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Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS-64

COLLECTION TITLE: Ralph Sampson Trading Card Collection

DATES: 1982-1990

SIZE: 4 items

DONOR: Jon Marque Blubaugh

PROCESSED: 4/14/06

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Born 7 July 1960, in Harrisonburg, the 7'4" Ralph Lee Sampson was one of the most heavily recruited basketball players of his generation at both the collegiate and professional levels. After a stellar career at Harrisonburg High School, he attended the University of Virginia where he led the Cavaliers to a National Invitational Tournament (NIT) title. The Houston Rockets made the three-time Naismith Award winner their number one draft pick. Sampson played for the Rockets from 1983 to 1988, earning Rookie of the Year honors and three trips to the NBA All-Star Game. Hampered by knee injuries, Sampson was traded by the Rockets to the Golden State Warriors in 1988. One year later, the Warriors traded Sampson to the Sacramento Kings. Sampson finished his NBA career in 1991-1992 with the Washington Bullets.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

Collection consists of four trading cards relating to Ralph Sampson's basketball career. Three of the cards pertain to Sampson's professional NBA career with the Golden State Warriors, Houston Rockets, and Sacramento Kings. Another card contains a schedule for the University of Virginia's basketball team during the 1982-1983 season.

The cards originally were part of the HRHS museum collection and were transferred to the archives in 2002.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

1982-1983 card with photograph of Sampson and UVA coach Terry Holland
1987 card by Fleer featuring Sampson with the Houston Rockets
1988 card by Fleer featuring Sampson with the Golden State Warriors
1990 card by NBA Properties featuring Sampson with the Sacramento Kings

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Sampson Surname File, HRHS Genealogy Library