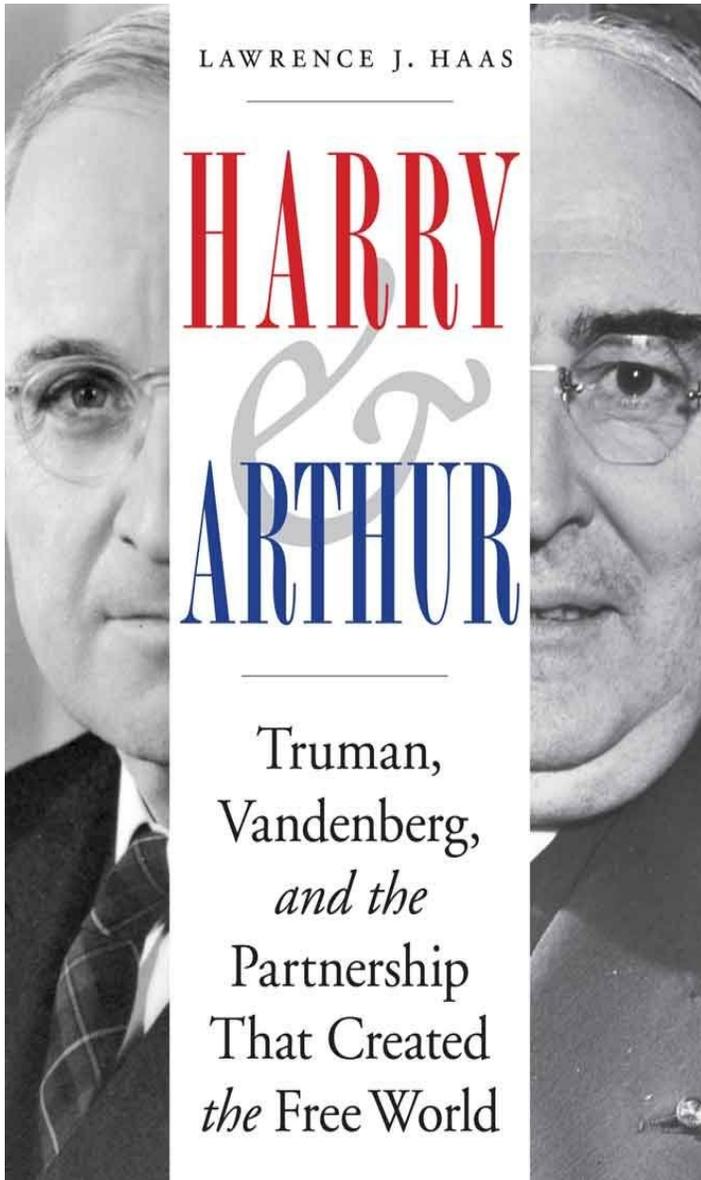


April 2016

Lawrence J. Haas to Discuss *Harry & Arthur: Truman, Vandenberg, and the Partnership That Created the Free World*

On **Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host **Lawrence J. Haas** for a discussion of his book *Harry & Arthur: Truman, Vandenberg, and the Partnership That Created the Free World*. A free light reception will precede the discussion at 6:00 p.m.



Following the end of World War II, President Harry S. Truman and Senator Arthur Vandenberg, a Republican from Michigan, worked closely together to create a new U.S. foreign policy. Haas, Senior Fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy at the American Foreign Policy Council, will discuss how Truman and Vandenberg built a tight partnership with one another to meet the emerging Soviet threat and to rebuild Europe.

Working in strong bipartisan fashion at a bitterly partisan time, they crafted a dramatic new foreign policy through which the United States stepped boldly onto the world stage for the first time to protect its friends by containing Soviet expansionism, and to promote freedom and prosperity through such means as the United Nations and the Marshall Plan. These two men - unlikely partners by way of personality and style - transformed the United States from a reluctant global giant to a self-confident leader; from a nation that traditionally turned inward after war to one that remained engaged to shape the postwar

landscape; and from a nation with no real military establishment to one that now spends more on defense than the next dozen nations combined. *This program is presented in partnership with the UMKC Truman Center, Truman Presidential Library, and International Relations Council.*

To make a reservation for this **free event**, email kansascity.educate@nara.gov or call 816-268-8010. Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

