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The papers of Frankie Muse Freeman (1916- ) lawyer, U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner, and author, are in 11 series: personal papers; correspondence; speeches by Frankie Freeman; Frankie Freeman law practice; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; United States Civil Rights Commission (USCRC); writings by others; subject files; newspaper clippings; photographs and audiovisual material. The bulk of the collection is composed of U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearings and other printed materials, and information on Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and other organizational affiliations both series covering the years of 1950 - 1980 roughly.

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Frankie Muse Freeman became the first African-American woman to win a civil rights case and helped establish the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Frankie Muse Freeman being sworn in as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in 1964. Getty Images. History & Culture. Longtime civil rights leader, lawyer and activist Frankie Muse Freeman died Friday (Jan. 12, 2018). She was 101. Her death was confirmed Friday night by her daughter, Shelbe Patricia Bullock. "She went peacefully with her family beside her," Bullock said. "We ask for privacy until Sunday so we can plan services. She was a marvelous, warm woman, and we want to send her off in a good way." Mrs. Freeman, raised in a segregated town in Virginia, once said she wanted to become a lawyer to change the world she lived in. She did.