 October 16 - 1945 February 21</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Photocopies, pages 65-259.</p>
Box 1, Folder 4	<p><b>3rd Battalion 370th Infantry Journal 1944 November 26 - 1945 February 23</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Two sets of photocopies, pages 163-204 and 169-261. Missing pages 176-178.</p>
Box 1, Folder 5	<p><b>3rd Battalion 370th Infantry Journal 1945 February 21 - 1945 June 18</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Two sets of photocopies, pages 260-365.</p>
Box 1, Folder 6	<p><b>3rd Battalion 370th Infantry Journal 1945 February 7 - 1945 August 2</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Two photocopies of Special Secret Journal. One photocopy of Events at Forward C.P. Three photocopies of Battalion Journal Narrative 21-28 April 1945. One photocopy of an undated handwritten two page journal entry.</p>
Box 1, Folder 7	<p><b>The History of the 3rd Battalion, 370th Infantry Regiment Undated</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Three photocopies of "A Dedication" by Chaplain Hubert C. Jones.</p>

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**1.2 Correspondence 1943 July 6 - 1947 January 10**

	<p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Contains War Department draft letters to Houston, letters to Houston's grandmother, Laura E. Young, from Houston and his brother Norman, a letter of commendation and dissolution of Combat Team 370 from Colonel R.G. Sherman, and a copy of a note from Lieutenant Horner to Lieutenant Colonel Daguette.</p>
Box 2, Folder 1	<p><b>War Department draft letters to Ivan J. Houston 1943 July 6 - 1943 July 27</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Three letters of order to active duty within six months following Houston's eighteenth birthday.</p>
Box 2, Folder 2	<p><b>Letters to Laura E. Young from Norman B. Houston 1944 May 7 - 1944 June 14</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Two letters from Norman B. Houston, Ivan J. Houston's brother. Laura E. Young was their grandmother, referred to as "Amoo."</p>
Box 2, Folder 3	<p><b>Letters to Laura E. Young from Ivan J. Houston 1944 June 25 - 1945 October 24</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Fourteen letters in which Houston details his daily activities while stationed in Arizona, New York, Italy and France. On July 3, 1945 he describes his pride in becoming a sergeant.</p>
Box 2, Folder 4	<p><b>Dissolution of 92nd Infantry Division Combat Team 370 1944 November 5</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Five photocopies of a letter of commendation from Colonel R.G. Sherman, commander of 92nd Infantry Division Combat Team 370.</p>

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Box 2, Folder 5	<b>Lieutenant Horner's message to Lieutenant Colonel Daguetta 1944</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes a note regarding wounded soldiers, prisoners and lack of ammunition with Ivan J. Houston's annotations regarding memories of the war.
Box 2, Folder 6	<b>Letters to Philippa E. Jones from Ivan J. Houston 1945 January 2 - 1946 January 10</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Fifteen letters of courtship. On October 24, 1946 Houston begins to address Philippa E. Jones as Mrs. Ivan J. Houston.
Box 2, Folder 7	<b>Postcard and Mother's Day V-Mail to Doris T. Houston from Ivan J. Houston 1945 August 15</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes Houston's Monaco-Monte Carlo postcard book and his mother's War Ration Book.

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**1.3 Photos 1945**

Box 2, Folder 8	<b>3rd Battalion 370th Infantry 1945</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> The majority are of Ivan J. Houston.
Box 2, Folder 9	<b>Framed photos for Philippa E. Houston 1945</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos include dedications to Philippa from Ivan J. Houston.

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**1.4 Awards and Memorabilia 1943-1945**

Box 2, Folder 10	<b>Purple Heart documents and Honorable Discharge Certificate 1945 May 25 - 1945 December 8</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Houston received the Award of Purple Heart for wounds received in Italy on April 9, 1945. Includes November 17, 1944 Los Angeles Sentinel article on Houston's "Combat Infantry Badge" award.
Box 2, Folder 11	<b>Army and War Publications 1945</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes Going back to Civilian Life, Finito!: The Po Valley Campaign, Puptent Poets of the Stars and Stripes Mediterranean and This Damn Tree Leaks: A Collection of War Cartoons.
Box 2, Folder 12	<b>"My Part In the 2nd World War" diary 1944</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Houston's military service recorded in this spiral bound, U.S. Government issued book created specifically for "evidence of war service." Only partially completed.
Box 2, Folder 13	<b>Leaf from U.S. Military Cemetery Florence, Italy undated</b> <b>Maps, currency and brochures 1943 - 1945</b> <b>Photo-tapestry and soldier frame ca. 1943 - 1945</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "Let Freedom Ring" photo-tapestry showing Houston in uniform which belonged to his mother, and black and white photo of Houston in uniform.
Box 2, Folder 14	
Box 31, Folder 1	

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Box 31, Folder 2

## **2. Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company 1944 - 2008**

### **Scope and Content Note**

Series consists primarily of documents from Houston's tenure (1970-90) as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. Materials include photographs and slides that capture office culture, events, conferences and prominent political leaders, correspondence, programs, newspaper clippings, company calendars, newsletters, conference materials, copies of Houston's speeches and lectures, issues of the company publication, catalogs of the company's historical murals, a Who's Who in Insurance book, a poster and documentation from Houston's trip to South Africa to speak at the National African Chamber of Commerce (NAFCOC) conference.

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### **2.1 Correspondence 1988**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Commendations for Houston's 40 years of service to Golden State Mutual from California leaders such as Gray Davis and Curtis R. Tucker.

Box 3, Folder 1

### **Letters of commendation to Chairman Ivan J. Houston 1988**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Includes eight congratulatory letters.

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### **2.2 Photographs and slides 1925 - 2001**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Includes photos of Kenneth Hahn, Willie Davis, Father Fisher Robinson, Richard Riordan, Mike D. Antonovitch, Norman O. Houston, Tom Bradley and Esther Rolle.