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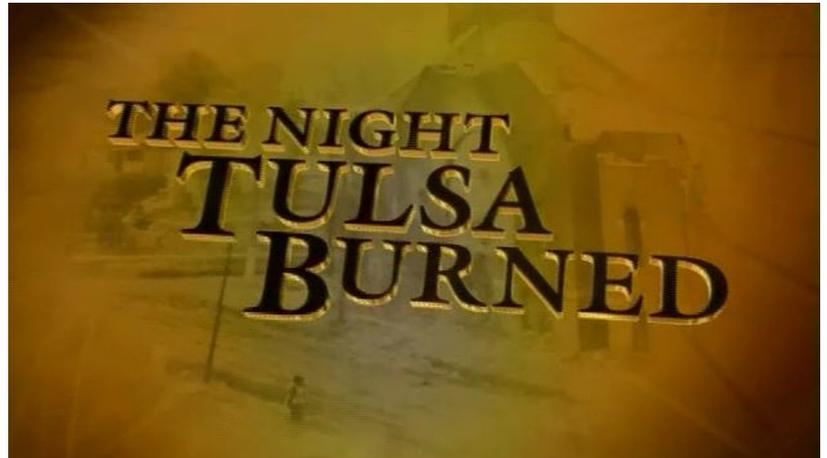
- APRIL 19 - 6:30 P.M.
AUTHOR LECTURE:
TRUMAN, VANDENBERG, AND THE PARTNERSHIP THAT CREATED THE FREE WORLD WITH LAWRENCE J. HAAS
- APRIL 21 - 6:30 P.M.
FILM SCREENING: *THE NIGHT TULSA BURNED* WITH DR. SHAWN ALEXANDER
- APRIL 28 - 6:30 P.M.
HISTORY INTERVIEW:
1865 KANSAS CITY EARLY NEGRO HISTORY WITH SONNY GIBSON AND DR. DEBRA SHEFFER

National Archives to Screen *The Night Tulsa Burned*

On **Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will screen the documentary *The Night Tulsa Burned*. Post-film discussion will be led by **Dr. Shawn Alexander** of the University of Kansas. A free light reception will precede the film at 6:00 p.m.

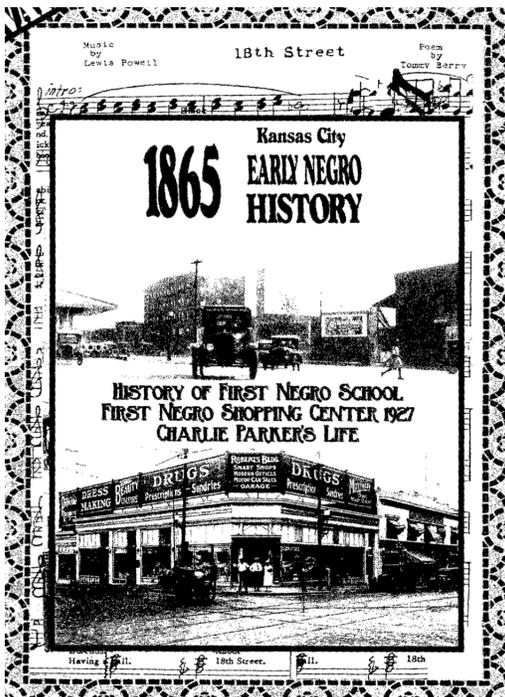
Tulsa's Greenwood district is the site of one of the most devastating race disturbances in the history of the United States. Before May 31, 1921, Tulsa's black business district known as Greenwood flourished in spite of segregation. It boasted several restaurants, theaters, clothing shops and hotels. Dubbed the "Black Wall Street," Greenwood was an economic powerhouse. After May 31, 1921, Greenwood would never be the same. The tension mounted between the black and white communities over an incident that allegedly occurred in an elevator at the Drexel Building in downtown Tulsa involving Sarah Page, a

