Summary

Creator: Washington, Mary Helen

Title: Mary Helen Washington papers

Date: 1873 - 2002 [bulk 1995 - 2002]

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Language of the Material: English


Creator History

Mary Helen Washington, born in 1941 and originally from Cleveland Ohio, is a scholar, researcher, writer, and professor of English at the University of Maryland. Washington's work explores topics such as Black women writers, Black literature, and radicalism. Her publications include Black-Eyed Susans: Classic Stories by Black Women Writers, Midnight Birds: Stories of Contemporary Black Women Writers, and The Other Blacklist: The African American Literary and Cultural Left of the 1950s where Lloyd Louis Brown would be one of four featured writers.

Lloyd Louis Brown (1913-2003) was a journalist, novelist, activist, and labor organizer. Brown was one of Robeson's biographers, and his writings include Iron City, and The Young Paul Robeson: On My Journey Now.
Custodial History

The collection was held and maintained by Mary Helen Washington until its donation to the Schomburg.

Scope and Content Note

The Mary Helen Washington papers, dating from 1873-2002 (bulk dates 1995-2002), document the working relationship of Washington and journalist Lloyd L. Brown. Lloyd Louis Brown (1913-2003) was a journalist, novelist, activist, and labor organizer. Brown was one of Paul Robeson's biographers, and his writings include: Iron City, and The Young Paul Robeson: On My Journey Now. The collection mainly consists of correspondence, but also included are writings and printed materials.

Arrangement: Correspondence arranged chronologically.

Key Terms

Subjects
African American authors
African American communists
African American labor leaders
African American radicals
African American women authors
African Americans -- Civil rights
African Americans -- Correspondence
Black nationalism
Civil rights
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Communist parties -- United States
Letters
Publications
Radicalism
Women authors, Black

Names
Brown, Lloyd L. (Lloyd Louis), 1913-2003
Washington, Mary Helen
## Container List

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**Correspondence 1995 - 2002**

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