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**RACE RELATIONS IN AMERICA – CHAUNCEY E. SPENCER (1949)**

The collection includes photocopies of typescript article written around 1949 regarding the history of race relations in the United States. It also includes photocopies of awards presented by the Senate of Virginia, the Mayor of Lynchburg, Virginia, the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum, and a news article from an air force newspaper.

**CHAUNCEY EDWARD SPENCER (1906-2002)**

Chauncey Edward Spencer was born 5 November 1906 in Lynchburg, Virginia, the son of Edward A. Spencer and Anne Scales. He graduated from Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg. A pioneer aviator, he was a charter member of the National Airmen Association of America (NAAA). A civil rights activist, he lobbied Congress to include persons of color in the Army Air Corps. He worked to encourage fair treatment of African American air cadets at Tuskegee Institute and helped create famed Tuskegee Airmen. He was a Civil Service official at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He also served as Police Commissioner in San Bernardino, California. Later he was Deputy Administrator in Highland Park, Michigan.

Spencer received numerous awards, including being inducted into Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame. He died 21 August 2002 and was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery, Lynchburg.