17-year-old white elevator operator, and Dick Rowland, a 19-year-old black man. There are several versions of what supposedly transpired, but the most common being that Dick Rowland accidentally stepped on Page's foot in the elevator, throwing her off balance. When Rowland reached out to keep her from falling, she screamed. Many Tulsans came to believe through media reports that Rowland attacked Page, although no sufficient evidence surfaced to substantiate the claim. The incident was further escalated by a local newspaper headline that encouraged the public to "Nab Negro for Attacking Girl in Elevator." The strained relationship between the white and black communities, the heightened jealousy of the success of the Black Wall Street area and the elevator encounter led to the Tulsa Race Riot. Armed white men looted, burned and destroyed the black community. When the smoke cleared, mere shells of buildings were all that remained of the business district. The Red Cross estimates that more than 300 people were killed and approximately 1,200 homes were destroyed. *This program is part of a series presented in partnership with the Greater Kansas City Black History Study Group.*



To make a reservation for this **free film program** email kansascity.educate@nara.gov or call 816-268-8000. Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

Examining 1865 Kansas City Negro History with Sonny Gibson and Dr. Debra Sheffer



On **Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host local historian and author **Sonny Gibson** who will be interviewed by **Dr. Debra Sheffer** about his book research on *1865 Kansas City Negro History*. A free light reception will precede the event at 6:00 p.m.

Author Sonny Gibson has spent more than 25 years scouring libraries, archives, flea markets and old book stores to amass a collection of history related to the African American experience in Kansas City. His efforts resulted in a book titled *1865 Kansas City Negro History* that includes a treasure trove of photographs, handbills, advertisements, newspaper clippings, announcements, and other assorted memorabilia dating to the 1860s. *1865 Kansas City Negro History* details the life and culture of Kansas City's African Americans; and for one night only, Dr. Debra Sheffer, history professor at Park University, will interview Gibson and discuss his decades of research and what he found over the past three decades. *Presented in partnership with the Park University Alumni Association.*

To make a reservation for this **free event** email kansascity.educate@nara.gov or call 816-268-8000. Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

Education Resources: Exploring Federal Lands and Waters

Recently, education staff from the National Archives participated in a team with the National Park Service and Scholastic to create lesson plans, activity sheets and resources for fourth grade students and educators focused on Exploring Federal Lands and Waters. This initiative is a part of the Every Kid in a Park program sponsored by the National Park Service in an effort to encourage visitorship to all National Park locations. In addition, 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. More information and links to the educational activities can be found at www.scholastic.com/everykid/.

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OUR NATION'S NATIVE PEOPLE

LEARNING ACTIVITY 4

Research information: National Archives materials related to the educational activities are specifically located in the section titled Our Nation's Native Peoples. The National Archives and Records Administration retains thousands of cubic feet of material related to individual tribes in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and other federal agencies at multiple National Archives locations throughout the United States. More information can be found at www.archives.gov/research/native-americans and on our Education Updates blog. In addition, the National Archives' DocsTeach has a special landing page that includes documents and teaching activities relating to treaties and other Native American topics. View it at www.docsteach.org/home/native-americans.

National Archives Summer 2016 Internships Now Available

Current Unpaid Internship Opportunities - Three unpaid internships are offered by the National Archives at Kansas City during Summer 2016. Students currently enrolled in undergraduate and graduate-level programs such as history, library and information science, social sciences, and museum studies are invited to apply. One candidate will be selected for each internship. Each internship will comprise 120 hours, to be carried out at one of the National Archives' underground storage facilities. The selected interns will work under the supervision of archives staff.

