

# DUNNIGAN, ALICE ALLISON, 1906- Alice Allison Dunnigan papers, 1958-1981

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## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Dunnigan, Alice Allison, 1906-  
**Title:** Alice Allison Dunnigan papers, 1958-1981  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 929  
**Extent:** 1.25 linear ft. (3 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Papers of African American journalist and author, Alice Allison Dunnigan from 1958-1981, including correspondence, financial records, photographs, printed material, subject files, and writings by Dunnigan.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Administrative Information

### Restrictions on access

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### Related Materials in Other Repositories

Alice A. Dunnigan papers, Howard University, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Washington, D.C.

### Source

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**Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], Alice Allison Dunnigan papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

**Processing**

Processed by Teresa Burk, September 2003.

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

Alice Allison Dunnigan, African American journalist and author, was born in Russellville, Kentucky in 1906 and died in Washington, D.C. in 1983. After teaching school and working as a writer for several Kentucky newspapers, Dunnigan moved to Washington, D.C., where, from 1947 to 1961, she served as chief of the Washington bureau of the Associated Negro Press. Dunnigan was named education consultant to the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity in 1961 and was an associate editor with the President's Council on Youth Opportunity from 1967 to 1970. Dunnigan was the first black female member of the Senate and House of Representatives press galleries (1947), and the first black female White House correspondent in 1948. She was also the first black elected to the Women's National Press Club. In 1974 she published her autobiography, *A Black Woman's Experience: from Schoolhouse to White House* and in 1982, *The Fascinating Story of Black Kentuckians: Their Heritage and Tradition* was published.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of Alice Allison Dunnigan from 1958-1981. The papers include correspondence, financial records, photographs, printed material, subject files, and writings by Dunnigan. The papers include correspondence relating to her appointment to the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, and her efforts to publish a book on Black Kentuckians. Also included are reports and speeches written by Dunnigan, photographs, and a typescript of the book published as *The Fascinating Story of Black Kentuckians: Their Heritage and Tradition*. Printed materials include newspaper articles written by Dunnigan.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

### Correspondence, 1962-1981

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1962-1963
1	2	1965-1968
1	3	1971-1975, Book project on African American Kentuckians
1	4	1976-1981, Book project on African American Kentuckians

### Financial records, 1973-1978

1	5	1973-1978 Dorrence & Company Publishers
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### Photographs, 1940s-1970s

1	6	Family, undated
1	7	Publicity and press events, 1940s-1970s, undated
1	8	Publicity and press events, 1940s-1970s, undated
1	9	Publicity and press events, 1940s-1970s, undated
2	1	Unidentified, undated

### Printed material

2	2	Clippings, 1958-1972, 2007
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### Subject files, 1962-1974

2	3	Civic Unity Committee, Cambridge, Massachusetts, January, 1963
2	4	Department of Civil Liberties, Washington, D.C., May, 1963
2	5	Home Rule Luncheon, 1963
2	6	Howard University, 1963, 1974
2	7	International Platform Association, 1965, 1971
2	8	Kentucky State College, 1963
2	9	National Council of Negro Women, Norfolk, Virginia, May 1963
2	10	National Writers Club, 1971-1973
2	11	Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., May, 1963
2	12	President's Commission on the Status of Women, Washington, D.C., April, 1962
2	13	Special Project Securing Speaker, 1963, 1966
2	14	Theta Sigma Phi, 1971-1972
2	15	Women's Day International Coffee Hour, Trenton, N.J., February, 1965
2	16	Young Women's Christian Association, Lynchburg, VA, February, 1963

### Writings by Alice Dunnigan, 1947-1966

2	17	Book on African Americans in Kentucky, chapter drafts, undated
3	1	Book on African Americans in Kentucky, layout, undated

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| 3 | 2 | Book on African Americans in Kentucky, research, undated                          |
| 3 | 3 | Reports: Martinsville Seven, Equal Employment, Status of Women, JFK,<br>1947-1965 |
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