GUIDE TO THE PAPERS OF JULES TYGIEL

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9.5 linear feet (15 archival boxes)

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Abstract
This is a collection of correspondence, research notes, chapter notes, grant material, interviews and manuscript relating to the book “Baseball’s Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and his Legacy” by Jules Tygiel.

Acquisition Information
This collection was a gift of Jules Tygiel in 1997.

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Separations
A collection of thirty-eight audio tapes have been separated to the Audio/Video department. See Content List below for complete inventory.

History
Jules Everett Tygiel was born in Brooklyn on March 9, 1949. His father and mother ran a store that sold and repaired pens, lighters and electric shavers. They lived in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, not too far from Ebbets Field,
home of the Dodgers, and a place the young Mr. Tygiel first visited when he was seven.

“My favorite player, [as a child], was Jackie Robinson, largely because he integrated baseball,” Mr. Tygiel wrote. “I was not sure what this meant, but I knew it was wonderful. I thus learned my first lesson in race relations and politics.”

Mr. Tygiel graduated from Brooklyn College, then received his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the U.C.L.A. He taught at the University of Tennessee and the University of Virginia before settling at San Francisco State in 1978. Jules Tygiel, a historian and self-confessed baseball nut whose Brooklyn upbringing inspired his highly regarded scholarship on Jackie Robinson and on the integration of American society seen through the lens of baseball.

For 30 years, Mr. Tygiel (pronounced ty-GELL) worked in the history department at San Francisco State University, where he taught courses on the Great Depression, the history of California and the history of labor in the United States. His published works include the story of C. C. Julian, the Los Angeles oil business con man of the 1920s, and a biography of Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Tygiel wrote in an introduction to his best-known work, “Baseball’s Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and His Legacy,” “Writing this book has allowed me to combine my vocation as a historian and my avocation as a baseball fanatic.”

He wrote or edited several other books about race and baseball, including “Past Time: Baseball as History” (Oxford, 2000) and “Extra Bases: Reflections on Jackie Robinson, Race and Baseball History” (University of Nebraska Press, 2002).

He married Luise Custer in 1982 and they have two sons. Jules Tygiel died July 2, 2008, at the age of 59.


Scope and Content
This collection contains the papers of Jules Tygiel. The information relates to Tygiel’s book, “Baseball’s Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson & His Legacy”. Materials include correspondence with his agent, publisher, interviews, research notes and articles, manuscript, grant material, film research, script and outline. There are thirty-eight audio tapes of interviews conducted by Tygiel.
This collection is organized in two series. Series I is arranged by subject matter and chronologically. Series I contains the correspondence, grant material and research notes. Series II contains the interviews on thirty-eight audio tapes.

**Controlled Access Terms**

These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Library catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials may wish to search under these terms.

**Corporate Names**

- Brooklyn Dodgers
- Montreal Royals
- Negro National League
- National League
- American League
- Minor League
- Boston Red Sox
- New York Yankees
- The Sporting News
- Courier
- Sports Illustrated
- Oxford University Press

**Personal Names**

- Black, Joe
- Brown, Willard
- Campanella, Roy
- Chandler, A.B.
- Dandridge, Ray
- Doby, Larry
- Erskine, Carl
- Griffith, Calvin
- Irvin, Monte
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- Mann, Arthur
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- Robinson, Jackie
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- Thorn, John
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Archival box, 7” X 12”, contains research notes on chapters 1, 3, 6, 9 on 4” X 6” index cards.

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