Summer 2016 Internship Descriptions and Details

- **Internship #1.** This project involves the records of the U.S. Food Administration, 1917-1920. The intern will spend most of their time confirming and/or correcting legacy data, and then create a finding aid using that data. The intern will also evaluate the current housing of these records. One fourth of the intern's time will be spent rehousing records from several other federal agencies. The intern will gain a basic understanding of government records and experience in holdings maintenance, finding aid creation, and data management. This project worksite is located at the National Archives at Lee's Summit, 200 Space Center Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. The intern must work no more than 3 days each week between June 6 and July 29, 2016, to complete 120 hours. Work must be completed between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. A graduate student is preferred for this project.
- **Internship #2.** This project will include the rehousing of 28 cubic feet of historic Bankruptcy Act of 1867 case files into archival boxes, light cleaning, and creation of a finding aid to assist with reference. New barcode labels will be created and scanned into the National Archives proprietary data management system. The intern will gain experience in basic holdings maintenance, transcription, and data management. This project worksite is located at the Subtropolis underground facility at 8600 NE Underground Drive, Kansas City, MO 64161. The intern must complete 120 hours between June 6 and July 15, 2016. A full-time three week schedule is preferred, but a part-time schedule may be considered. Work must be completed between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m, Monday-Friday. Either undergraduate or graduate students will be considered for this project.
- **Internship #3.** This intern will create folder level finding aids for records from Bankruptcy Act of 1898 Case Files from the Federal courts located in Anniston, Gadsen, and Jasper, AL. The project will include data entry into the National Archives proprietary data management system, practice with transcription, and opportunities to learn about record hierarchy and organization and interact with 100+ year old documents. The intern will gain experience in archival data management. This project worksite is located at the Subtropolis underground facility at 8600 NE Underground Drive, Kansas City, MO 64161. The intern must complete 120 hours between July 11-29, 2016, working a full-time schedule of 40 hours per week. Work must be completed between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m, Monday-Friday. Either undergraduate or graduate students will be considered for this project.



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How to Apply

Overall qualifications for unpaid interns include:

- Current enrollment in an appropriate undergraduate or graduate degree program
- Good organizational skills
- An orientation to detail
- Excellent communication skills
- Good writing skills
- Ability to work independently and effectively within a limited time frame
- Ability to balance multiple tasks
- Dependability and punctuality
- Good computer skills

Each student interested in participating in the National Archives at Kansas City unpaid internship program should submit the following items, which will be considered their application:

- a resume detailing educational and work experience
- a copy of his or her official transcript(s)
- a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- a letter indicating why the student wishes to undertake an unpaid internship at the National Archives at Kansas City

All applications for Summer 2016 internships must be received by May 1, 2016, for consideration. Applications may be submitted via email or postal mail.

Once all the application materials are received and reviewed, a personal interview will be scheduled. The interview can be done in person or via telephone.

Send application materials to:

Joyce Burner
Archivist and Internship Coordinator
National Archives at Kansas City
400 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

Telephone: 816-268-8012 or email: joyce.burner@nara.gov

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All information about upcoming events and programs is emailed to patrons through our electronic mailing list. If we do not have your address on file, please send an email with your preferred address to kansascity.educate@nara.gov or call 816-268-8000. By providing your address, you grant the National Archives at Kansas City permission to send you information about upcoming exhibitions, special events, and programs. Per the Privacy Act of 1974, we will not share your personal information with third parties.



Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

“A Real American of True Indian Blood will Represent the United States...”

The world is preparing for the Summer Olympic Games which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2016. An exciting time for the athletes as well as the countries they represent, the Olympic Games convey a sense of physical athleticism, national pride, and world unity. The sense of pride that is associated with the international competition is the most tangible characteristic of the ancient tradition; a fact that rings true for every competition since the Games' modern inception in 1896.