Box 3, Folder 2

### **Photographs 1925 - 1960**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Office culture and events.

Box 3, Folder 3

### **Slides 1958**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Exterior of building.

Box 3, Folder 4

### **Slides 1959**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Company picnic.

Box 3, Folder 5

### **Photographs 1960-2001**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Includes photos of Kenneth Hahn, Willie Davis and Father Fisher Robinson.

Box 3, Folder 6

### **Slides 1963**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Norman O. Houston and Ivan J. Houston.

Box 3, Folder 7

### **Slides 1965**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Company picnic.

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Box 3, Folder 8	<b>Slides 1965</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> 40th anniversary party.
Box 3, Folder 9	<b>Slides 1972</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Home office.
Box 3, Folder 10	<b>Photographs 1975</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Queen Mary celebration photos with Tom Bradley and Esther Rolle.
Box 3, Folder 11	<b>Slides 1979</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Houston from the office to the home.
Box 3, Folder 12	<b>Photographs 1979-2002</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes photos of Houston with Richard Riordan and Mike D. Antonovitch.
Box 3, Folder 13	<b>Photographs 1980s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Color photo album of Houston at his desk.
Box 3, Folder 14	<b>Slides 1985</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Conference in Jamaica. <b>Note</b> Arranged in order of carousel.
Box 3, Folder 15	<b>Slides 1970s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Conference and family vacation.
Box 31, Folder 2	<b>Photographs 1950s - 1980s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos of Houston at Golden State Mutual

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### 2.3 Publicity and publications 1944 - 2008

	<b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains the first issue of the Golden State Messenger, a Golden State Mutual applications for life insurance poster, historical murals catalogs, newspaper clippings, speeches, programs, annual reports, tributes and calendars.
Box 4, Folder 1	<b>Golden State Messenger 1944-1959</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains the first issue of the "Family News Letter" to be published monthly and distributed to company personnel at home and abroad and GSM founder and first President William "Pops" Nickerson, Jr.'s copy of the 20th anniversary edition. Also included, "A Pictorial Review" special edition and two copies of "The GSM Story."



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Box 4, Folder 2	<b>Application for life insurance poster 1953</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Poster 1 of 225 created by artist Sid Campbell. Poster replicates a GSM life insurance application with Norman O. Houston a.k.a. "The Big Boss" listed as beneficiary.
Box 4, Folder 3	<b>Art collection and historical murals catalogs 1952-1990</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Catalogs describe two 1949 murals on "The Negro in California History" hung in the GSM home office lobby.
Box 4, Folder 4	<b>Who's Who In Insurance 1955</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> This book is a section of the Insurance Almanac and contains a biographical sketch of Norman O. Houston.
Box 4, Folder 5	<b>Newspaper clippings 1960-1985</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> The majority of the clippings are from the Los Angeles Times, including a laminated photo of Ivan J. Houston's presentation of a contribution from his company to the NAACP Freedom Seals campaign. <b>Note</b> These clippings were kept together to reflect the creator's original order.
Box 4, Folder 6	<b>Newspaper clippings 1961-1980</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> The majority of the clippings are from the Los Angeles Sentinel or the Southwest Wave. <b>Note</b> The creator's plastic sleeves were kept as protective enclosures for these materials.
Box 4, Folder 7	<b>Newspaper clippings 1962-1988</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> These clippings are from a file entitled, "IJH Business." <b>Note</b> The creator's plastic sleeves were kept as protective enclosures for these materials.
Box 4, Folder 8	<b>Souvenir journals 1966-973</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes materials from the NAACP Convention 57th Annual Meeting and Los Angeles Links cotillions.
Box 4, Folder 9	<b>Magazines 1966-1991</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes Jet, UCB Banker, Sepia, Time and an Ebony with the Ivan J. Houston United Airlines advertisement.
Box 5, Folder 1	<b>Newspaper clippings 1972-1979</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> The majority of the clippings are from the Los Angeles Sentinel or the Southwest Wave. <b>Note</b> The creator's plastic sleeves were kept as protective enclosures for these materials.

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Box 5, Folder 2	<b>Golden State Minority Foundation (GSMF) 1972-1991</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains GSMF press clips, publications and annual reports.
Box 5, Folder 3	<b>Annual reports and tributes 1973-1981</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes materials from GSM, the Los Angeles chapter of the American Red Cross, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and the United Way.
Box 5, Folder 4	<b>The Golden Pen 1973-1991</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains issues of the company's publication, including 8 copies of the Fall/Winter 1981 issue which includes Norman O. Houston's obituary on the cover.
Box 5, Folder 5	<b>Conferences 1976-1994</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes materials from the Los Angeles Urban League and the California Chamber of Commerce among others.
Box 5, Folder 6	<b>Speeches and Lectures 1977-2005</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes a program from Ivan J. Houston's lecture at the University of Dallas and copies of his speeches for the company's 75th and 80th anniversaries.
Box 5, Folder 7	<b>Calendars 1979-2000</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes company calendars from 1979, 1989 and 2000.
Box 5, Folder 8	<b>Programs 1985-2008</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes materials from Community Involvement Teams in Every Sector, the Los Angeles Urban League, and the International Association of Black Actuaries.
Box 5, Folder 9	<b>Newspaper clippings 1986-1996</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Clippings are from the Los Angeles Sentinel and Holoman's Black Achievers. These clippings were kept together to reflect the creator's original order.

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**2.4 National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (NAFCOC) 1981 July 6 - 15**

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains Houston's materials from the conference including his binder, speech, slides, photos, brochures, bulletins, magazines, receipts, menus, boarding passes, newspapers, and press on Houston's trip.

