

DELORME, GRACE.

Grace DeLorme papers, 1896-1988.

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: DeLorme, Grace.
Title: Grace DeLorme papers, 1896-1988.
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 910
Extent: 9.5 linear feet (10 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of Grace McKinley Holmes DeLorme, an African American educator from Atlanta, and her family. The collection includes correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, and printed material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Source

Purchased from Yesteryear Book Shop, 2001.

Custodial History

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Appraisal Note

Acquired by Curator of African American Collections, Randall K. Burkett, as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American culture and history.

Processing

Arranged and described at the file level by Jina DuVernay, March 2019.

Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Grace McKinley Holmes DeLorme was born on March 3, 1906 to Colonel Thomas W. Holmes, a prominent attorney, and Mayme McKinley Holmes. Grace's great grandmother, Mary, took the surname McKinley after being emancipated from her enslaver Dr. Willingham. Grace grew up in Atlanta, Georgia with her sister, Louise. Louise eventually married Dr. Alfonso Elder, the second president of North Carolina College at Durham (presently known as North Carolina Central University).

Grace received her Bachelors of Arts from Atlanta University (Atlanta, Georgia) in 1926, graduating with honors, and received her Master of Science from the same institution in 1933. She was a biology instructor at Spelman College from 1929 to 1941. Grace later worked as an air raid warden and instructor and in 1966 she became a teacher at Operation Head Start.

She was the president of the Gate City Day Nursery Association and the first president of the Grady Homes Community Girls Club. She was also a member of Jack and Jill of America and the Atlanta Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Grace married Gilbert Earle DeLorme, district manager of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, on December 23, 1929. The couple had one son, Brown University alumnus and attorney, Gilbert DeLorme, Jr., on January 2, 1945.

Grace McKinley Holmes DeLorme died on June 17, 1997.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Grace DeLorme from 1896-1988 and includes correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, and printed material relating to the Atlanta Life Insurance Company and historically Black colleges and universities, such as Atlanta University, Spelman College, and North Carolina College at Durham. Material also relates to family and friends including Colonel Thomas W. Holmes, Gilbert DeLorme, Sr., Dr. Alfonso Elder, and Dr. Samuel Nabrit.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
10	1	Blueprints of DeLorme home, 1955
8	1	Certificate, 1929
1	1	Certificate, 1942
1	2	Certificate, 1963
10	2	Certificates, circa 1926-1945
1	3	Clipping, circa 1949
1	4	Clippings, Samuel M. Nabrit, 1955-1991
1	5	Correspondence, circa 1928-1987
7	1	Photograph album, friends and family, circa 1898-1948
9	1	Photograph album, Gilbert DeLorme, Jr., circa 1945
6	1	Photograph album, unidentified, circa 1950-1962
1	6	Photographs, Alfonso Elder, circa 1918
8	2	Photographs, Atlanta Life Insurance Company, 1922, 1929
1	7	Photographs, friends and family, circa 1900-1949
1	8	Photographs, Gilbert and Grace DeLorme's homes, circa 1930-1959
1	9	Photographs, Gilbert DeLorme, Jr., circa 1945-1965
1	10	Photographs, Gilbert DeLorme, Sr., circa 1923-1959
1	11	Photographs, Grace Holmes DeLorme, circa 1908-1926
2	1	Photographs, Grace Holmes DeLorme, circa 1945-1970
2	2	Photographs, grandparents and extended family, circa 1880s
2	3	Photographs, Louise Holmes Elder, circa 1940-1959
2	4	Photographs, Lucia Jean Bacote, circa 1949-1950
2	5	Photographs, Thomas W. Holmes and Mayme McKinley, circa 1900-1955
8	3	Photographs, unidentified, circa 1896-1940
2	6	Photographs, unidentified, circa 1900-1950
2	7	Photographs, unidentified, circa 1926-1975
2	8	Photographs, unidentified, circa 1936-1959
2	9	Photographs, unidentified, circa 1985
2	10	Photographs, vacation, circa 1940-1964
3	1	Printed material, Alfonso Elder, circa 1944
3	2	Printed material, <i>The American Front Magazine</i> , circa 1947-1949
3	3	Printed material, article reprints, 1934, 1968
3	4	Printed material, The Atlanta Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, circa 1951-1993
3	5	Printed material, Atlanta Negro Voters League, undated
3	6	Printed material, Atlanta University, circa 1922-1949

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| 3 | 7 | Printed material, Atlanta University, circa 1925-1955 |
| 3 | 8 | Printed material, Atlanta University, 1926 |
| 3 | 9 | Printed material, Atlanta University, circa 1933-1988 |
| 3 | 10 | Printed material, Clark Atlanta University, 1993 |
| 3 | 11 | Printed material, Claudia White Herald, 1951 |
| 3 | 12 | Printed material, Dillard University, 1949 |
| 3 | 13 | Printed material, First Congregational Church, 1937-1970 |
| 3 | 14 | Printed material, Form of meeting, undated |
| 4 | 1 | Printed material, Friendship Baptist Church, 1982 |
| 4 | 2 | Printed material, Gate City Nursery Association, 1980-1985 |
| 4 | 3 | Printed material, Grace L. Hewell, National Association for Public Continuing and Adult Education, 1975 |
| 4 | 4 | Printed material, India DeLaine Amos, 1979 |
| 4 | 5 | Printed material, Jack and Jill of America, circa 1950-1953 |
| 4 | 6 | Printed material, Kappa Boule Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, 1985-1986 |
| 4 | 7 | Printed material, Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, circa 1985-1986 |
| 4 | 8 | Printed material, "More About Black Americans," 1985 |
| 4 | 9 | Printed material, Morehouse College, 1930-1995 |
| 4 | 10 | Printed material, Morris Brown College, 1926-1990 |
| 4 | 11 | Printed material, The Ninettes, 1967 |
| 4 | 12 | Printed material, periodicals, circa 1945-1978 |
| 4 | 13 | Printed material, programs, circa 1950-1985 |
| 4 | 14 | Printed material, speech and meeting minutes, circa 1972-1980 |
| 4 | 15 | Printed material, Spelman College, circa 1928-1930 |
| 4 | 16 | Printed material, Spelman College, circa 1934-1935 |
| 5 | 1 | Printed material, Spelman College, circa 1937-1941 |
| 5 | 2 | Printed material, Spelman College, circa 1937-1982 |
| 5 | 3 | Printed material, Wheat Street Baptist Church Silver Anniversary Book, circa 1937-1962 |
| 5 | 4 | Scrapbook, Atlanta University, circa 1925-1926 |
| 9 | 2 | Scrapbook, The North Carolina College at Durham, circa 1960 |
| 8 | 4 | Subject file, Alfonso Elder, 1920 |
| 5 | 5 | Subject file, Alfonso Elder, circa 1926-1956 |
| 8 | 5 | Subject file, Gilbert DeLorme, Jr., circa 1950 |
| 8 | 6 | Subject file, Gilbert DeLorme, Sr., circa 1955 |
| 5 | 6 | Subject file, Samuel M. Nabrit, circa 1927-1983 |
| 5 | 7 | Subject file, Samuel M. Nabrit, circa 1964-1985 |
| 8 | 7 | Subject file, Thomas W. Holmes (Colonel), circa 1940 |