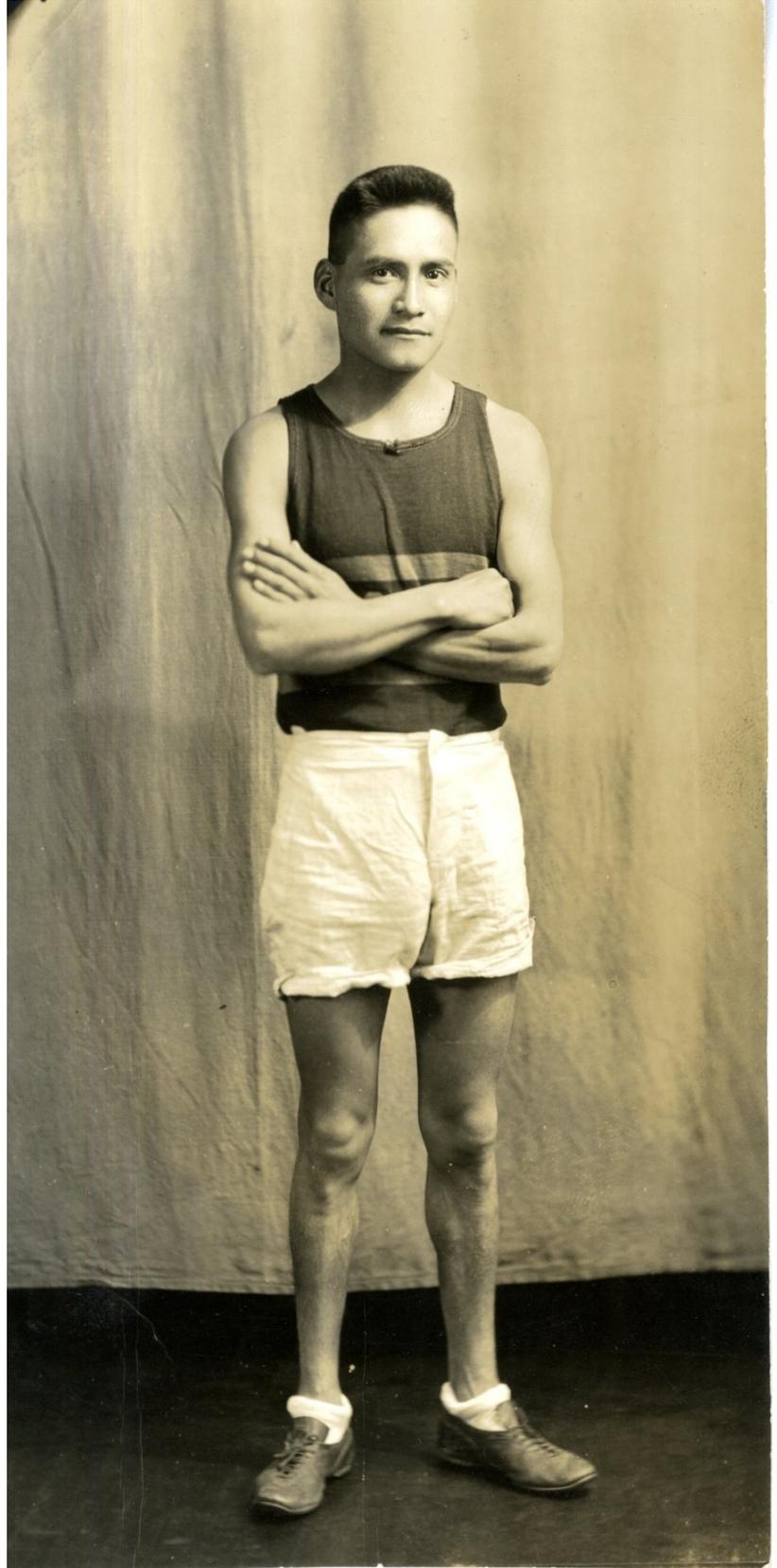
How do records from the National Archives at Kansas City relate to the Olympic Games? One of the athletes representing the United States in 1920 was a student at the Haskell Institute, an “offreservation” boarding school operated by the Office of Indian Affairs, whose records are maintained by the National Archives at Kansas City.

Amesoli Patasoni, a Zuni Indian born in New Mexico, enrolled as a student at the Haskell Institute in 1915. Like many other students at the school, Amesoli studied “prevocational” subjects such as gardening, farming, shoe and harness repairing, and farm carpentry. While his academic performance was acceptable, he excelled in athletics, specifically distance running. In 1920, Amesoli or “Patty” as the Haskell administrators called him, had been turning heads and winning races as he competed throughout the Midwest. Though his file does not list his competitive achievements, newspaper accounts and administrative correspondence indicate that he was successful enough to earn an invitation to the sectional Olympic tryouts held in Chicago, followed by the trials held in Boston. Newspapers noted “When he flashed away from the field, finishing the last quarter in 57 seconds, athletes and audiences were asking ‘Who is that Indian?’ and ‘Where is he from?’” Patasoni was so successful that he earned a place on the United States men’s Olympic team for the 1920 summer games in Antwerp, Belgium, competing in the men’s 10,000 meter race and the Individual Cross-Country competition. Although official record books list his race time as “DNF” (did not finish) for the Olympic competitions, at 19 years old, Amesoli Patasoni brought Haskell and Lawrence, Kansas, into the international limelight.

Amesoli continued to compete locally after his return to Haskell and participated in several national competitions across the country during the remainder of 1920 and 1921.

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Right: Amesoli Patasoni. RG 75 Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Haskell Indian Nations University, Photographs, 1900-1960. Photograph #50 (National Archives Identifier 285363).