Box 6, Folder 1	<b>Ivan J. Houston's GSM binder 1981 July 6 - 11</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Binder with Ivan J. Houston's name plate on the cover contains the conference program, his notes, his conference speech, a GSM brochure for policy owners, a copy of the Golden Pen and a notepad. <b>Note</b> Everything in the binder maintains Houston's original order.
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Box 6, Folder 2	<b>Ivan J. Houston's conference speech 1981 July 7</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains Houston's speech entitled, "The Strategies for Accelerating the Growth of Minority Business Enterprises in the United States during the 80s" and other related materials. <b>Note</b> These materials maintain Houston's original order.
Box 6, Folder 3	<b>South Africa slides 1981 July 6 -11</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes images from the conference in Port Elizabeth as well as Soweto and Johannesburg. <b>Note</b> These slides were rehoused in original order from Houston's slide carousel.
Box 6, Folder 4	<b>New Brighton and Port Elizabeth slides 1981 July 15</b>
Box 6, Folder 5	<b>University of Port Elizabeth slides 1981 July 11</b>
Box 6, Folder 6	<b>Soweto and Black Chain slides 1981 July 13</b>
Box 6, Folder 7	<b>Visit to Permanent Life, Johannesburg slides 1981 July 14</b>
Box 6, Folder 8	<b>Photo album 1981 July 6 - 11</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> The majority of the photos are from a fishing expedition. <b>Note</b> These pages were removed from the album's cover and maintain Houston's original order.
Box 6, Folder 9	<b>Brochures and bulletins 1981</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes NAFCOC brochures and various African bulletins.
Box 6, Folder 10	<b>Travel magazines 1981</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes airline publications, a Port Elizabeth promotional publication, and various South African tourist publications.
Box 6, Folder 11	<b>Travel receipts and memorabilia 1981</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes receipts, menus, boarding passes, postcards and a NAFCOC "Rise in Faith" patch.
Box 7, Folder 1	<b>Ivan J. Houston's NAFCOC conference binder 1981</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains copies of Houston's speech, speeches of other attendees, and various conference related materials. <b>Note</b> These materials maintain Houston's original order.
Box 7, Folder 2	<b>USSALEP correspondence and accompanying materials 1981</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> USSALEP is a private, interracial organization dedicated since 1958 to open communication between the South Africa and the United States. <b>Note</b> These materials were rehoused from Houston's folder with his original order.

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Box 7, Folder 3

**The Evening Post's feature on Ivan J. Houston 1981 July 8**

**Scope and Content Note**

Twenty five copies of an article from a Port Elizabeth publication that features Houston's speech. Includes a letter from Houston's daughter Pamela B. Houston who assisted with this publicity.

Box 7, Folder 4

**South African newspapers 1981 July 10 - 11**

**Scope and Content Note**

Copies of the Evening Post, the Weekend Post and the Eastern Province Herald.

**3. Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II 1942 - 2009**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series contains the materials Houston used to create his memoir on his service with the 92nd Infantry, also known as the Buffalo Soldiers. This includes Houston's correspondence with Buffalo Soldiers, news clippings related to Black military history, summaries of his combat journal, drafts of Black Warriors, photos and maps used in this book, copies of Houston's Buffalo soldier speeches and the Buffalo Association bulletins and newsletters.

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**3.1 Correspondence 1980 - 2009**

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains letters from Buffalo Soldiers, a letter Houston sent to General Colin L. Powell and electronic correspondence with Black Warriors publisher, iUniverse.

Box 7, Folder 5

**Letters to Ivan J. Houston from former Buffalo Soldiers 1980 December 23 - 2008 August 24**

**Scope and Content Note**

Also contains a letter Houston sent to General Colin L. Powell to solicit feedback on his memoir.

Box 7, Folder 6

**iUniverse electronic mail 2008 - 2009**

**Scope and Content Note**

Electronic correspondence between publishers at iUniverse and Ivan J. Houston.

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**3.2 Drafts 2007 November - 2009 April 9**

**Scope and Content Note**

Drafts with Houston's annotations and Gordon Cohn's comments.

Box 7, Folder 7

**An African American Soldier's Memoir: The Truth Behind the Lie about the 92nd Infantry in WWII & Other Casualties of a Segregated America Undated**

**Scope and Content Note**

Draft by Ivan J. Houston

**Note**

Creator's signed folder retained. Includes color copied attachments for images.

Box 7, Folder 8

**An African American Soldier's Memoir: The Truth Behind the Lie about the 92nd Infantry in WWII & Other Casualties of a Segregated America Undated**

**Scope and Content Note**

Draft by Ivan J. Houston

**Note**

Includes color copied attachments for images.

Box 8, Folder 1	<b>Black Warrior manuscript edits 2007 October - 2008 June</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Manuscript corrections mailed to Gordon Cohn.
Box 8, Folder 2	<b>Black Warriors: Memories of the 3rd Battalion, 370th Infantry Regiment in the Only Negro Infantry to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2007 November</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn
Box 8, Folder 3	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 January</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft sent to Lyle Marshall for review. Marshall returned the draft with a letter and comments regarding editorial feedback.
Box 8, Folder 4	<b>Black Warriors: Memories of the 3rd Battalion, 370th Infantry Regiment: The Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 January</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft sent to Gordon Cohn and returned with a letter from Cohn and suggested corrections.
Box 8, Folder 5	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 March</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn, annotated by Houston on flagged pages.
Box 8, Folder 6	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 April</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn.
Box 8, Folder 7	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 April</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> First bound draft labeled "1st Manuscript." Pagination annotations on post-its attached to various pages.
Box 9, Folder 1	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 April 9</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn includes images of maps.
Box 9, Folder 2	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 April 15</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Second bound draft labeled "1st Manuscript."
Box 9, Folder 3	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 August 15</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn includes flagged map pages.

Box 10, Folder 1	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 August 15</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn includes Houston's biography and images.
Box 10, Folder 2	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 August 15</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn includes Houston's biography and images.
Box 10, Folder 3	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2008 August 15</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Draft by Ivan J. Houston with Gordon Cohn includes Houston's flagged photo annotations.
Box 10, Folder 4	<b>Black Warriors final draft 2008 August</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Electronic copies of the final draft, includes photos and maps.
Box 10, Folder 5	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2009 March 23</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> First iUniverse bound draft.
Box 10, Folder 6	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2009 April 8</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> iUniverse draft includes annotated pages flagged for edits.
Box 11, Folder 1	<b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2009 April 9</b> <b>Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II: Memories of the Only Negro Infantry Division to Fight in Europe During the Second World War 2009 April 9</b>
Box 11, Folder 2	

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### 3.3 Research and notebooks 1984 - 2007

#### Scope and Content Note

Research, manuscripts and memoirs shared with Houston by former Buffalo Soldiers, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and Houston's hand written notebooks, notecards, and combat journal summaries.

