

# Grant Family Papers

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## **Biographical Information on Billie Arlene Grant**

Born on April 9, 1928 in Denver, Colorado

1949 - Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Denver

(The first black woman at the University of Denver to receive the Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism.)

Graduate Study in Public Relations at the State University of Iowa (Iowa City)

Graduate Study in Journalism and English at the Denver University and Colorado University

Graduated from the National Writers School and Writers Digest School, study in creative writing

On-the-job training in Public Relations at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas

Work Experience:

Journalism -

Taught news writing at Philander Smith College, Little Rock and Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina

News Editor for the *Kansas City Call*

Editor of *Rage Magazine*

Feature Editor and Religion Editor for *Denver Weekly News*

Feature writer for *Write-Up Magazine*, *Denver Blade*, *Rocky Mountain Power Press* and *Odyssey West Magazine*

Public Relations / Public Information -

Represented Philander Smith College and Allen University by making self-written speeches promoting both institutions around the United States

Created brochures, wrote and distributed news releases, and handled relations with the press

Supervised and edited Philander Smith yearbook and newspaper, wrote training booklet, "The Faculty and Public Relations"

Newsletters -

Editor for Colorado State Division of Banking (in-house) publication

Editor for the Colorado State Division of Securities (in-house) publication

Feature Writer for Colorado Black Roundtable Newsletter

Profiles Writer for New Life Church of Religious Science Newsletter

Editor of Scott United Methodist Church Newsletter

Director –

Owner and director of small public relations firm in Denver

Developed and promoted programs through direct mail, newsletters, television, radio, growth-inducing public relations programs for small businesses in northeast section of Denver

Author -

1981 *Liggins: Tower of Enthusiasm*

*Brown is Beautiful* (biography of Lt. Gov. George L. Brown)

1982 *Black Women of the West: Success in the Workplace*

1986 *Daddy Bruce Randolph: The Pied Piper of Denver*

1988 *Growing Up Black in Denver*

1991 *Life Begins at the Golden Age*

### **Scope and Content**

The Grant Family Papers (1924-1999) include family photographs, manuscripts, diplomas, awards, and certificates. This collection offers perspectives on blacks in Colorado, women, and journalism.

### **Container Listing**

#### **Series I: Billie Arlene Grant**

#### **Subseries: Certificates and Diplomas**

#### **Box 1**

Box 1	FF1	Certificate of Promotion	9/27/1936
Box 1	FF2	Grove Community School	5/18/1991
Box 1	FF3	Kwanzaa Committee Member	1991
Box 1	FF4	University of Denver	6/11/1949
Box 1	FF5	Writer's Digest School	4/16/1985

**Series I: Billie Arlene Grant**  
**Subseries: Manuscripts and Writings**

**Box 1**

Box 1	FF6	Brown is Beautiful	10/9/1975
Box 1	FF7	Le Roy Wiley	undated
Box 1	FF8	Life Begins at the Golden Age	1991
Box 1	FF9	Liggins - Tower of Enthusiasm	1981
Box 1	FF10	Man to Match Gods Mountain by Acen Phillips edited by Grant	1989
Box 1	FF11	Manuscripts	undated
Box 1	FF12	Rev. Father J. Gregory Smith (article from Odyssey)	Summer 1993
Box 1	FF13	The Life Story of Carneice Brown-White	1991
Box 1	FF14	Writing - My Life Mental Illness - My Test	1994

**Series I: Billie Arlene Grant**  
**Subseries: Papers**

**Box 1**

Box 1	FF15	Articles	1980s
Box 1	FF16	Book Journeys	undated
Box 1	FF17	Family Bible Institute	1988
Box 1	FF18	Photographs	undated
Box 1	FF19	Photographs: International Humanities Curriculum Conference	9/17-20/1973
Box 1	FF20	Program: The Shorter Community A.M.E. Church	6/10/1973
Box 1	FF21	Resume	undated
Box 1	FF22	Speech at Owl Club of Denver	2/27/1988

**Series I: Billie Arlene Grant**

**Subseries: Scrapbook / Album**

**Box 1**

Box 1      FF23 – FF130      various personal items      bulk dates = 1990s

**Series II: Charles Grant**

**Box 2**

Box 2	FF1	Book Journeys	undated
Box 2	FF2	Certificate of Promotion	9/27/1936
Box 2	FF3	College Graduation: West Contra Costa Junior College	6/20/1956
Box 2	FF4	Conventional Breaks	2/1946
Box 2	FF5	E. R. Squibb and Sons	undated
Box 2	FF6	Photographs	undated
Box 2	FF7	San Francisco State Commencement Program	6/9/1962
Box 2	FF8	State Board of Pharmacy (State of Colorado)	1/1947
Box 2	FF9	Western Pharmacy	7/1964

**Series III: James Grant**

**Box 2**

Box 2	FF10	Dallas Public Schools	undated
Box 2	FF11	Photographs	undated

**Series IV: Zepha Grant**

**Subseries: Certificates and Diplomas**

**Box 2**

Box 2	FF12	Adult Learning Service	4/1988
Box 2	FF13	Business Writing - Denver Public Schools	1/1924
Box 2	FF14	Denver North District - Human Relation Services	2/28/1987
Box 2	FF15	Denver Public Library	1988
Box 2	FF16	Manual Training High School - Diploma	1927
Box 2	FF17	Manual Training High School - Freehand Writing	9/30/1924
Box 2	FF18	State of Colorado - Colorado Commission	

on the Status of Women

12/22/1964

**Series IV: Zepha Grant**

**Subseries: Papers**

**Box 2**

Box 2	FF19	Channel 6: Research Assistant	undated
Box 2	FF20	Classes taught by Zepha after Retirement	1980s
Box 2	FF21	Drawing 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	undated
Box 2	FF22	Letters of Recommendation	1970 and 1973
Box 2	FF23	Newspaper Article - Colorado Volunteers Take One Step Forward (About Zepha)	July / Aug 1990
Box 2	FF24	Newspaper Articles about Zepha Grant	1960s-1970s
Box 2	FF25	Photographs: AKA Mother's Club 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary and AKA Conference Dance	6/17/1956
Box 2	FF26	Photographs: Channel 6: Research Assistant	undated
Box 2	FF27	Photographs: Commission on the Status of Women in Colorado	1965
Box 2	FF28	Photographs: East Denver Golf Club: 35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Central States Golf Tournament	7/17-22/1965
Box 2	FF29	Photographs: Far Western Regional Conference: Seattle and Denver	1986 and 1988
Box 2	FF30	Photographs: Gilpin School and Whittier School	1924 and undated
Box 2	FF31	Photographs: Unidentified	undated
Box 2	FF32	Photographs: Zepha's Beauty Salon	undated
Box 2	FF33	Photographs: Zepha's TV Program on Channel 6	undated
Box 2	FF34	Stiles African American Heritage Center - Happy Birthday	8/23/1998

**Series V: Grant Family Brag Book**

**Box 2**

Box 2	FF35	"Brag Book."
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