

**MATABANE, PAULA WHATLEY.**  
**Paula Whatley Matabane family**  
**papers, 1891-1992 [bulk: 1926-1986]**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Matabane, Paula Whatley.  
**Title:** Paula Whatley Matabane family papers, 1891-1992 [bulk: 1926-1986]  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1423  
**Extent:** 2.5 linear feet (5 boxes), 1 oversized papers box, and 3 oversized papers folders (OP)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Paula Whatley Matabane's family, including awards and honors, clippings, event promotional materials, family correspondence, and photographs.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

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The Rose Library also holds books and periodicals formerly owned by the family of Paula Whatley Matabane. These materials may be located in Emory University's online catalog by searching for: Matabane, Paula Whatley, former owner.

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**Source**

Purchased from Paula Whatley Matabane, July 2017

**Custodial History**

The Rose Library purchased the material from Paula Whatley Matabane, who inherited or collected the material from family members. Rare book dealer, Kenneth Mallory, financially appraised the materials at Matabane's residence and completed a detailed inventory of the material. Curator Pellom McDaniels, III packed the material at Matabane's residence in Atlanta, Georgia, and transferred it to the Rose Library.

**Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], Paula Whatley Matabane family papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

**Appraisal Note**

Acquired by Curator of African American collections, Pellom McDaniels, III, as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American history. Pellom McDaniels, III removed one linear foot of duplicate publications and vinyl records featuring popular music to sell or offer to other institutions. Appraisal decisions were made by Accessioning and Collections Manager, Meaghan O'Riordan, and Pellom McDaniels, III.

**Processing**

Arranged and described at the folder level by Meaghan O'Riordan, 2017-2018. Original titles are in brackets; otherwise O'Riordan supplied titles.

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

Warren Settles (1841-1926) was married to Lucy Ann Ward (1855-1932). One of their daughters was Mattie Jo Settles (1886-1987), who married Plemon Leon Whatley, Sr. They had Warren Settles Whatley (1916-2008).

Jefferson Deveaux Davis (1864-1937) married Ione Jackson Davis (1883-1968). They had Jefferson D. Davis, Jr., (1906-1960), and Frances Ione Davis (1918-2007). Frances Ione Davis and Warren Settles Whatley married in 1944 and had Warren S. Whatley, Jr., Lynn H. Whatley, Sr., and Paula Ione Whatley.

Paula Whatley Matabane (1949-) of Atlanta, Georgia, is a Professor Emerita from Howard University (Washington, D.C.) and an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church. She is also a writer and producer, known for the documentary, *Faithfully Divided* (2009).

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of the family of Paula Whatley Matabane from 1891-1992 [bulk: 1926-1986] and includes awards and honors, clippings, event promotional materials, family correspondence, photographs, and interviews recorded on cassette tapes. The majority of the material was created by or is about Matabane's uncle, Jefferson Deveaux Davis, Jr., especially relating to his connection with the Tuskegee Institute (Tuskegee, Alabama). There

is some material created by Paul D. Davis and George Davis, also uncles, and Warren Settles, Matabane's great grandfather. The recorded interviews were conducted by Matabane with George Murphy, an activist for peace and friend of Paul Robeson.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by title.

**Finding Aid Note**

Kenneth Mallory's inventory written during appraisal is available from the repository by request.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Activism and church events, fliers and pamphlets, 1955-1986
1	2	Activism pamphlets, circa 1965-1979 [bulk: 1978-1979]
OP2	-	Activism posters, undated [RESTRICTED]
1	3	American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), correspondence, financial records, membership application, and program , 1958-1959
1	4	American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), Committee on Ethics, correspondence and reports, 1958-1960
1	5	Clippings about art with some correspondence and photographs, 1945-1958
1	6	Clippings, 1945-1966
OP3	-	Collage of photographs of prominent African American figures, undated [RESTRICTED]
1	7	College and university events, fliers and programs, with two letters, 1930-1980
2	1	Comprehensive Bible study books, 1970-1977
2	2	The Daughters of Liberty, financial records in notebook, undated
2	3	Davis, George, Board of Directors of Morningside Heights Housing Corporation, candidate flier, undated
2	4	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., class materials, undated
2	5	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., clippings, correspondence, employment records, and writings, 1939-1965
2	6	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., correspondence, 1950
2	7	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., correspondence, [Answered in Person ], 1950
2	8	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., correspondence and records pertaining to allegations about selling theater tickets, 1949
2	9	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., correspondence to and from [friends], 1954-1958
3	1	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., correspondence to and from [industry] and [friends], 1954-1959
3	2	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., honorary materials, 1959
3	3	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., materials related to participation in various high-school career and vocational weeks, 1955-1959
3	4	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., notes and papers he annotated for others, circa 1953
3	5	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., photographs, 1950-1958
OP1	1	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., and Ruth C. Johnson, awards and honors, 1926-1956
3	6	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., and Ruth C. Johnson, clippings, correspondence, school and employment records, and photocopy of marriage certificate, 1936-1959
3	7	Davis, Jefferson D., Jr., Tuskegee Institute, agendas and correspondence, and Colortronics Laboratories, Inc., correspondence and shares certificate, 1951-1957
3	8	Davis, Paul D., correspondence, 1949

3	9	Davis, Paul D., correspondence, 1951
3	10	Davis, Paul D., [Paul's timber exhibit plans], 1975
3	11	Dedication of engineering building, photographs, 1956, February 18
4	1	"Echoses from the Inner Self," undated
4	2	Family photographs, 1957-1958 [1 of 2]
4	3	Family photographs, 1957-1958 [2 of 2]
4	4	"Fifty Years of Progress," pamphlets, 1950
OP4	-	Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia), 125th Anniversary, poster, 1992
4	5	Murphy, George, interviews on cassette tapes, undated
OP1	2	Negro Historical Calendar, 1969
4	6	The Nightingale, yearbook for Grady Memorial Hospital, 1951
5	1	Office of City Clerk, Atlanta, Georgia, resolution, 1948
OP1	3	Posters, undated
5	2	Programs from various community and religious events and professional conferences, 1935-1986 [1]
5	3	Programs from various community and religious events and professional conferences, 1935-1986 [2]
5	4	Ragland, Willie Curtis, My Life's Strange Experience, Call and Seven Years in Service in Jungle Life, with original photograph, undated
5	5	Settles, Warren, financial records, 1891-1900 [1]
5	6	Settles, Warren, financial records, 1891-1900 [2]
5	7	The Torch, yearbook for Morehouse College, 1943
5	8	Tuskegee Institute drawing, 1949
OP1	4	Tuskegee Institute, newsletters and newspapers, 1957-1959
5	9	"We can no longer wait," paper fan, undate

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