Box 11, Folder 3	<b>Lieutenant Colonel Major Clark's research 1984-1985</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains copies of Clark's research for his book on the Buffalo Division in World War II.
Box 11, Folder 4	<b>The Buffalo Division in World War II 1985 March 28</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Two copies of manuscript by Communications Officer, 3rd Battalion, 365th Infantry Regiment Jehu C. Hunter and Lieutenant Colonel Major Clark, 597th Field Artillery.

Box 11, Folder 5

**U.S. black military history newspaper clippings 1986-2009**

**Scope and Content Note**

Newspaper clippings from the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, the Wilmington Journal, USA Today, the New York Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Washington Times, the Arizona Daily Star and the Plain Dealer.

Box 11, Folder 6

**Black soldiers of World War II magazine articles 1993-2007**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes a New Republic article by Jeffrey Goldberg, two copies of the U.S. News & World Report cover story on Medal of Honor recipient Vernon Baker, and a People magazine feature on Baker.

Box 11, Folder 7

**African American service in World War II articles 2003**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes the World War II Chronicles with a note to Houston from Keith M. Morrill, Dale E. Wilson's "Recipe for Failure...", and Spencer Moore's "92nd Infantry Division."

Box 12, Folder 1

**Research notebooks 2003**

**Scope and Content Note**

Four bound notebooks in which Houston transcribed the details for Black Warriors.

Box 12, Folder 2

**World War II combat journal summaries 2007**

**Scope and Content Note**

Various summaries of the combat journal Houston kept for the 3rd Battalion, 370th Regiment Combat Team, 92nd Infantry Division.

Box 12, Folder 3

**American Battle Monuments Commission Selected Burials 2007**

**Scope and Content Note**

Lists of World War II soldiers from Combat Team 370 of the 92nd Division buried at the Florence American Cemetery.

Box 12, Folder 4

**Notecards and loose leaf notes 2007**

**Scope and Content Note**

Houston's research for Black Warriors transcribed on notecards and loose leaf notebook paper.

Box 12, Folder 5

**J. Curtis Foster Jr.'s World War II memoir undated**

**Scope and Content Note**

Foster's writing details his military service with the 92nd Infantry Division.

Box 12, Folder 6

**Autobiographical notes undated**

**Scope and Content Note**

Houston's life story notes, including childhood and service with the World War II Buffalo Division.

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**3.4 Photos and maps 1942 - 2008**

**Scope and Content Note**

Original photos of the 92nd Division's return of Christopher Columbus' ashes to Genoa in 1945 and combat maps annotated by Houston.

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Box 13, Folder 1	<b>Photos and maps for publication of Houston's memoir 1942 - 2002</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes copies of photos and maps used in Black Warriors. Also included are original photos of the 92nd Division's return of Christopher Columbus' ashes to Genoa in 1945.
Box 13, Folder 2	<b>Florence American Cemetery and Memorial photos 1993 - 2003</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Houston's photos of the cemetery and grave sites of his comrades from the 92nd Division.
Box 13, Folder 3	<b>Google Maps images and copies of photos 1999</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes copies of Google map images which locate the terrain covered by the 92nd Division. Also included is a photo of Houston with the 370th Infantry's Vernon Baker, Medal of Honor recipient.
Box 13, Folder 4	<b>Annotated combat maps 2008</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Combat maps used in Black Warriors with annotations and notes by Houston, Paul Choldenko and Gordon Cohn.
Box 13, Folder 5	<b>Maps of Italy undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Three maps that cover Italy & Balkan Peninsula, Firenze, and Viareggio.

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**3.5 Buffalo soldier speeches 1985 - 2003**

**Scope and Content Note**

Copies of speeches Houston delivered to gatherings of The Buffalo 92nd Infantry World War II Association.

Box 13, Folder 6	<b>Ivan J. Houston's Buffalo Soldier speeches 1985 - 2003</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes copies of multiple versions of Houston's "The Buffalo Soldier in Italy" and "World War II Buffalo Soldiers in Battle."
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**3.6 The Buffalo 92nd Infantry World War II Association 1946 - 2004**

**Scope and Content Note**

The Buffalo Association is comprised of World War II veterans of the 92nd Infantry Buffalo Division. The Association's bulletins or newsletters are published quarterly.

Box 13, Folder 7	<b>The Buffalo Association bulletins and newsletters 1985 - 2004</b>
Box 13, Folder 8	<b>The Buffalo Association 50th Anniversary button 1992</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Commemorative button in honor of the Buffalo Ninety-Second Infantry Division World War II Association's 50th anniversary.
Box 13, Folder 9	<b>World War II Veteran identification cards 1946</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Houston's United States Infantry Association identification card and War Manpower Commission United States Employment Service identification card.

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**4. Personal papers, photos and slides 1880 - 2005**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series includes primarily Houston and Talbot family photos and slides. Also contains personal papers, correspondence and newspaper clippings related to Houston's father Norman, his mother Doris Talbot, and his grandmother, Laura Young.

