

JOHNSON, ELOISE MCKINNEY

Eloise McKinney Johnson papers, 1940-2011

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Creator: Johnson, Eloise McKinney
Title: Eloise McKinney Johnson papers, 1940-2011
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1494
Extent: 202.75 linear feet (202 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of African American educator Eloise McKinney Johnson, including subject files, photographs, books and periodicals, correspondence, teaching files, and family papers.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Custodial History

Myron Johnson, Jr., is the son of Eloise McKinney Johnson. Curator of African American Collections, Pellom McDaniels, III, Head of Collection Processing, Sarah Quigley, and Accessioning Archivist, Meaghan O'Riordan, prepared the materials for transfer to the Rose Library at Eloise McKinney Johnson's home in San Francisco, California.

Citation

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Appraisal Note

Curator of African American Collections, Pellom McDaniels, III, acquired the collection as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American education. All material received with the collection has been retained.

Processing

Arranged and described at the collection level by Meaghan O'Riordan and Sarah Quigley, February 2020.

Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Eloise Vaughn McKinney Johnson (1926-2018) was born in Greensboro, North Carolina on December 7, 1926. Her mother was Martha Lloyd McKinney, who graduated from Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia) in 1919 and taught English in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County school system (North Carolina). Johnson's father was Theophilus Elisha (T. E.) McKinney (1897-1962), Dean of Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte, North Carolina) from 1929-1962. Her grandfather was George Patterson McKinney (1863-1933), president of Florida Memorial College (now University, in Miami Gardens), who sent all eight of his children to college in Atlanta, Georgia, at Morehouse College and Spelman College.

Johnson attended Spelman College from 1943-1947 where she majored in English and minored in history. She also became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) sorority. From 1947-1948, she attended Boston University (Massachusetts) to complete her M.A. in English with a focus on American literature. She would further her education by pursuing advanced studies in drama, speech, and history at the University of Colorado (Boulder), the University of Wisconsin (Madison), and Stanford University (California).

On June 11, 1952, Eloise married Myron H. Johnson (1924-1997). They had a son, Myron H. Johnson, Jr., in 1953, who adopted the nickname, "Jay Jay." The couple divorced in 1958, and Myron moved to San Francisco, California, where he became an administrator in the San Francisco Unified School District. In 1963, Myron, Jr., moved to join his father. In 1964, Myron Sr. and Eloise reconciled, and Eloise moved to San Francisco. The couple remarried on June 11, 1965 but divorced a second time in 1973.

Johnson taught at Winston-Salem State College (North Carolina) from 1948-1952; at Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia) from 1953-1961 while Benjamin Mays was the president; and at

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (Greensboro) from 1961-1965. After her move to San Francisco, she taught in the San Francisco Unified School District from 1966-1967; at San Francisco Community College from 1966-1971; at North Peralta College (Oakland, California) from 1971-1973; and at Laney College (Oakland, California) from 1973-1989. Her students included the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., Dr. David Satcher, Minister Louis Farrakhan, Sr., and Dr. Louis Wade Sullivan.

She was a member of several organizations, including the African American Historical & Cultural Society, the San Francisco Chapter of the United Nations Association, the College Language Association, the San Francisco Academy of World Studies, the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the Spelman College National Alumnae Association, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Johnson has contributed articles and reviews to *The Langston Hughes Review*, the *CLA Journal*, the *Journal of Negro History*, *Black Art International Quarterly*, the *Journal of African Civilizations*, and the *Journal of Black Sacred Music*.

Johnson died on May 27, 2018, in San Francisco, California.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Eloise McKinney Johnson and include subject files, photographs, books and periodicals, correspondence, teaching files and family papers. Subject files document Johnson's research interests, including her research on African feast ladles, which are carved wooden ceremonial spoons that acknowledge a woman's remarkable generosity, of which Johnson had a significant collection. Subject files also include research on various African and Latin American countries and culture, her participating in the African American Historical & Cultural Society, research on black culture, files documenting the lives of Johnson's friends and family, and other personal interests. A significant amount of material across the collection concerns historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), especially Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia), Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia), and Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte, North Carolina). Correspondence includes letters between Johnson and her parents, as well as friends and other family members. Family papers document the history of the McKinney and Johnson families' long history of professional educators. Teaching files include worksheets and lessons for teaching English. Photographs include images of Johnson's travels, as well as numerous family events, such as birthdays and reunions.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type. Items remain in original physical order but are arranged alphabetically by type in the container list to facilitate access.

