

TAITT, A. LENORA.
A. Lenora Tait-Magubane papers,
circa 1950-2016 [bulk 1960-1962]

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Creator: Taitt, A. Lenora.
Title: A. Lenora Tait-Magubane papers, circa 1950-2016 [bulk 1960-1962]
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Extent: 4 linear feet (8 boxes), 3 oversized papers boxes 1 oversized papers folder (OP), and 1 bound volume (BV)
Abstract: Papers of civil rights activist and social worker, A. Lenora Tait-Magubane, containing correspondence, photographs, printed material, and files documenting Tait-Magubane's civil rights activism and work with the International Year of the Child.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

A. Lenora Taitt-Magubane was born and raised in New York City, New York. She attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, graduating in 1961. As a student at Spelman, she became involved in the Civil Rights Movement. She was a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights (COAHR), which was comprised of students from the six historically black colleges and universities in Atlanta and came to be known as the Atlanta Student Movement. On March 9, 1960, the COAHR published "An Appeal for Human Rights," calling for an end to racial injustice in America and providing a justification for the sit-in campaign the students launched six days later. In addition to sit-ins to desegregate businesses in Atlanta, the COAHR also sponsored boycotts of segregated Atlanta businesses, such as Rich's Department Store. Taitt-Magubane was arrested in February 1961 during a lunch counter sit-in and spent two weeks in the Fulton County jail. She was also a member of the group of Freedom Riders who traveled from Atlanta to Albany, Georgia, in December 1961, to test the law banning segregation in facilities governed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. She was arrested outside the train station and spent two weeks in the Albany city and county jails.

Taitt-Magubane later received a master's of social work from Atlanta University and a doctorate in education from Columbia University Teacher's College (New York, New York). She was the program coordinator for the New York City office of the United States National Commission on the International Year of the Child in 1979. She has served as a social work and education officer for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Zambia and the United Nations Development Program in South Africa, the executive director of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and the director of the Bronx Preventative Services for Steinway Child and Family Services.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of A. Lenora Taitt-Magubane from circa 1950-2016 (bulk 1960-1962) and includes correspondence, photographs, printed material, and files documenting Taitt-Magubane's civil rights activism and work with the International Year of the Child. Correspondence includes letters received by Taitt-Magubane while in jail in Atlanta, Georgia, in February 1961, as well as letters regarding her activities during the International Year of the Child (1979). There are additional letters and notes that were passed between jailed civil rights workers in Albany, Georgia, in December 1961. These are primarily between Taitt-Magubane, James Forman, and Joan Browning. Files on the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights contain reports; meeting minutes, agendas, and notes; financial records; drafts of the second, unpublished, appeal for human rights; and printed material, such as clippings and fliers documenting the activities of the Committee and the Atlanta Student Movement. The collection also contains a typed transcript of Taitt-Magubane's diary of her experiences in the Fulton County jail, as well as notes and notebooks with meeting notes, unidentified drafts, and biographical and contact information for various individuals. There is additional printed material in the collection from civil rights organizations such as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Southern Regional Council. Files on the International Year of the Child

