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Overview of the Collection

Creator Marguerite Mitchell Marshall

Title Marguerite Mitchell Marshall Collection

Dates 1942 - 2001

Quantity 1.5 linear feet

Collection Number MS 84

Summary This collection includes information about the life and civil rights research by Marguerite Mitchell Marshall (1911-2002). It includes newspaper articles, family photos slides, programs, personal cards, correspondence, financial records, and scrapbooks relating to local and national African American contributors to the Civil Rights movement, Black History and politicians.

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Access Restrictions There are no restrictions and the collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University

Languages English

Biographical Note Marguerite Mitchell Marshall was born October 5, 1911 to Henry Levi and Emily J. Fonchoser Mitchell in Pittsburg, Kansas. Marguerite Marshall the attended Frederick Douglass School, a Pittsburg school for African-Americans, from 1917 to 1925; Pittsburg High School from 1925 to 1927; and College High on the campus of the Kansas Teachers College in Pittsburg, from 1927 to 1929. She then received her bachelor's degree from Kansas Teachers College at Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State University) in 1934. She received her master's degree in English literature in 1950 from Howard University in Washington D.C. In

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1953 she received her certificate in guidance and counseling at D.C. Teachers College in Washington, D.C. She taught school at Stapleton, Virginia from 1934 to 1937. She taught at Dawson, Georgia., from 1937 to 1942. She also taught and was a guidance counselor for the District of Columbia School system from 1942 to 1972. She and her husband, Ulysses Marshall moved back to Pittsburg where she worked as assistant children's librarian at the Pittsburg Public Library from 1973 to 1989.

During her teaching in Dawson, Marguerite met Ulysses Marshall, and they were married August 19, 1939. They were married for 41 years, until Ulysses' death on March 5, 1980. Ulysses served in the U.S. Army from 1940-1943 and in 1943 became a Top Secret Control Officer with U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. He retired in 1970. They had no children.

Marguerite was involved with various clubs, organizations, benefits, and associations. One of which she was very actively involved was the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church of Pittsburg. Others include Retired Teachers Association in Washington D.C., American Association of University Women, serving as the first vice-president from 1975 to 1979; the Creative Writing Group of AAUW from 1974 to 1987; a board member of the Crawford County Chapter of the American Red Cross, serving as treasurer from 1985 to 1988; a former board member of the Redbud Trail Girl Scout Council; The LaPetite Club; member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; The One Hundred Club of St. John's Regional Medical Center; Century Club of Howard University; board member of the Carver Social League, serving as vice president from 1987 to 1989 and serving as the president at the time of her death in 2002. She was the treasurer for the Pittsburg Black Homecoming Club from 1975 to 1987; a member of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, at Washington, D.C. She was also a member of the Friends of the Pittsburg Public Library.

She was an author as well as school teacher, guidance counselor, wife, sister, advocate, and Sunday school teacher. She wrote *The Negroes Contributions During The First One Hundred Years of Growth*. Also such titles as *Christmas Is A Time Of Sharing*; *The Path To Peace*; and *An Account Of Afro-Americans In Southeast Kansas 1884-1984*. Also, she wrote an article for the Joplin Public Library Archives titled "The Emancipation Proclamation." Marguerite Mitchell Marshall died at 90 years of age on March 13, 2002 in Pittsburg.

This collection of primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series:

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Oversize Box Inventory

Unknown source "Negro History is News" 9 February 1970, *The Topeka Ebony Times* vol. 1 no. 17, 18 August 1972. Front page stories "Topeka Joins in 10+36 Plan," "Personality of the Week [Mrs. Liz McCoy]," "Black Topeka Minister [Bob Thacker] to Conduct a Crusade," "Rent-A-Kid Succeeds As Summer Program," and "Lettuce Boycott Battles Injustice"

Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution "Weekend People and Opinion" Page 1-B 14 January 1978. Headline "The Remember Dr. M. L. King Jr." *USA Today* Page 1-A 18 April 1990. Headline "Abernathy: Civil Rights Pioneer Dead at 64. 'In the darkest days of the movement, he was a tower of strength.' –Benjamin Hooks, NAACP director"

The Kansas City Star: Mid America Edition section A, 16 October 1991. Headline "Senate Confirms [Clarence] Thomas, 52 -48 [to the US Supreme Court]"

USA Today Bob Minzesheimer and Mark Memmott "Marshall dies; 'legend of the 20th century'" page 1-A, 10-A ; Judy Keen "Cover Story; 'A giant in the quest for human rights'" page 1-A, 2-A. 25 January 1993

