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Abstract:	Born in 1950 in Nassawadox, Virginia, Wilmer Ames was best known as the founder, and editor-in-chief of Emerge, a monthly newsmagazine which addressed social, political and economic issues from a black perspective. Emerge targeted upwardly mobile blacks and covered popular news stories of the day, as well as in-depth portraits of leading figures in the 1990s including Louis Farrakhan, Jesse Jackson, and Clarence Thomas. The collection contains biographical information for Ames, published articles and research materials for Time, Sports Illustrated, typescripts for a pilot television series, personal and professional correspondence with editors, reviews, a manuscript for the book <u>Chuck Norris: Being Physically and Mentally Fit</u> (which he co-authored.) The bulk of the collection concerns the formation and development of Emerge. Found here are board minutes and memoranda, detailed plans, proposals, financial records, advertising and marketing plans and articles submitted to and published in the magazine.

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Subject:	Black Journalists, news, magazines.

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