Descriptive Summary

Creator: Blake, J. Herman.
Title: J. Herman Blake and Emily L. Moore papers, 1882-2016 [bulk 1966-2016]
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1357
Extent: 10 linear feet (20 boxes), 2 oversized papers boxes (OP), 1 bound volume (BV) AV Masters: 1.5 linear feet (2 boxes, CLP3 and CLP4), and Born digital material: 1.44 megabytes (MB)
Abstract: Papers of African American scholars and educators J. Herman Blake and Emily L. Moore primarily consisting of materials relating to Blake’s research on the Black Panther Party and the Sea Islands of South Carolina.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
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Related Materials in Other Repositories
Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation collection, Stanford University Libraries

Separated Material
The Rose Library also holds books formerly owned by J. Herman Blake. These materials may be located in Emory University's online catalog by searching for: Blake, J. Herman, former owner.

Related Materials in This Repository
Black Panther Party collection

Source
Black Panther Party materials purchased from J. Herman Blake and Emily L. Moore in 2016. Sea Islands research files purchased from J. Herman Blake and Emily L. Moore in 2018.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], J. Herman Blake and Emily L. Moore papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Appraisal Note
Acquired by Pellom McDaniels, Curator of African American collections, as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American culture and history. Some family material and documents relating specifically to Dr. Emily Moore’s individual scholarship were returned to the donors.

Processing
Arranged and described at the folder level by Sarah Quigley, May 2016.

Born digital materials were processed by Sarah Quigley and Dorothy Waugh in 2017. Born digital materials included one floppy disk containing two Word Perfect files. The two files were extracted from forensic images of the disk and were scanned for viruses using McAfee's anti-virus software. Both files were migrated to PDF to create access copies. Files have been screened for private information. File names have been maintained.

The Sea Islands research files were arranged and described at the file and item levels by Sarah Quigley, May 2018.

Collection Description

Biographical Note
John Herman Blake was born in Mount Vernon, New York, on March 15, 1934, one of seven children raised by single mother Lylace E. Blake. He is married to Dr. Emily Moore. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War, then attended college on the G.I.
Bill, studying sociology at New York University. He received his master's degree and Ph.D., both in sociology, from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1966, he began work at the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) as Assistant Professor of Sociology; he was the first African American on the university's faculty. He was an expert witness for the defense during Huey P. Newton's 1968 trial for the killing of Oakland, California, police officer John Frey. In 1972, Blake was founding provost of Oakes College, a residential college on the campus of UCSC focusing on diversity and social justice education. From 1984-1987, he was President of Tougaloo College (Tougaloo, Mississippi) and has held teaching and administrative positions at such institutions as Swarthmore College (Swarthmore, Pennsylvania), Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana), and Iowa State University (Ames, Iowa). In addition to his scholarship on Huey P. Newton and the Black Panther Party, Blake is an expert on the Gullah culture of South Carolina and Georgia and has served as Scholar in Residence and Director of the Sea Island Institute at the University of South Carolina.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of J. Herman Blake and Emily L. Moore from 1882-2016 (bulk 1966-2016) and primarily contains research files relating to Blake's co-authorship of Huey P. Newton's autobiography, *Revolutionary Suicide*, and research files on the culture of the Sea Islands off the coast of South Carolina. The Black Panther Party files include interviews, research files, and publication files. Interviews between Newton and Blake in which they discuss Newton's childhood, education, political awakening, personal philosophies and ethos of the Black Panther Party, and his trial for the killing of police officer John Frey. There are also interviews with Newton's family, including his parents Armelia and Walter, his brothers Melvin and Lee Edward, and his sisters Leola and Doris; Black Panthers James Carr, David Hilliard, Bobby Seale (interviewed by Don Freed), and John Seale; reporter Alex Hoffman; and college classmates Tommy and Tamara Reed. Research and other files contain correspondence, printed material about Newton and the Black Panther Party, photographs, materials relating to the lawsuits *The People v. Huey P. Newton* and *J. Herman Blake v. Stronghold Consolidated Productions*, writings by Newton and others about the Panthers, and other articles by Blake about Newton and the Black Panthers. Publishing files include correspondence, manuscript drafts, notes and outlines, and other materials relating to publishing Revolutionary Suicide.

The Sea Islands research files document Blake's scholarship on the Sea Islands of South Carolina. Research participant and interview files contain recordings of interviews Blake conducted with residents of Daufuskie Island and some personal documents given to Blake by interviewees. Research files include correspondence, printed material, photographs, writings by Blake and others, field notes by Blake and his research assistants, recordings of events, and records from various Sea Islands organizations, such as the Penn Center on St. Helena Island and a Daufuskie Island chapter of the Knights of Pythias. The series also includes files of the Kinte Library Project, a collaboration between Blake and author Alex Haley to gather and preserve oral histories and archival materials documenting life on the Sea Islands.

Other papers primarily contains writings by Emily L. Moore relating to her work and scholarship on faculty development and diversity and inclusion in higher education. There is also a significant collection of sheet music for minstrel songs with covers depicting stereotypical caricatures of African American men and women.
**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type, then in chronological or alphabetical order.
Description of Series

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Series 1
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Scope and Content Note
The series consists of materials about the Black Panther Party from 1966-2010, primarily compiled by J. Herman Blake while co-writing Huey P. Newton's autobiography, *Revolutionary Suicide*. The series is predominately interviews between Newton and Blake in which they discuss Newton's childhood, education, political awakening, personal philosophies and ethos of the Black Panther Party, and his trial for the killing of police officer John Frey. There are also interviews with Newton's family, including his parents Armelia and Walter, his brothers Melvin and Lee Edward, and his sisters Leola and Doris; Black Panthers James Carr, David Hilliard, Bobby Seale (interviewed by Don Freed), and John Seale; reporter Alex Hoffman; and college classmates Tommy and Tamara Reed. Unless otherwise noted, all interviews were conducted by Blake. There are additional recordings of Newton during press conferences, at speaking engagements at Yale University (New Haven, Connecticut) and Merritt College (Oakland, California), and on the radio. Many tapes also include recordings of Blake summarizing interviews that were not recorded or reflecting on his experiences during interviews. The earliest interviews between Newton and Blake were conducted while Newton was still in prison at California's Men's Colony and could not be recorded; the collection includes Blake's notes, made afterward and verified by Newton at subsequent meetings.

