

AVANT, MAMIE WADE.
Mamie Wade Avant papers, 1930-1982

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Avant, Mamie Wade.
Title: Mamie Wade Avant papers, 1930-1982
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 887
Extent: 1.75 linear ft. (3 boxes) and 1 oversized papers folder (OP)
Abstract: Papers of African American fortune teller Mamie Wade Avant relating to fortune-telling and her involvement with Masonic organizations.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

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Citation

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Appraisal Note

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Mamie Wade Avant was an African American fortune teller who lived in Savannah, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Mamie Wade Avant relating to fortune-telling and her involvement with Masonic organizations. The papers include a small amount of personal correspondence, printed pamphlets, Eastern Star materials, handwritten cures and recipes, jewelry, photographs, books, and a crystal ball. A number of pamphlets that are a part of this collection have been cataloged.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by document type.

Container List

Personal papers

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Bulletin, dedication service of the Second Avenue Baptist Church, Coosawhatchie, South Carolina, September 1982
1	2	Correspondence, 1935-1941
1	3	Evening Call Aid and Social Club constitution and bylaws
1	4	Fortune-telling cards
1	5	Membership application, St. John Grand Lodge
1	6	Membership certificates [Edward Wade], St. John Grand Lodge, 1930, 1937
1	7	Pamphlet, "Why and How You Should Read the Bible," American Tract Society
1	8	Photograph of an unidentified child
OP1	1	Photograph of an unidentified man and woman [Mamie Wade Avant?]
OP1	1	Portrait of an unidentified girl [Mamie Wade Avant?]
1	9	Spells and charms [handwritten]
1	10	Syllabus of the Eastern Star Queen of the South and Amaranth degrees

Ephemera

1	11	Bracelet
1	12	Brooch
1	13	Cross
2	1	Crystal ball
1	14	Lapel Ribbon, International Order Brith Sholom of America, Stone Lodge #1, Savannah, Georgia
1	15	Mamie Wade Avant monogrammed pin
1	16	Order of the Eastern Star Good Luck coin
1	17	Order of the Eastern Star pendant
1	18	Order of the Eastern Star pin
1	19	Order of the Eastern Star ring
1	20	Our Lady of Mt. Caramel charm
1	21	Pendants
1	22	Purse
3	-	Books [some annotated]
