KELLEY, WILLIAM MELVIN, 1937-
William Melvin Kelley family papers

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Kelley, William Melvin, 1937-
Title: William Melvin Kelley family papers
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1038
Extent: 12 linear ft. (12 boxes) and AV Masters: 1.25 linear ft. (2 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of African American author William Melvin Kelley and his family, including business and family correspondence, writings, photographs, and printed material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
Unrestricted access.

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Source
Gift, 2006.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], William Melvin Kelley family papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing
Unprocessed collection.
Collection Description

Biographical Note
William Melvin Kelley (1937- ), African American author. He is the son of newspaper editor William Melvin Kelley, Sr. (1894-1958) and the brother of chemist Sinah Estelle Kelley (1916- ).

Scope and Content Note
The collection contains the papers of William Melvin Kelley, William Melvin Kelley, Sr., and Sinah Estelle Kelley. The papers include business and family correspondence, writings, photographs, and printed material.

Arrangement Note
Unprocessed collection.
## Container List

### Family papers

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### Video Journals

| AV1 | - | Video Journal, No. 1, February 18-24, 1989 [original: VHS]  
[Reading Room access only: id pn7hs] |
| AV1 | - | Video Journal, No. 2, February 26-March 23, 1989 (includes Elizabeth Catlett Mora) [original: VHS]  
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| AV1 | - | Video Journal, No. 5, September 5, 1989-August 4, 1990 [original: VHS]  
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### Family Tapes

| AV1 | - | Family Tape No 1, January 27-February 3, 1989 [original: VHS]  
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| AV1 | - | Family Tape No 2, February 3-5, 1989 (Baby Cherlonda turning 2) [original: VHS]  
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AV1 - Family Tape No 8, October 14, 1989-January 13, 1990 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Family Tape No 10, September 11, 1990-February 17, 1991 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Family Tape No 11, March 31-July 28, 1991 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Family Tape No 12, June 19-September, 1991 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Family Tape No 13, October 30, 1991-June 4, 1992 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Family Tape No 14, August 1992-May 29, 1994; December 9-20, 1996 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Family Tape No 14 #: January 1997 (camera trouble) [original: VHS]
[Reading Room access only: id pn78t]

AV1 - Family Tape No 15: November 12, 1995 (Blossim's Party) [original: VHS]
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**Other**

AV2 - Honky-Tonk Bud: An Urban Folk Legend, by Scott Laster Association, 1985 (10
minutes) and Excavating Harlem by Kelly/Bull Productions, May 1988 (20
minutes) [original: VHS]
[Reading Room access only: id pnhc2]

AV1 - Image Continuum, No. 1, February 10, 1989 [original: VHS]
[Reading Room access only: id pn7gn]

AV1 - Mora, Elizabeth Catlett, "Childhood and Before," April 5, 1989, by William M.
Kelley [original: VHS]
[Reading Room access only: id pn7k2]

AV1 - Spirit Women/Ghost Dancers, Aiki and D. Goring, by William M. Kelley, April
23, 1989 [original: VHS]
[Reading Room access only: id pn7jx]

AV2 - New York City to Taos Pueblo New Mexico 87571 and Back Again, by William
M. Kelley, April 21, 1989 [original: VHS]
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AV2 - MS DL in Taos New Mexico 87571, June 1989 [original: VHS]
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AV2 - Ten Paintings by Bill Hutson, November 2, 1991, by William M. Kelley (13 minutes) [original: VHS]
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AV2 - Christmas 1991 at Edgecomb Avenue, by William M. Kelley, December 25, 1991 (11 minutes) [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Etchitty & Manygoats, Navajo Craftswomen, April 1992, by Pete Manygoats [original: VHS]
[Reading Room access only: id pn97w]
AV2 - William Melvin Kelley reading at Temple University, Introduction by David Bradley, September 26, 1991 (68 minutes) [original: VHS]
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AV2 - William Melvin Kelley, "Ebonics: Black English or Bad English, Clarification and Ramifications, January 13, 1997 [original: VHS]
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Interviews

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AV2 - Sauerwein, Henry A., Jr., Director H. Wurlitzer Foundation of New Mexico, "Ancestry and Childhood," by William M. Kelley, June 18, 1989 (59 minutes) [original: VHS]
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AV2 - Grierson, Letitia, "Childhood in Scotland: Coming to America," by William M. Kelley, February 24, 1991 (38 minutes) [original: VHS]
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AV2 - Travels with Brother Andre, August 28, 1990-November 17, 1991 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Prairie Flower in Harlem New York City, June 19-July 1991, by William M. Kelley [original: VHS]
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