



## Archival Collection Finding Aid

TITLE:	Curt Flood Collection
ACCESSION NUMBER:	2009.190.5
CREATOR:	Flood, Curt, 1938-1997
INCLUSIVE DATES:	1969-1997
QUANTITY:	0.3 cubic ft. (1 box)
LANGUAGE:	English
ABSTRACT:	<p>Curt Flood, an African-American Major League Baseball player, was traded by the Cincinnati Reds to the Philadelphia Phillies without his permission in 1969. Flood felt that the league's reserve clause in contracts violated federal laws and his rights, ultimately resulting in a suit against the league. Although Flood lost the suit, his efforts helped modify the reserve clause and inspired the 10/5 rule, which requires consent from certain players before trades.</p> <p>The Curt Flood Collection contains a copy of his lawsuit, correspondence regarding "The Baseball Network," signed photographs of St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Padres players, a signed 1967 Cardinals dinner program, a program from the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual NAACP Image Awards, and a 1968 edition of <i>Sports Illustrated</i> that featured Flood on the cover.</p>
ALTERNATE FORMS:	Digitized items from the collection can be found online at <a href="https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections">https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections</a>
ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:	The collection is open for research.
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