include reports, photographs, and printed material documenting events with children around the world. There are numerous photographs of Tait-Magubane with friends and family, as well as speeches given by Tait-Magubane during both the Civil Rights Movement and the International Year of the Child.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Albany (Georgia) Civil Rights Movement Museum opening, photographs, 1998 Photographer: Joan Browning
OP1	1	Albany (Georgia) Civil Rights Movement Museum opening, poster, 1998 Autographed by Doris Derby, Joan Browning, A. Lenora Taitt-Magubane, Penny Patch, Bob Zellner, and Casey Hayden.
1	2	Albany (Georgia) Civil Rights Movement Museum opening, printed material, 1998
1	3	American Friends Service Committee, Voter Registration Project flier, undated
OP1	2	"An Appeal for Human Rights," broadside, 1960
1	4	Atlanta (Georgia) Police Department, collateral notice or prison release forms, 1962 February
1	5	"The Atlanta Student Movement," undated
1	6	"Atlanta Student Movement, A Basic Chronology, February 1960-February 1961," circa 1961
1	7	Business cards, undated
1	8	Buttons and ribbons, circa 1960s-1970s
1	9	Certificates, 1979 and 2011
1	10	Civil Rights Movement reunions and conferences, 1998-2010
1	11	College and university event programs, 1958-1979
1	12	College and university newspapers, 1961-1962
1	13	Committee for Clemency for Jones and Brown, pamphlet, circa 1962
1	14	Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, 1961 [1]
7	1	Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, 1961 [2]
1	15	Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, financial records, 1960-1962
1	16	Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, fliers, 1960-1961
2	1	Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, Melvin McCaw, 1960-1961 Includes letters between McCaw and his parents, as well as committee records that belonged to him.
2	2	Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), printed material, circa 1961
2	3	Correspondence, undated
2	4	Correspondence, 1960
2	5	Correspondence, circa 1961
2	6	Correspondence, 1961 February
2	7	Correspondence, 1961 March-December
2	8	Correspondence, 1962-1980
2	9	Correspondence, 1996 and 2005

- 6 19 Correspondence and notes between civil rights workers in jail, 1961 [1]
Notes written on toilet paper, paper towels, and paper bags. In the notes, jailed workers share details for continued action in Albany, Georgia, and provide updates on their physical and mental health. The notes are between Taitt-Magubane, Joan Browning, James Forman, and Per Laursen.
- OP2 1 Correspondence and notes between civil rights workers in jail, 1961 [2]
- OP3 - Correspondence and notes between civil rights workers in jail, 1961 [3]
- 6 20 Correspondence and notes between civil rights workers in jail, 1961 [4]
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- OP4 - Correspondence and notes between civil rights workers in jail, 1961 [4]
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- 2 10 Democratic National Convention, guest passes, 1976
- 2 11 "Diary of Jail Experiences, Fulton County Jail, Atlanta, Georgia," 1960 February
- 2 12 Events commemorating Civil Rights Movement leaders, programs, 1989-2016
- 3 1 "Fight for Freedom in Atlanta," undated
- 3 2 "Freedom Day in Hattiesburg," lyrics, circa 1961
- 3 3 Fulton County Jail (Georgia), prisoners' funds deposit receipts and prisoner concession requisitions, 1961-1962
- 3 4 Funeral programs, 1967-2011
- 3 5 Glenfield Middle School (Montclair, New Jersey) visit, photographs, 1979
- 3 6 Hayden, Tom, "Speculation on Academic Freedom," Students for a Democratic Society," undated
- 3 7 International Year of the Child, 1978-1980 [1]
- 7 2 International Year of the Child, 1978-1980 [2]
- 3 8 International Year of the Child, National Conference of Christians and Jews annual board meeting, photographs, 1979 October 4
- 3 9 International Year of the Child, Pearl S. Buck Foundation plaza party, photographs 1979
- 3 10 International Year of the Child, printed material, 1978-1980 [1]
- 3 11 International Year of the Child, printed material, 1978-1980 [2]
- 3 12 International Year of the Child, printed material, 1978-1980 [3]
- BV1 1 International Year of the Child, Seton Falls Elementary School (Bronx, New York), honors convocation, photograph album, 1979
- 3 13 International Year of the Child, unidentified event, photographs, circa 1979
- 3 14 International Year of the Child, unidentified event in Africa, photographs, circa 1979
- 3 15 International Year of the Child, unidentified event in Puerto Rico, photographs, circa 1979
- 3 16 International Year of the Child, White House luncheon, photographs, 1979 December 3

