Descriptive Summary

Creator: James family.
Title: Archer and Belle James family papers, 1941-1945
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 810
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Correspondence of Archer and Belle James, reflecting the daily lives of a mid-twentieth century middle class African American family.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source

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Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of correspondence of Archer and Belle James from 1941-1954. The correspondence includes letters between Archer and Belle from 1941-1945, when Belle was

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living in Birmingham, Alabama and Archer was in Buffalo, New York. Archer and Belle write about their love for each other, financial concerns, deaths in the family, their children, home improvements, and popular entertainment such as radio programs. Also included are many letters from Belle's Uncle Daniel Eatman of Thomaston, Alabama in 1953 that primarily discuss financial concerns. Other interesting letters are from Belle's cousin, Lillian Price and her son Max concerning Max moving to Buffalo to live with the James family the summer following his high school graduation. The letters reflect the daily lives of a mid-twentieth century middle class African American family.

**Arrangement Note**
Arranged in chronological order.
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