Antwerp Belgium
Augt. 23. 1920.

Dear Mr. H. B. Peairs

We are now leaving for States on Wednesday Aug. 25. So before I leave here I will let you know that I am feeling pretty well. But sorry to say that I have lost my race. I hope you folks will not get discourage as you don't know what kind of a condition I was in when my race come. It was very bad weather and also I have never been in good condition ever since we left New York and after we landed we didn't have any training before we enter in our races. But most of us went through very fine in our team but those who were depend upon were not good as those who didn't.

We have been heard from other nations as far as I know. I will be there by September 10th or later. Nothing much to say only sending my best wishes to all and will see you soon.

I am yours friend.

Amesoli Patasoni.

American Olympic Team.

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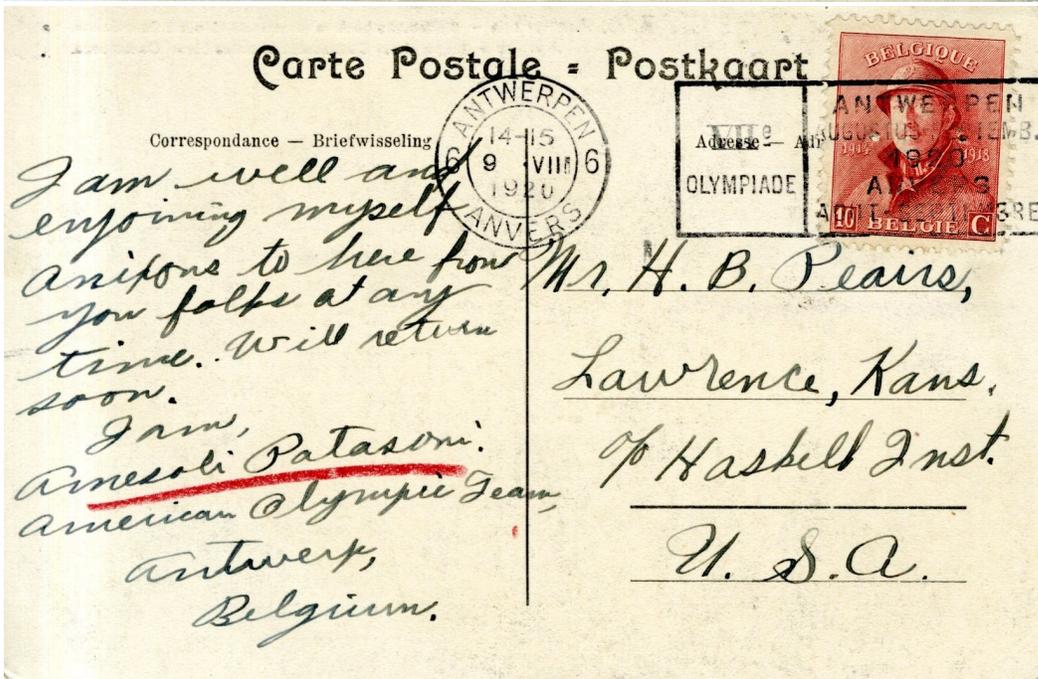
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Documents from Amesoli's student case file show that he held great pride in the fact that he was able to represent Haskell as an athlete and a competitor. So much so, that he wrote to school administrators in 1924 expressing his desire to again represent Haskell in Olympic competition. Unfortunately, he was told that he was too old to enroll again at the school as Haskell did not begin offering college level classes until 1927. Though further information about Amesoli Patasoni is difficult to find, his student case file serves as one valuable resource which highlights his athletic achievements and gives researchers a brief glimpse into the personal experiences of an Olympic athlete.



The National Archives at Kansas City maintains over 5,000 cubic feet of materials related to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For more information email kansascity.archives@nara.gov or research online at www.archives.gov/research.

Front and back image of a postcard sent by Amesoli Patasoni from Antwerp, Belgium during the 1920 Olympic Games. RG 75 Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Haskell Indian Nations University, Student Case Files, 1884-1980. Student Case File for Amesoli Patasoni (National Archives Identifier 592971).

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on weekends and Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather. The National Archives is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108.

The National Archives at Kansas City is home to historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by Federal agencies in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

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