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**TITLE:** Judge Larry Card Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2021.006

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: Photographs from reception held on 1 October 1993, newspaper clippings from various dates

Extent: 35 color photographs, 12 newspaper articles, ephemera

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Retired Anchorage Superior Court Judge Larry Card

**Administrative/Biographical History, per The HistoryMakers:**

Retired Judge Larry Card was born on October 23, 1947, in Liberal, Kansas to Mary and Kenneth Card. He graduated from Liberal High School in 1965 and went on to attend Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas, where he earned his B.A. degree in political science in 1969. He later received his J.D. degree from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1976.

Judge Card enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a commissioned second lieutenant in 1969, serving eight years of active duty and twelve years in the reserves. After earning his J.D. degree in 1976, Card moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where he worked as an assistant judge advocate for the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps. In 1981, Card entered private practice as a criminal defense attorney in Anchorage. He then worked as an organized crime drug enforcement task force assistant U.S. attorney and federal prosecutor from 1989 to 1991. Two years later, Card became the first African American attorney appointed as a superior court judge in the State of Alaska. There, he chaired the criminal pattern jury instructions committee, and was a member of the Supreme Court of Alaska Equal Access to Justice committee and domestic relations rules committee. Card became a senior Anchorage Superior

Court judge in 2006. He was also a member of the Alaska Judicial Council from 1993 to 2005. Following his retirement in 2017, Judge Card served as an adjunct professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Judge Card was a member of the Alaska Supreme Court's advisory committee on fairness and access. He also served on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Alaska. Card taught free community classes on legal issues with Law Day Academy, and served as a mentor for Color for Justice, an organization that encourages young women and youth of color to pursue careers in law. Card was a recipient of the U.S. Air Force Reserves commendation medal with oak leaf clusters, in addition to the National Defense Service Award.

Judge Card and his wife, Minnie E. Card, had three children: Larry II, Krista, and Kenneth.

Scope and Content Description: This collection records the reception following the installation of Judge Larry D. Card, the first Black Judge to serve on the Anchorage Superior Court, 1993 October 1, and includes newspaper clippings about both Judge Card's installation and some of the court cases he considered memorable.

Arrangement: Original order maintained, Box 1/1

#### **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Original items in good condition. They arrived on cardboard and foam core table display boards. Some photographs and documents were glued to dark green fabric covering the foam core, removed by Museum conservationists. Also donated were laminated newspaper clippings, which Museum archivists scanned, highlighting some of the court cases over which Judge Larry Card presided.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information: Donated by Retired Anchorage Superior Court Judge Larry Card

Separated Materials: Photographs of display boards in accession file folder.

## RELATED MATERIALS

## SUBJECTS

Card, Larry  
Card, Minnie  
Anchorage Superior Court  
The HistoryMakers

Detailed Description of the Collection

### Folder 1

- .1 – Judge Larry and Mrs. Minnie Card
- .2 – Kenneth and Minnie Card
- .3 – Kenneth Card, Larry Card II, Minnie Card, Judge Larry Card, Krista Card
- .4 – Left to Right: Charles W. Card [Judge Larry Card's brother], Virginia Card Smith [Judge Larry Card's sister], Marilyn Evans [Judge Larry Card's sister]
- .5 – Judge Larry Card and his secretary, Kathy Hamerick
- .6 – Left to Right: Janie Hayes [NAME Card's aunt, sister-in-law, Jessica Young, Aunt Odessa Branch, Aunt Luretha Reid
- .7 - Barbara Taylor and son, and Virginia Card Smith
- .8 – Left to right: Al Jenkins, Mayfield Evans and Willie Mae Evans, and Gloria Johnson, former head of Highland Mountain Correctional Center
- .9 – Larry Delano II, Judge Larry Card
- .10 – Left to Right: Judge Larry Card's Aunt Luretha and brother-in-law, Joe Myers with his grandson
- .11 – Judge Larry Card's sister, Marilyn, with Charles Card
- .12 – Minnie Card, Rose Foster, teacher, and principal, behind them: Retired Master Sergeant Jimmy Price, in between them: Krista [last name not provided]
- .13 – Attorney Charles Coe and John Gibbons, M. Ashley Dickerson's partner
- .14 – Kenneth Card, in what became Judge Larry Card's courtroom
- .15 – Left to Right: Governor Walter J. Hickel, Judge Larry Card, James Wanamaker
- .16 – M. Ashley Dickerson
- .17 – "Ready to go to work" *Anchorage Daily News* Bob Hallinen, photographer
- .18 –Virginia Card Smith [Judge Larry Card's sister, a nurse who became lawyer]