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9	-	Correspondence, primarily from McKinney's mother, 1969-1980
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- 84 - Family papers, including McKinney-Ellis clan, 1976-1998
- 32 - Feast ladle research, 1985-2008
- 33 - Feast ladle research, 2001-2008
- XOP1 - First Ward poster, with inscriptions, 1987
- 69 - Friends, 1974-2010
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- 86 - House maintenance files, 1968-2000
- 62 - House maintenance files, 1981-1994
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- 21 - Laney College (Oakland, California), files and correspondence, 1977-2008
- 27 - McKinney, Richard I. and McKinney-Ellis family papers, 1977-2000
- 28 - McKinney, T.E. papers, 1945-1990
- 202 1 Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia), senior class photographs, includes T.E. McKinney, 1921
- 123 - Notebooks, 1960-2012
- 105 - Notebooks, 1981-2006
- 135 - Notebooks, circa 1990-2001
- 116 - Notebooks, 1996-2011
- 108 - Notebooks, 2009-2016
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- 138 - Notecards, 1971-2004
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- 10 - Photograph albums, 1962-1965
- 11 - Photograph albums, 1968-1976
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- 34 - Photographs, 2000-2005
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- XOP2 - Posters, undated
- XOP3 - Posters, undated
- 93 - Printed material, 1984-1998
- 95 - Printed material, 1996-2001
- 108 - Printed material, 2009-2016
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- 38 - Professional papers, 1973-1994
- 104 - Professional papers, 1978-2000
- 128 - Scrapbooks, 1952-2014
- 53 - Scrapbooks and yearbook, 1944-1965
- 201 - Slides, 1976-1998
- 113 - Slides and film reel [1], circa 1951-1990 [original: 16 mm film reel]
- 202 2 Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia), plaque with drawing of Johnson, 1948
- 3 - Subject files, African American activists S-W and Frederick Douglas, 1970-1991
- 89 - Subject files, African American artists and African American dance, 1967-2001
- 90 - Subject files, African American artists and Cleopatra, 1874-2000
- 57 - Subject files, African American Historical & Cultural Society, 1960-2000
- 47 - Subject files, African American Historical & Cultural Society, 1980-2000
- 45 - Subject files, African American Historical & Cultural Society, 1985-2000
- 48 - Subject files, African American Historical & Cultural Society, 2000-2003
- 87 - Subject files, African American Historical & Cultural Society, 2003-2007
- 35 - Subject files, African American Historical & Cultural Society, 2008
- 20 - Subject files, African art, 1990-2000
- 45 - Subject files, African American Historical & Cultural Society, 1985-2000
- 34 - Subject files, Amiri Baraka and Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), 2000-2005
- 85 - Subject files, ancient art, 1980-2003
- 13 - Subject files, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) and notebook, 1990-2001
- 40 - Subject files, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), 2001-2005
- 50 - Subject files, black American art, 1992-2007
- 96 - Subject files, black dance and Martin Luther King, Jr., 1974-2001
- 67 - Subject files, black music and literature, 1984-2000

- 65 - Subject files, black music and literature, 1999-2002
- 66 - Subject files, black music and literature, 1999-2003
- 107 - Subject files, blackness and black identity, 1979-2009
- 77 - Subject files, black theatre, 1985-2001
- 75 - Subject files, Brazil, 1984-1990
- 17 - Subject files, Brazil, 1993-2001
- 24 - Subject files, Brazil and general, 1982-2000
- 103 - Subject files, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, 1984-1988
- 93 - Subject files, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, 1984-1998
- 106 - Subject files, Charlotte, North Carolina, 1988-2001
- 44 - Subject files, Egypt and general, 1977-2008
- 37 - Subject files, Egypt and general, 1995-1999
- 78 - Subject files, Egypt and Greece, 1963-2008
- 49 - Subject files, the elements (earth, air, fire, and water), hair, and memorable mustaches, 1998-2002
- 4 - Subject files, family, circa 1940-2008
- 63 - Subject files, the family [as a subject], 1971-2002
- 136 - Subject files, feast ladles, 1990-2014
- 112 - Subject files, general, 1943-2004
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- 110 - Subject files, general, 1957-2001
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- 41 - Subject files, general and San Francisco, California, art, 1969-1999
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- 60 - Subject files, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and general, 1989-2007
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- 95 - Subject files, Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte, North Carolina), 1996-2001
- 100 - Subject files, Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte, North Carolina) and Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia), 1984-1999
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- 15 - Subject files, Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte, North Carolina) friends and musicians, 1986-2000
- 133 - Subject files, Langston Hughes and feast ladles, 1981-2014
- 110 - Subject files, Martin Luther King, Jr., 1957-2001
- 76 - Subject files, Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia), 1977-2001
- 52 - Subject files, Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia) and African American Historical & Cultural Society, 1998-2003

- 48 - Subject files, Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia) and Maynard Institute (Oakland, California), 2000-2003
- 97 - Subject files, Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia) and Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia), 1936-1998
- 30 - Subject files, Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia) and Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia), 1947-1959
- 124 - Subject files, Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia), Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia), 2005-2007
- 200 - Subject files, Myron Johnson, Jr., "Jay Jay," 1943-2018
- 199 - Subject files, Myron Johnson, Jr., "Jay Jay," 1981-1995
- 5 - Subject files, museums and general, 1991-2002
- 16 - Subject files, musicians, 2001-2002
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- 132 - Subject files, peppers to weddings, 1992-2002
- 59 - Subject files, southeast United States and art, Midwest, 1985-2002
- 94 - Subject files, Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia), 1974-2002
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- 62 - Teaching files, English, 1981-1994
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