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I was going through my Mother's cedar chest, and she kept a lot of things that belonged to my brothers and myself. I was looking through a small box that my oldest brother Dan had. I was going through his things and I came across this newspaper and I looked at it and it was about the first black boxing champion, Jack Johnson. I looked at it and I thought, "this is something," because I know there had been a movie made about him and so when I opened this paper I was surprised I said, "wow", because the paper is dated before my brother was born so I don't know how he got the paper but the fact is he had that and I thought, "this was really some history." Thinking about what Mr. Anderson wanted... for us to bring something antique, and I thought, "this is about as antique that I think I'm going to get ahold of." I didn't know if it would be right but I put it in the envelope to bring it to you and I'm glad that I did now because everyone seemed to be really interested. I'm so proud of my brothers. I was the baby sister and I just admired anything, I was just happy about anything my brothers had or did so that's why I brought that today because I want Dan, it was him who had it, and I want him to get the credit for this. That's why I brought it. I really don't know where he got it. Like I said, the paper is old, you can see the date on it. The paper actually is even before my brother was born. I don't know where he got it. Now my brother is deceased so I have no way of ever finding out. He got it, knowing that that was history and he kept it. It's just like myself, when there's something fascinating, or something that you like, you want to hold onto it you keep it. That's why he had it. It's good because by him keeping it, and for me to see that, there's no way that I would have ever thought that I could bring it to something like this, to have it seen. But that's history that was wonderful that he did keep it. I got ahold of it and I'm bringing it to you so that now you can do what you do, post it, and it'll be for everyone to be able to see. What I think is good is the fact that there was someone who kept something that was important rather than discarding it. It was something to keep. And I'm just glad that my brother held onto it.