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**Dates:** 1990s-2000s  
**Creator:** Coggswell, Gladys  
**Collection Size:** 2.3 cubic feet, 52 audio cassettes, 21 video cassettes, 5 CDs

**Introduction**  
The papers of storyteller, educator, folklorist, and singer Gladys Coggswell of Frankford, Missouri, include correspondence, miscellaneous personal papers, newspaper clippings, photographs, folklore stories and other professional materials, and audio and video recordings of Coggswell performances.

**Box List**

**Box 1**  
Organizations  
- By Word of Mouth  
- