

## **Melvina M. Milton Williams Papers**

### **Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library 2004**

- Provenance:** The collection was donated to the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, The Denver Public Library by Melvina Williams in 2001 and 2003.
- Ownership:** Literary and copyrights have been assigned to the Denver Public Library.
- Call Number:** MS-ARL59
- Size:** 2 boxes (1.25 linear feet)
- Processed By:** Belen Aranda and Tammi Haddad
- Date:** December 2002 and October 2003

#### **Scope and Content**

The Melvina (Mel-VINE-a) Milton Williams Papers arrived in two installments. The first donation was made in 2001 and processed by Tammi Haddad. This gift contains papers that relate to the Lincolnites, an organization that unites current and former residents in good standing of Lincoln, Nebraska, and genealogy. Williams served as Chair of the By-Laws Committee of the Colorado Chapter of Lincolnites during the 1980s. The bulk of the Lincolnites material pertains to Williams's tenure on the By-Laws Committee. Box 1, Folder 7 contains a member list of Nebraska and Colorado Lincolnites. The last three folders in Box 1 (Folders 9-11) pertain to Williams genealogy.

Belen Aranda processed the second installment in 2003. There was no discernable original order for the second batch, so Aranda utilized an alphabetical method to organize obvious subjects. These subject headings include, but are not limited to, correspondence, memorandums, newspaper clippings, and the Zion Baptist Church. The materials are personal and professional in nature. They depict Williams's involvement in the church community and shed light on her activities as an employee of the Denver Public Schools and beautician in the Five Points Neighborhood. Throughout Box 2, Williams left notes and annotations on flyers, correspondence, and photographs that help the researcher determine their significance. Many of these notes are addressed to Terry, as in Terry Nelson, Acquisitions Specialist at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library.

## **Container Listing**

### **Series I: The Lincolnites**

#### **Box 1**

Box 1	FF1	By-laws and Constitution	1985
Box 1	FF2	Correspondence	1980s
Box 1	FF3	Logo Material	undated
Box 1	FF4	Minutes	1983
Box 1	FF5	Photographs	undated
Box 1	FF6	Reunion	1986
Box 1	FF7	Rooster	1980s
Box 1	FF8	Tax Exempt Information	1980s

### **Series II: Papers (Miscellaneous and genealogical)**

#### **Box 1**

Box 1	FF9	Daughters of Isis: Health and First Aid Reports	1970s
Box 1	FF10	Newspaper Article on Genealogical Research	2000
Box 1	FF11	Nicodemus, Kansas (an all African American post Civil War settlement)	2000

### **Series III: Papers (Alphabetical listing)**

#### **Box 2**

Box 2	FF1	American Association	
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		of University Women	1995-1997, n.d.
Box 2	FF2	Bonfils Theatre: "Raisin in the Sun"	1968
Box 2	FF3	Brochures	1980-2001, n.d.
Box 2	FF4	Cards: Birthday/Christmas, etc.	n.d.
Box 2	FF5	Cards: Business	n.d.
Box 2	FF6	Church Ushers Union:	1994
Box 2	FF7	CSU: Hair Style Workshop	1966
Box 2	FF8	Conferences	1990
Box 2	FF9	Correspondence	1949-2003
Box 2	FF10	Curtis Park Community Center Annual Report	1975
Box 2	FF11	Daughters of Isis	1966-1979
Box 2	FF12	Denver Public Schools	1958-1989, n.d.
Box 2	FF13	DPS: Directory	1987-1988
Box 2	FF14	Events	1962-2002
Box 2	FF15	Griffie Resolution	2003
Box 2	FF16	Johnson, Weldon: The Negro Sermon ("The Creation")	
Box 2	FF17	Magazines	1978-2000
Box 2	FF18	Melvina's Beauty Shop	1962-1968, n.d.
Box 2	FF19	Melvina's Beauty Shop Sign	1962
Box 2	FF20	Memorandums	1973-2003
Box 2	FF21	Miscellaneous	1906-2000

Box 2	FF22	Missionary Baptist Church	1990
Box 2	FF23	Mitchell Elementary School Student Record Book	1964
Box 2	FF24	National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association	1958-1988, n.d.
Box 2	FF25	Music Books and Selections	1897-1955, n.d.
Box 2	FF26	New Hope Baptist Church	1982-1999, n.d.
Box 2	FF27	Newspapers	1966-2002
Box 2	FF28	Newspaper Articles	1967-2003
Box 2	FF29	Personal	1959-2003
Box 2	FF30	Photographs	1954-2003, n.d.
Box 2	FF31	Publications	1966-2003
Box 2	FF32	Scott Methodist Church	1958-1959
Box 2	FF33	Smoky Hill District Association	1999
Box 2	FF34	Stewart Anniversary	2001
Box 2	FF35	True Light Baptist Church	1999
Box 2	FF36	Zion Baptist Church	1957-1999
Box 2	FF37	Zion United Credit Union	1997-2002
Box 2	FF38	Coins and Keys	187[2?]-2003, n.d.