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Abstract:	The Vulcan Society is a fraternal organization of black firefighters employed by the New York City Fire Department (NYCFD). The bulk of the collection, 1961 to 1994, consists of minutes, correspondence, newsletters, souvenir journals, newspaper clippings, and other printed matter. A few folders contain correspondence and a flyer from the NYCFD. There is also information on a 1986, lawsuit brought by the Vulcan Society on behalf of present and future black firefighters who sued the NYCFD in order to redress employment discrimination based on race and color. Vincent Julius' comments on the suit as well as a chronology of the society are included in this collection. There is also documentation on pioneer black firefighters in this collection including William H. Nicholson, the first black firefighter employed by the NYCFD in 1898.
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