- Includes photos of Septima Clark, including one with a note on the back from Clark to Tait-Magubane.
- 3 17 International Year of the Child, White House reception, photographs, 1978 June 28
- 3 18 "Intervention du Président Ahmed Sékou Touré," circa 1978
- 3 21 Interview with Robert Martin, Howard University, transcript, 1968
- 3 19 Kenyatta, Jomo and Peter M. Kenyatha, photographs, undated
Includes photos of Tait-Magubane with Peter Kenyatta.
- 3 20 King, Martin Luther, Jr., "The Burning Truth in the South," broadside, 1960
- 4 1 Kopkind, Andrew, "Selma: 'Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn me 'Round,'" *The New Republic*, 1965 March 20
- 4 2 Letters from school children, 2012
- 4 3 Letters from school children, 2013
- 8 - Letters from school children, letter box decorated to look like a Freedom Ride bus, 2013
- 4 4 Letters from school children, Glenfield Middle School (Montclair, New Jersey), 1979
- 4 5 Map of desegregated counties in the South, 1960
- 4 6 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, commemorative portfolio, 1963
- 4 7 Mississippi Freedom 50th, programs and newspapers, 2010
- 4 8 Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, printed material, 1960-1965
- 4 9 Mississippi Summer Project, interviewer evaluation form, 1961
- 4 10 *Ms.*, 1977 July
- 4 11 Nashville, Tennessee, civil rights organizations, pamphlets and newsletters, 1960-1962
- 4 12 Newspaper and magazine clippings, circa 1960-2014 [1]
- 7 3 Newspaper and magazine clippings, circa 1960-2014 [2]
- 4 13 Notebook, undated
- 4 14 Notebook, 1960
- 4 15 Notebooks, circa 1960-1961
- 5 1 Notes, circa 1960-1961
- 5 2 Operation Crossroads Africa, photograph, 1963
- OP1 3 Overly, Charles, "Morehouse Hall and Spelman College Campus," print, undated
- 5 3 Photographs, unidentified, circa 1950s-1970s
- 5 4 Plaque, Mississippi Head Start Annual Conference, 1979
- 5 5 Plaque, Association of New York State Youth Bureaus, 1979
- 5 6 Post cards, undated [blank]
- OP1 4 Proclamation by the Governor of South Dakota, Honorary Citizen of South Dakota, 1979

- OP1 5 Proclamation by the President of the United States of America, 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Rides, 2011
- 5 7 Religious printed material, 1960-1980s
Includes material such as church bulletins and conference programs.
- 5 8 Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides and Freedom Summer in Mississippi, 2011
- 5 9 "SNCC Calendar," 1968
- 5 10 Southern Christian Leadership Conference, pamphlet, circa 1960
- 5 11 Southern Conference Educational Fund, "My beliefs and my associations are none of the business of this committee," circa 1960
- 5 12 "The Southern Regional Council--Its Origins and Aims," 1961
- 5 13 Southern Regional Council, reports, 1960
- 7 4 Southern Regional Council, reports, 1960-1961
- 6 1 Southern Regional Council, reports, 1961-1962
- 6 2 Speech, "Demands for Preparation and Service," undated
- 6 3 Speech fragments
- 6 4 Speech, "The Legacy and the Challenge," undated
- 7 5 Speech, "The Life and Times of Whitney M. Young," Fordham University, 2009
- 6 5 Speech, untitled, 1962 October 25
- 6 6 Speech, untitled, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, undated
- 6 7 Speech, "Zonta Women and the International Year of the Child," Zonta International, undated
- 6 8 Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia) Founders Day, 1980
- 6 9 Speaking schedule, 1978-1979
- 6 10 Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), 1961
- 6 11 Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), 50th anniversary conference book, 2010
- 6 12 Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), printed material, 1960-1966 [1]
- 7 6 Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), printed material, 1960-1966 [2]
- 6 13 Student Peace Union, printed material, circa 1962
- 6 14 Taitt-Magubane, Lenora, photographs, circa 1960s-2010s
Includes photos of Taitt-Magubane with others.
- 6 15 Taitt-Magubane, Lenora, portraits, circa 1979
- 6 16 "A Tribute to SNCC on its Fifth Birthday," play script, 1965
- 7 7 "The Urban League Story," 50th anniversary yearbook, 1960
- OP1 6 Voter Education Project, flier, Julian Bond and John Lewis speaking, undated
- 6 17 Walker, Jack, "Sit-ins in Atlanta: A Study in the Negro Revolt," Eagleton Institute Case Studies Program, 1963

6 18 Williamson, Q.V., campaign promotional cards, undated