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**4.1 Ivan J. Houston 1925 - 2005**

**Scope and Content Note**

Bulk of material includes family photos and slides. Contains images of looted storefronts from the 1965 Watts riots and images of Norman O. Houston and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a community meeting held at the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance building. Also contains trophies, plaques and certificates for civic leadership and memorial cards for Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Box 14, Folder 1  
Box 14, Folder 2  
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Box 14, Folder 4  
Box 14, Folder 5  
Box 14, Folder 6  
Box 14, Folder 7  
Box 14, Folder 8  
Box 14, Folder 9  
Box 14, Folder 10  
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Box 14, Folder 12  
Box 14, Folder 13  
Box 14, Folder 14  
Box 14, Folder 15  
Box 14, Folder 16  
Box 14, Folder 17  
Box 14, Folder 18  
Box 14, Folder 19  
Box 14, Folder 20  
Box 14, Folder 21  
Box 14, Folder 22

**Childhood and college photos 1925 - 1942**

**Bakersfield, Kellogg House Ranch, Mt. Whitney and Mt. Palomar slides 1952**

**Vancouver, BC and Butchart Gardens slides 1953 July**

**Mono Lake, Crater Lake and Owens River slides 1953 July**

**Disneyland and Marineland slides 1956**

**Christmas slides 1957**

**Above Santa Barbara slides 1957**

**Poppies and wildflowers slides 1958 April**

**Pinnacles, beach trip, and Christmas slides 1958**

**Aunt Agnes and Uncle Rosie, Chinatown and Thanksgiving slides 1958**

**Morgan Hill trip slides 1958**

**Monrovia slides 1958**

**San Francisco slides 1958**

**Ensenada slides 1958**

**Ocean and children slides 1958**

**C.Y.O. Thanksgiving 1958**

**Desert slides 1959**

**Easter slides 1959**

**Knott's Berry Farm slides 1959**

**Christmas play and ocean slides 1959**

**Ensenada slides 1959**

**Party slides 1959**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes Pam's, Ivan's, Boots and Maurice's, and the Williams' parties.

Box 15, Folder 1  
Box 15, Folder 2  
Box 15, Folder 3  
Box 15, Folder 4  
Box 15, Folder 5  
Box 15, Folder 6  
Box 15, Folder 7  
Box 15, Folder 8

**Color family photos 1959-1995**

**Easter slides 1960**

**San Francisco and Sacramento slides 1962 July**

**Family picnic slides 1962 March**

**Yosemite slides 1962**

**Roscoe's Boat, Chicago slides 1963 July**

**Niagara Falls II slides 1963 July**

**Arizona, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York and Utah slides 1963 June - July**

**Norwalk and Grand Canyon slides 1963 June - July**

**New York World Fair and Montreal trip slides 1964 May**

**[Watts Riots aftermath] slides 1965 August**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes images of looted storefronts and separate images of Norman O. Houston and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a community meeting held at the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance building.

Box 16, Folder 1	<b>[New York] slides 1967 April</b>
Box 16, Folder 2	<b>Hawaii slides 1969 January</b>
Box 16, Folder 3	<b>[Hoover Dam and Las Vegas] slides 1970 December</b>
Box 16, Folder 4	<b>[Airplane interior] slides 1971 August</b>
Box 16, Folder 5	<b>Picnic, Jackson Ranch slides 1972 May - June</b>
Box 16, Folder 6	<b>New Orleans, Mexico City, Jackson Ranch, Houston, Texas slides 1972</b>
Box 16, Folder 7	<b>Acapulco/Mexico City slides 1972</b>
Box 16, Folder 8	<b>[Louisiana] slides 1972 June</b>
Box 16, Folder 9	<b>Hawaii slides 1973</b>
Box 16, Folder 10	<b>Angel City Links Art Fair slides 1976</b>
Box 16, Folder 11	<b>Alaska - Canadian Arctic tour photo album 1976</b>

**Scope and Content Note**

Spiral bound album of color photos from the tour.

Box 16, Folder 12	<b>Arctic tour slides 1976</b>
Box 16, Folder 13	<b>European vacation photos and negatives 1978</b>
Box 16, Folder 14	<b>European vacation color negatives 1978</b>
Box 16, Folder 15	<b>European vacation photos and negatives of Philippa Houston 1978</b>
Box 16, Folder 16	<b>London and Paris slides 1978</b>
Box 16, Folder 17	<b>[England and Italy] photo album 1 1978 September - October</b>
Box 16, Folder 18	<b>[England and Italy] photo album 2 1978 September - October</b>
Box 16, Folder 19	<b>[England and Italy] photo album 3 1978 September - October</b>
Box 17, Folder 1	<b>Europe slides 1978</b>

**Scope and Content Note**

Removed from carousel with original order maintained. All slides labeled by Houston.

Box 17, Folder 2

**Europe slides 1978**

**Scope and Content Note**

Removed from carousel with original order maintained. All slides labeled by Houston.

Box 17, Folder 3

**Europe slides 1978**

**Scope and Content Note**

Removed from carousel with original order maintained. All slides labeled by Houston.  
Includes a sound cartridge labeled "demo-tape."

Box 17, Folder 4

**Citta del Vaticano and Versailles slides 1978**

**Scope and Content Note**

Standard pre-packaged color slides made in Italy.

Box 17, Folder 5

**Europe negatives 1983**

Box 17, Folder 6

**Philippa Houston photos and negatives 1983 October**

**Scope and Content Note**

Photos and negatives from Napa, Rosarito, Koblintz, Pisa and Venice.

Box 17, Folder 7

**Europe photos and negatives 1983 October**

**Scope and Content Note**

1 - 8 of 16 sets.

Box 17, Folder 8

**Europe photos and negatives 1983 October**

**Scope and Content Note**

9 - 16 of 16 sets.