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1 2 1968 August 12, Huey P. Newton interviews by Blake, Jerome Skolnick and Charles Garry in Alameda County Jail, transcript [1 of 2]

1 3 1968 August 12, Huey P. Newton interviews by Blake, Jerome Skolnick and Charles Garry in Alameda County Jail, transcript [2 of 2]

1 4 1968 October 17, Huey P. Newton interview on KPFA, transcript

1 5 1969 March-November, Huey P. Newton at the California Men's Colony (San Luis Obispo), J. Herman Blake typed notes

1 6 1970 February-July, Huey P. Newton at the California Men's Colony (San Luis Obispo), J. Herman Blake handwritten notes

AV1 - 1970 July 5, Melvin Newton (RS-2) [original: open reel] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rrxqz] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rrz5v]

1 7 1970 July 5, Melvin Newton, transcript

1 8 1970 July 15, Leola Carr, transcript

AV1 - 1970 July 29, James Carr, first reactions and thoughts on release from prison [original: open reel] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rrxxs] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rrxmj]

1 9 1970 July 29, James Carr, first reactions and thoughts on release from prison, transcript

Includes release form and letter from prison, December 4, 1971.


1 10 1970 August 12, Huey P. Newton, "Message to the National Liberation Front," transcript

1 11 1970 August 12, Huey P. Newton, "Proportional Representation in a Socialist Framework," transcript

AV1 - 1970 August 17, Huey P. Newton, release from prison (RS-4 side one and two) [original: open reel] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rrxg0] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rrx99]

2 1 1970 August 17, Huey P. Newton, release from prison, transcript

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1970 August 26, Huey P. Newton press conference (RS-5 side one) [original: open reel]
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1970 September 15, J. Herman Blake, "Memorandum to the file," transcript

1970 September 30, J. Herman Blake reporting on first interview with Armelia and Walter Newton, Sr., transcript

1970 October 3, Alex Hoffman (RS-5 side one and two) [original: open reel]
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1970 October 3, Alex Hoffman, transcript

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1970 October 9, David Hilliard, transcript

1970 October 11, Huey P. Newton (RS-8 side one and two) [original: open reel]
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1970 October 13, Huey P. Newton at Merritt College, transcript
Includes memo from Blake regarding altercation with man in audience.

1970 October 14, J. Herman Blake, "Memorandum: On Richard Aoki," transcript

1970 October 14, Huey P. Newton, transcript

1970 October 16, Huey P. Newton; 1970 October 16, J. Herman Blake, "Memorandum: On Doris Godfrey" (RS-9 side two) [original: open reel]
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1970 October 18, Huey P. Newton (RS-12 side one and two) [original: open reel]
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| 4  | 4 | "The Black Panther Party," publication, 1966 |
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| 4  | 9 | Blake, J. Herman, "Is the Black Panther Party Suicidal," 1970 [Review of Valentine article] |
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| 4  | 10 | California Men's Colony, Communicator, 1970 March-July |
| 4  | 11 | California Men's Colony, "Summary of Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Mail and Visits," 1968 |
| 4  | 12 | Clippings about Blake, 1968 |
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Correspondence marked as important by Blake. Includes letters to and from Eldridge Cleaver, Alex Haley, Huey Newton, Betty Shabazz and others. The letter from Cleaver discusses his release from Soledad prison, the prison's African history and culture class, his job with *Ramparts*, and plans for publication of his book *Soul on Ice*. Correspondence with Alex Haley relates to Blake's request for advice on writing a biography. Other letters document requests for interviews or other information about Black Panther Party activities and experiences. Some letters originally in this file have been moved to the folder of publication correspondence as they relate directly to negotiating the publishing contract for *Revolutionary Suicide*.


"Greater Love Hath No Man: The Panther," undated

Ideological Institute, 1970-1971

Ideological Institute, 1971 March 13

Intercommunal Youth Institute planning documents, 1971

*J. Herman Blake v. Stronghold Consolidated Productions*, correspondence and financial records, 1972-1978


Magazines, 1971

National Lawyers Guild invitation to reception honoring Charles R. Garry, 1970

Newton Cleaver Defense Committee, letter, undated

Newton, Huey P., "Essays from the Minister of Defense," circa 1968

Newton, Huey P., obituaries, 1989

Newton, Huey P., "On Jealousy," undated

Newton, Huey P., "On the Party, the Family, the Society, and the Commune," undated

Newton, Huey P., "Prison Where Is Thy Victory?" undated

Newton, Huey P., speech at Boston College, 1970 November 18

Newton, Huey P., speech at New York Community College, 1970 November 19

Newton, Huey P., University of California, Santa Cruz application essay, undated


Panther day care center, planning documents, undated

*People v. Huey P. Newton*, appellant's opening brief, undated

*People v. Huey P. Newton*, reporter's transcript, 1968 September 27

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Photographs, circa 1970-1972
Revolutionary memorial services programs, George Jackson and Jonathan P. Jackson, James McClain and William Christmas, 1971

Originally inside box with audio recording of memorial services.


"Zenowich on Panthers," 1970

Publication files

Book jacket, circa 1973

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