- .19 – Invitation to Judge Larry Card’s installation to the Superior Court of Alaska
- .20 – Program from reception for Judge Larry Card’s installation to the Superior Court of Alaska, 1993 October 1
- .21 – Photo of Supreme Court, Chief Justice in center. Left, Alex Brenner, Mike Wolverton, James Wanamaker, to right of Chief Justice, Karl Johnstone, Presiding Judge Larry Card
- .22 – Judge Larry Card’s business card
- .23 – Left to right: M. Ashley Dickerson, John Gibbons and Sylvia Gibbons
- .24 – Virginia at evening reception for Judge Larry Card at Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska, 1993 October 1
- .25 – Aunt Janie Hayes and her grandson and Aunt Luretha Reid
- .26 – Ret Chief Master Sargent Al Harvey and wife Starella Harvey
- .27 – Michael Spaan [former US Attorney] and Judge Larry Card
- .28 – Judge Larry Card’s neighbors, Tom and Elayne Lawson, with Judge Larry Card and Larry II
- .29 – Left to right: Willie Harris Butler, Judge Larry Card’s wife Minnie Card, and Celeste Simmons
- .30 – M. Ashley Dickerson and Mrs. Gibbons
- .31 – Brother Charles talking, in front Judge Larry Card’s neighbors Huong and Diep Phan, and Tom Lawson
- .32 – Mark Davis, who practiced law with Judge Larry Card, and Judge Larry Card’s neighbors Huong and Diep Phan
- .33 – Don Simmons [man speaking from lectern]
- .34 – Minnie Card and Aunt Janie
- .35 – Aunt Odessa from Omaha, Aunt Janie from Wichita, Aunt Luretha Reid
- .36 – [Banner across top of display board: “Thank you Judge Card Congratulations!”]  
Foam core display board with copies of a photograph of Judge Larry Card, copies of newspaper clippings, and handwritten notes and signatures from well-wishers.  
(Oversized)
- .37 – “Suspect explains odd tomb” by Sheila Toomey, *Anchorage Daily News*, May 4, 2004 Bill Roth, photographer
- .38 – “Padgett receives 99 years” by Sheila Toomey, *Anchorage Daily News*, January 12, 2005 Erik Hill, photographer
- .39 – “Picking judges” July 26, 1993
- .40 – “Governor gets no new choices to fill out court” by Sheila Toomey, *Anchorage Daily News* (publication date cut off clipping)
- .41 – “Man gets 77 years in wife’s murder” by Sheila Toomey, *Anchorage Daily News*, March 10, 2004
- .42A and .42B – “Card gets Superior Court seat” by Sheila Toomey, *Anchorage Daily News*, Fran Durner, photographer [Photograph of Judge Card holding child, Jamaica Renner. Handwritten note added: God-granddaughter]
- .43 – – “ALASKA” *USA TODAY*, [clipping about Governor Hickel naming two judges, Larry Card as the first Black person named to a state court]
- .44 – “Superior Court nominees” [Handwritten: Anchorage Daily News – 7-4 -93]

.45 – “Profile of a Superior Court Judge: An interview with Larry D. Card” *Business news Alaska*, Legal section, February 2000

.46 – “Wife-killing trial begins for Bob Dorr” by Sheila Toomey, *Anchorage Daily News*, October 12, 2006

.47 – “Jury asked to decide how trooper Heck died” by Patty Sullivan, *Anchorage Daily News*, February 28, 1998

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