



## Archival Collection Finding Aid

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Wally Triplett Collection</b>
<b>ACCESSION NUMBER:</b>	<b>2004.40</b>
<b>CREATOR:</b>	Triplett, Wallace (Wally), 1926-2018
<b>INCLUSIVE DATES:</b>	1949-2004
<b>QUANTITY:</b>	0.6 cubic ft. (1 box)
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	English
<b>ABSTRACT:</b>	Wallace (Wally) Triplett was the first drafted African American to play in a National Football League (NFL) game. Later in life he worked with designer McKinley W. Thompson on the development and financing of the Warrior experimental automobile. The collection includes a photograph album entitled, "White Paper to Wheels: The Construction of the Vega Warrior;" a portrait of Triplett in his football uniform; a Detroit Lions team portrait; several pieces of product literature; several material samples by Uniroyal; and an oral history conducted in 2004.
<b>RELATED MATERIAL:</b>	Related material held by The Henry Ford: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Automobile, 1974 Warrior Concept Car. Object ID 2001.162.1</li><li>- Oral History Interview with McKinley W. Thompson, Object ID 2001.162.2</li></ul>
<b>ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:</b>	The collection is open for research except for original audio recordings due to fragility of material or lack of appropriate playback equipment. Use copies may need to be produced. Researchers should contact Benson Ford Research Center staff ( <a href="mailto:research.center@thehenryford.org">research.center@thehenryford.org</a> ).
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