

**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.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on access**

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#### **Source**

Purchase, 2001.

#### **Citation**

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#### **Processing**

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

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

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**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.

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## 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]

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