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Box 18, Folder 1	<b>Europe slide carousel 1983 September 20 - 1983 October 14</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Slides arranged in carousel's original order.
Box 18, Folder 2	<b>European postcards and maps 1983</b>
Box 18, Folder 3	<b>Family wedding 1983</b>
Box 18, Folder 4	<b>Rio slide carousel 1985</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Slides arranged in carousel's original order. Last sheet includes slides from 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.
Box 18, Folder 5	<b>Thanksgiving photo album 1986</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Inside cover of album inscribed to Philippa and Ivan from Agnes, Thanksgiving 1986.
Box 18, Folder 6	<b>World travels photos and negatives 1988 August</b>
Box 18, Folder 7	<b>Ivan J. Houston and Philippa E. Houston travel postcards and photos 1988</b>
Box 18, Folder 8	<b>Family color photos and negatives 1993</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes two photos of Ivan J. Houston and Richard Riordan.
Box 18, Folder 9	<b>Ivan J. Houston and Philippa E. Houston Cancun and St. Tropez Vacation 1994 November</b>
Box 18, Folder 10	<b>Serra retreat slides undated</b>
Box 18, Folder 11	<b>Atlantic City slides undated</b>
Box 18, Folder 12	<b>Boy Scouts slides undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Slides moved from 3 boxes to protective sleeves.
Box 18, Folder 13	<b>Salton Sea and Catalina slides undated</b>
Box 18, Folder 14	<b>Mount Wilson slides undated</b>
Box 19, Folder 1	<b>Pamela Houston's First Communion slides undated</b>
Box 19, Folder 2	<b>Los Angeles parade slides undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes a slide of Ethel Maddison of Birmingham, Alabama - church bombing survivor.
Box 19, Folder 3	<b>Disneyland slides undated</b>
Box 19, Folder 4	<b>Republic of Guinea slides undated</b>
Box 19, Folder 5	<b>Hawaii slides undated</b>
Box 19, Folder 6	<b>Family at home slides undated</b>
Box 19, Folder 7	<b>Family photo album undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos removed from album and numbered 1-32 to maintain original order.
Box 19, Folder 8	<b>New York and Los Angeles family negatives undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Negatives rehoused in envelopes to maintain original order.
Box 19, Folder 9	<b>Undated slides undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Slides organized by slide type.

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Box 19, Folder 10	<b>Photos and news items album 1974 - 1976</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Twenty items removed from album and numbered to retain original order. <b>Note</b> 1 of 3
Box 19, Folder 11	<b>Photos and news items album 1974 - 1976</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Newspaper clippings tucked in front of album, removed and rehoused in original order. <b>Note</b> 2 of 3
Box 19, Folder 12	<b>Photos and news items album 1974 - 1976</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> 1976 Salute to Minority Education card and May 13, 1976 Underwriter's Report magazine with Houston on the cover tucked in back of album. Items removed and rehoused. <b>Note</b> 3 of 3
Box 19, Folder 13	<b>Philippa Houston photos and papers 1980s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos of Philippa and Ivan, birthday and mother's day cards from Ivan and a signed letter from Mayor Tom Bradley regarding her decision to no longer serve on the Greek Theater Advisory Committee.
Box 20, Folder 1	<b>Education documents 1940 - 1953</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> John H. Francis Polytechnic High School report cards, Hi-Y student club constitution and an authorization certificate for the California Veteran's Educational Institute.
Box 20, Folder 2	<b>Honors and certificates 1951 - 1996</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Certificate of completion from the Life Office Management Association Institute, certificates of membership for the American Arbitration Association and honorary GSM retirement luncheon materials.
Box 20, Folder 3	<b>IJH monogrammed business card case undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Twenty pages of business cards with Houston's annotations, including Chairman of the Board, Franklin D. Murphy's Times Mirror card and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke's signed 37th District Congressional card.
Box 20, Folder 4	<b>The Wellness Engagement Calendar 1994</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Houston's annual calendar with notes for meetings, appointments and vacations.
Box 20, Folder 5	<b>Catholic photos and papers 1953 - 1993</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos from Houston's annual Serra Retreat in Malibu and photos of Pope John Paul II's arrival in Popemobile for Mass at the Memorial Coliseum.

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Box 20, Folder 6	<b>Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. memorial cards 1968</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Memorial cards for Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Junior.
Box 20, Folder 7	<b>Childhood art work undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "This Little Pig Had Beef Stake!" crayon drawing, signed Ivan James Houston and laminated drawing of Ivan and his brother Norman with a black and white photo of the brothers attached.
Box 20, Folder 8	<b>Norman B. Houston funeral registry 2005</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Facsimile copy of friends and relatives who attended Norman B. Houston's funeral.
Box 20, Folder 9	<b>Newspaper clippings 1962 - 1991</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Clippings from the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Sentinel originally labeled "IJH Social." Newspapers kept in Houston's original housing and order.
Box 20, Folder 10	<b>National Geographic article and postcard ca. 1982</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains National Geographic "Carrara Marble" article by Cathy Newman and post card of African American sculptor Barthe's statue, "Come Unto Me."
Box 20, Folder 11	<b>Golden State Minority Foundation/ CTV Scholarship Golf Tournament Plaque 2005 September 23</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Presented to Ivan J. Houston for sponsorship of this 31st Anniversary tournament. N
Box 27, Folder 2	<b>Photos of Ivan Abbott Houston ca. 1970s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes photos of Houston's son and U.S. military tanks.
Box 29, Folder 1	<b>Community service trophies and plaques 1984 - 1998</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes plaques from the Young Men's Christian Association and the Lynch Street CME Church and trophies of recognition from Daniel Freeman Hospitals and the Southeast Symphony Association.
Box 31, Folder 4	<b>City of Los Angeles certificates of recognition 1987 - 1990</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Certificates of recognition for Houston's service to Golden State Mutual, the city of Los Angeles and the nation.

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##### 4.2 Norman O. Houston ca. 1900 - 1981