Clippings – *The Call* Maya Angelou "On the Pulse of Morning" [poem written for President Bill Clinton's inauguration] p 8, 29 January – 4 February 1993; *The Call*, Jeremiah Cameron "Let's Consider; Maya Angelou's Poem" 5 – 11 February 1993; *Everybody* entire edition vol. 14 no. 1, on the cover "Copious Willie Lanier Shoots for Everything," and "You'd be surprised by what you don't know about Africa" March 1973

The Washington Daily News: City Edition, entire edition 29 August 1963. Headline "A Beginning Is Made: The Civil Rights Bill is Still in Jeopardy But the Power and the Grace of Yesterday's Freedom March Was Felt Thruout [sic] the Land"

Life entire edition 6 September 1963. On the cover: "Another Sacrifice by Fire," "Flames of Fury in Vietnam," "Hollywood's Great Enigma, Burt Lancaster," and "In color: Spectacle of the March"

Washington Afro-American: Capital Edition entire edition 31 August 1963. Banner and Headlines "In this Issue: Full Text of Dr. King's Lincoln Memorial Speech" (banner in green), "Cane Killer Gets 6 Months, \$500 Fine (story in column 1)," and "It Was The Biggest! (in green type)"

Life entire edition 12 April 1968. On the cover: "Week of Shock," "Vietnam: Burst of Hope," "Convulsion in U.S. Politics," "Exclusive Pictures: The Murder in Memphis," cover picture of Dr. King with caption "Martin Luther King, 1929 – 1968"

Photography negatives, 4 sets, undated

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Photograph Ulysses and Marguerite Marshall taken by William S. Miller c. 1950-60s, Hand colorized photograph, Ulysses Marshall c. 1930-40s

Ulysses Marshall Leather bound Scrapbook *Scraps and Snaps*, loose items: program "Dedication of the U.S Atomic Energy Commission Headquarters building by The president of the United States" Germantown, Maryland 8 November 1957, Photo of building inside program; program "Grambling/Morgan State [football game]" held at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, Washington, D.C. 13 September 1975; *Joplin Globe's Progress Edition* section1 pages 5-8, c. 1980; photograph Ulysses and Marguerite Marshall with three other un-named people (names are possibly Edward Picket, Ernest Smith and Mary Pearson); poem by Paul B. Woodall "Time Marshalls On" 26 May 1971; handmade poster "Marguerite, Do You Think I'm Planting This Too Thick?"; program "Howard University: Official 1948 Souvenir Football Program" 1948; photographs Phi Beta Sigma fraternity dance 1948 Ulysses and Marguerite Marshall and twenty-six un-named others, Ulysses Marshall and fourteen un-named fraternity brothers;

Cloth bound scrapbook commemorating "Your Special Day" from the Foxx Family 16 February 1992, loose items; two (2) envelopes of Negatives of Marguerite's Special Day" #032136, 032138; Clipping – *The Morning Sun*, Debra Lindquist "John gets the most out of her special students" 31 March 1992; Congratulation note card from Mrs. Queenie Browner of Dawson, Georgia 16 February 1992; Reba A Caldwell Litman, "Appreciation Day; 'I remember when'" undated [assumed 16 February 1992]; Robert C. Caldwell, "A Tribute to Marguerite Mitchell-Marshall" undated [assumed 16 February 1992]; Rozella K. Caldwell Swisher of Kansas City, Kansas "A Tribute to my Friend" undated [assumed 16 February 1992]; Thank-you note from Paul and Florine Wilbert 28 February 1992; Thank-you note Marvin and Melvin undated; copies *Pittsburg Morning Sun* "Your Special Day, February 16, 1992 'I Remember When . . . ' Thank You" 23 February 1992; Letter Mervin and Melvin Foxx to Marguerite Marshall, undated; commemorative printed napkin "Marguerite M. Marshall, February 16, 1992; program "Your Special Day, Mrs. Marguerite M. Marshall 'I Remember When . . .'" ; Thank-you card Andrew and Mattye Foxx 8 April 1992;

Slides Family, 1961; Florida with Edna, Thomas 1962; Washington, D.C. with Edna, Thomas and Family, 1964; World's Fair Summer 1964; New York and New Jersey 1964; New York World's Fair, 1964; Honolulu Hawaii 11-19 August 1970. In slide box.

"One World Setup" colorized map of the United Nations, 1 September 1946