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Colors: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black, brown
(PMS 175), yellow (PMS 143), and black intaglio

Overall Size: 0.99 x 0.56 inches or
25.15 x 39.62 millimeters

Format: Sheet of 50

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Percy Lavon Julian Commemorative Stamp

Percy Lavon Julian (1899–1975) was a distinguished scientist and chemical researcher. In 1990, Dr. Julian was inducted into the prestigious National Inventors Hall of Fame.

In 1973, Dr. Percy Lavon Julian was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, an unusual accolade for an individual researcher. But that vote of appreciation—like the 14 honorary degrees he was awarded—testified to Dr. Julian's outstanding accomplishments as an organic chemist.

This latest stamp in the Black Heritage series shows two views of Dr. Julian: a portrait and a picture of the scientist, wearing a lab coat, with two beakers. His countless hours in the laboratory enabled him to produce numerous drugs that have advanced medical research and treatment.

Among his achievements was the development of a drug called Compound S. Created out of soybeans, it is a synthetic cortisone for treating rheumatoid arthritis and other ailments. Another soybean-derived product became part of a firefighting solution widely used by the U.S. Navy in World War II.

The scientist received his master's degree from Harvard and his doctorate from the University of Vienna. For 17 years, he was a researcher at the Glidden Co. of Chicago. In 1953, he established Julian Laboratories, Inc., an international group of pharmaceutical companies.



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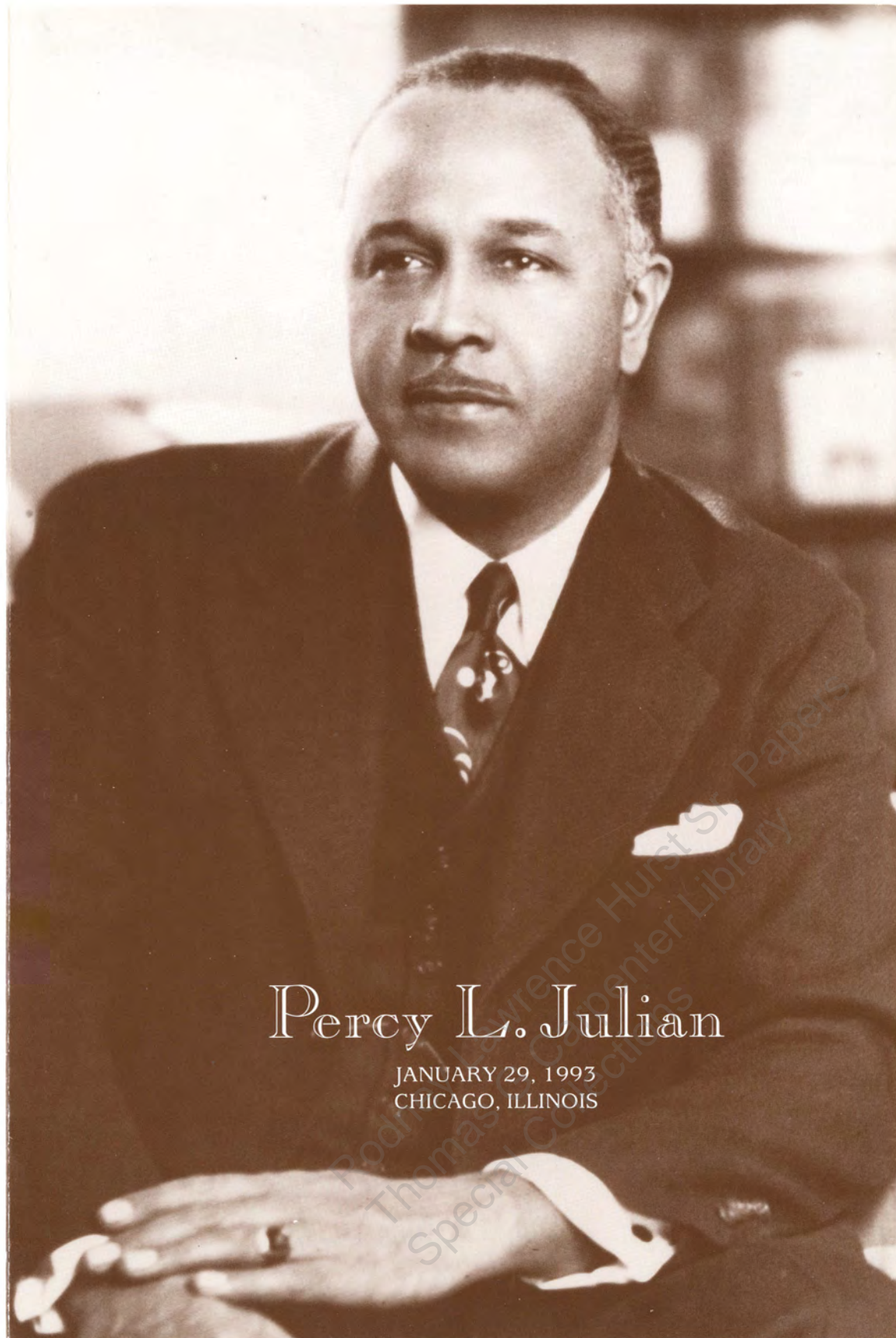
His synthesis of cortisone for arthritis, a drug for glaucoma and synthesis of progesterone won acclaim.

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Percy L. Julian

JANUARY 29, 1893
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Presiding *Jimmie Mason*
Chicago District Manager
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National Anthem *Roger Scanlan*
Chair of Voice Department
Roosevelt University/Chicago Musical College

Welcome *Dr. Theodore L. Gross*
President
Roosevelt University

Introduction of Distinguished Guests *Jimmie Mason*

Dedication of Stamp *Veronica O. Collazo*
Vice President
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Musical Interlude *Percy Julian High School Mixed Chorus*
Choral Director: *Lois B. Moore*

Remarks *Dr. Rolf A. Weil*
President Emeritus
Roosevelt University
Percy L. Julian, Jr.

Presentation of Albums *Veronica O. Collazo*

Honored Guests *Dr. Anna J. Julian*
Faith Julian



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Born April 11, 1899, in Montgomery, Alabama, Percy L. Julian is best known for his achievements in chemistry, producing chemicals in the laboratory previously only available from nature. His work with chemicals used to make sex hormones led to improved treatment for some forms of cancer and pregnancy disorders. These and other chemicals Dr. Julian produced in the laboratory, including cortisone, which relieves arthritis pain, became less expensive to manufacture and more widely available through his research.

The latest addition to the Black Heritage Series, the Percy Lavon Julian stamp, was designed by Higgins Bond of Teaneck, New Jersey.

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