###### Scope and Content Note

Contains awards, clippings, certificates, and photos of Norman O. Houston from his military service, Ralph Bunche, Joe Louis and Dynamite Jackson. Also included are photos of Ivan and Philippa Houston with Jesse Jackson, a signed photo of Golden State Mutual founder, William Nickerson Jr. and photos of Muhammad Ali with his autograph enclosed. Also contains invitations and letters from Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, President John F. Kennedy, President Richard Nixon and Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Box 21, Folder 1	<b>Clippings, awards and certificates 1931 - 1964</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Newspaper clippings, awards and certificates such as his certified Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity membership. <b>Note</b> All contents of this folder were rehoused directly from Houston's original folder.
Box 21, Folder 2	<b>Event programs 1947 - 1955</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Programs for luncheons, dinners and ceremonies. <b>Note</b> All contents of this folder were rehoused directly from Houston's original folder.
Box 21, Folder 3	<b>Texas auto accident photos, clippings and insurance files 1954</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Documents relating to Houston's auto accident outside San Antonio, Texas where he suffered injuries along with fellow passengers Mrs. Elois Davis and his wife Edith Houston. <b>Note</b> All contents of this folder were rehoused directly from Houston's original folder.
Box 21, Folder 4	<b>Photos with African American leaders 1919 - 1960s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos of Houston with Buffalo Soldiers, Ralph Bunche, Joe Louis and Dynamite Jackson. Also included are photos of Ivan and Philippa Houston with Jesse Jackson and photos of Muhammad Ali.
Box 21, Folder 5	<b>Family and business photos 1928 - 1975</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos of Houston with his family, politicians and business associates. Group photo of 28th Street Branch of the YMCA moved to Box 31, folder 5. <b>Note</b> This folder was originally labeled "Old Pictures."
Box 21, Folder 6	<b>Framed and matted photos ca. 1900 - 1930s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes photos of Houston's grandmother, Donnie Jackson Crow, mother Lillian Harris, and signed photo of GSM founder, William Nickerson Jr. <b>Note</b> This folder was originally labeled "NOH Photos."
Box 21, Folder 7 Box 22, Folder 1	<b>Photo with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger ca. 1970s</b> <b>Talbot and Harris family photos 1915 - 1939</b> <b>Note</b> This folder was originally labeled "NOH Photos."
Box 22, Folder 2	<b>World trip photos and draft of general observations 1963</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes photos of Houston and his wife in Japan and Egypt as well as a draft of Houston's observations during his travels to China, India, Israel, Switzerland, Rome, and England.

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Box 22, Folder 3	<b>Invitations and correspondence from U.S. elected officials and political leaders 1962 - 1977</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes invitations and letters from Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, President John F. Kennedy, President Richard Nixon and Martin Luther King, Jr.
Box 22, Folder 4	<b>Interview and flexograph recording of Lillian L. Harris 1949 May 6</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Original interview transcription is a third person narration of the interview with Houston's mother. Presumably, the flexograph recording holds the original interview.
Box 22, Folder 5	<b>Magazine clippings and book excerpts on Black Americans 1902 - 1977</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Most coverage relates to the contributions of Black veterans.
Box 22, Folder 6	<b>Personal file 1923 - 1954</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes certificate of service for World War I, copies of resume, a biography, and a copy of his graduate certificate for completion of Pacific Mutual School for Salesmen.
Box 22, Folder 7	<b>Newspaper and magazines features 1929 - 1970</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> All publications prominently feature Houston.
Box 22, Folder 8	<b>Bethune - Cookman College 1931 - 1954</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes Houston's Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity membership card and college charters, newspapers and convocation announcements.
Box 22, Folder 9	<b>Wilberforce University 1951 - 1952</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes commencement brochure for Houston's Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws and his suggested acceptance speech.
Box 22, Folder 10	<b>Keepsakes 1906 - 1950</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes post cards, City of Hope pamphlet, Sportsmen's Club dinner program
Box 22, Folder 11	<b>Obsequies of Norman O. Houston and Los Angeles City Council memorial tribute 1981 October</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains funeral program for Norman O. Houston (1893 - 1981) and Los Angeles City Council memorial tribute.
Box 29, Folder 1 Box 29, Folder 2 Box 31, Folder 3	<b>Wilberforce University Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws 1951 June 14</b> <b>Bethune-Cookman College Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws 1951 March 21</b> <b>Photographs of Norman O. Houston at Golden State Mutual undated</b>

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**4.3 Talbot family 1880 - 2005**

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains correspondence, Houston's mother's bridal book, genealogical records, scrapbooks and photos including an 1880 tintype of Ivan J. Houston's great uncle, Ben.

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Box 23, Folder 1	<b>Correspondence between Laura E. Young and Doris T. Houston 1908 - 1950</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains a 1933 letter from Ivan J. Houston and brother Norman B. Houston sent by grandmother Laura E. Young to their mother, Doris T. Houston. Also included is a 1950 letter from Ivan and Norman to their grandmother, "Amoo."
Box 23, Folder 2	<b>Doris T. Young's Los Angeles High Annual, diploma cover and autographed figurine 1916</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Doris Young appears in the "Senior A Personals" section as "Darling Youngster."
Box 23, Folder 3	<b>Doris Talbot Young's bridal book 1920</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Doris Talbot Young married Norman Oliver Masson Houston on December 29, 1920. This book contains documentation of their marriage.
Box 23, Folder 4	<b>Laura Talbot Young's Electa Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star (O.E.S.) due book and Mrs. Doris T. Houston business cards 1917 - 1925</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Los Angeles members' due book is signed by Laura Talbot Young with her address as 1844 E. 54 street, Los Angeles, California. Book tracks monthly dues over for 8 years. Business cards list Houston as a "Fashionable Milliner" at the same Los Angeles address as Laura Talbot Young.
Box 23, Folder 5	<b>Talbot family genealogical search records 1803 - 2005</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Many of these records are the result of a 2005 genealogical search that traces the Talbot family to Zebedie Talbot and wife, Sylvia Ann Talbot. These documents retain original order and include a handwritten "Family of Doris T. Young" tree.
Box 23, Folder 6	<b>Elizabeth Ann Talbot photograph undated</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Ivan J. Houston's note attached to photo reads, "Great Grandmother, Elizabeth Ann Talbot (Hines). Born London, England." Photo was removed from frame.
Box 23, Folder 7	<b>Talbot photographs album 1921 - 1930</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photographs captioned in black ink and some are dated. <b>Note</b> Photographs removed from album, sleeved in Mylar and album retained.
Box 23, Folder 8	<b>Talbot family photographs ca. 1920s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos feature Norman O. Houston, Doris Talbot, Amoo, Aunt Bernice, Vivian Talbot, and Ivan J. Houston's sister, Betty Jean.
Box 23, Folder 9	<b>Talbot family photographs ca. 1900s - 1950s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photographs, including one of Mrs. Mabel Bryant and Mrs. Laura Young as they arrived for their vacation stay at the Colonial hotel that was published in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin on May 1, 1950.

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##### 4.3 Talbot family 1880 - 2005

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Box 23, Folder 10	<b>Talbot family photographs ca. 1920s - 1950s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Small black and white family photographs feature Laura Young, Doris Talbot, Betty-Jean, Ivan and Philippa Houston and their daughter "Pamby."
Box 23, Folder 11	<b>Talbot family photographs ca. 1930s - 1950s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Majority letter sized photographs sleeved in Mylar and feature Ivan J. Houston, Philippa Houston, Doris T. Morris, Laura Young and Betty-Jean.
Box 23, Folder 12	<b>Talbot "Seattle, Washington" photographs album ca. 1940s - 1950s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos and newspaper clippings removed from album, rehoused and order retained. Includes a 1951 clipping that mentions Laura E. Young as a Seattle house guest of her daughter, Doris Morris, wife of contractor, Walter Morris.
Box 23, Folder 13	<b>Talbot family photographs 1880 - 1950s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes an 1880 tintype of Ivan J. Houston's great uncle, Ben.
Box 24, Folder 1	<b>Talbot family photographs ca. 1900 - 1940s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes photos of Ivan J. Houston as a child, his sister Betty-Jean, his brother Norman B., his mother Doris, his father Norman O., his grandmother Amoo, and his father's mother Lillian Harris.
Box 24, Folder 2	<b>Talbot family photographs ca. 1900s</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Photos feature Ivan J. Houston's great grandmother, Elizabeth Anne Hines Talbot, grandmother, Laura Elizabeth Talbot Young and mother, Doris Talbot Young Houston.
Box 24, Folder 3	<b>Mrs. Mary Anna Crowe funeral services program and newspaper announcement 1924 June 3</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Mary Anna Crowe (1854 - 1924) was Norman O. Houston's grandmother.
Box 24, Folder 4	<b>Doris Talbot Houston Morris memorial materials 1977</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes a negative of Ivan J. Houston's mother, funeral services program, and letters of sympathy from Golden State Mutual, the First African Methodist Episcopal Church and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.
Box 28, Folder 1 Box 28, Folder 2	<b>Laura Talbot Young greeting card album ca. 1920s - 1930s</b> <b>Doris Morris scrapbook 1936 - 1966</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Contains photos, clippings certificates and awards about Ivan J. Houston.

#### 5. Publications 1950 - 1994

##### Scope and Content Note

Series comprises primarily periodicals which feature Houston as well as programs and annual reports from his service with civic organizations and corporate boards.

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No subseries

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Box 25, Folder 1	<p><b>American Processional: The Story of Our Country 1950</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Published by The National Capital Sesquicentennial Commission on the occasion of American Processional, a special exhibition held at The Corcoran Gallery of Art from July 8 through December 17, 1950, to commemorate the establishment of the permanent seat of the federal government in Washington in the year 1800.</p>
Box 25, Folder 2	<p><b>The ABC Picture Book of Eminent Negroes Past &amp; Present and John F. Kennedy Memorial Album 1959 and 1964</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>The cover of the ABC publication reads, "Property of Doris T. Morris" and features a feature on Norman O. Houston, "Outstanding Insurance Executive And Civic Leader."</p>
Box 25, Folder 3	<p><b>Time magazines 1967 and 1974</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>The May 26, 1967 issue features a cover story entitled "The Negro in Viet Nam." The June 17, 1974 issue features a "Middle-Class Blacks: Making it in America" cover story that prominently features Ivan J. Houston's family.</p>
Box 25, Folder 4	<p><b>Black Enterprise magazines 1975, 1977, 1978 and 1979</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>All June issues feature "The Nation's Leading Black Businesses." Every issue features Golden State Mutual as one of the top three insurance companies in the nation. The June 1979 issues features Houston's successful leadership of the company.</p>
Box 25, Folder 5	<p><b>Black Enterprise magazines 1980, 1981 and 1983</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>All June issues feature "The Top 100 Black Businesses." In 1980 Golden State Mutual ranked second top insurance company in the nation and in 1981 and 1983, it placed third. The 1983 issue includes a feature on Houston's innovations at Golden State Mutual.</p>
Box 25, Folder 6	<p><b>History of Black Americans in the Santa Clara Valley 1978</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Contains a feature on Norman Oliver Houston.</p>
Box 25, Folder 7	<p><b>The Executive of Los Angeles magazine 1981 August</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Features a cover story on Golden State's Ivan J. Houston.</p>
Box 26, Folder 1	<p><b>Mainstream America magazine 1982 November</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Features a cover story on Ivan J. Houston, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company.</p>
Box 26, Folder 2	<p><b>Various periodicals 1972 - 1988</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content Note</b></p> <p>Includes copies of issues/ideas, Performing Arts, Dollars and Sense, New Horizons, Stars in Motion, and Black Angelenos: The Afro-American in Los Angeles, 1850 - 1950.</p>

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Box 26, Folder 3

**Annual reports and programs 1979 - 1991**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes Los Angeles Urban League 70th Anniversary program with a feature on the foundation of Golden State Mutual. Houston served as the Los Angeles Urban League's Board Chairman from 1976 - 1979.

Box 26, Folder 4

**Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Roster of Archons and Boule Journals 1990 - 1991**

**Scope and Content Note**

The Boule Journal is the publication of Ivan J. Houston's fraternity. The Winter 1990 issue previews the organization's 40th Grand Biennial Boule, held in Los Angeles. The Fall 1990 issue features his letter of gratitude for the success of the organization's 40th Biennial Grand Boule. Houston served as Co-Chairman of this event which generated unprecedented funds for Sigma Pi Phi's social action programs.

Box 26, Folder 5

**Pacific Telesis Group annual reports 1990 - 1993**

**Scope and Content Note**

Ivan J. Houston served on the Board of Directors for this telecommunications corporation located in San Francisco.

Box 26, Folder 6

**Pacific Telesis Group annual reports 1994**

Box 27, Folder 1

**Ebony magazines 1976, 1981 and 1988**

**Scope and Content Note**

Each issue's "The 100 Most Influential Black Americans" features Ivan J. Houston.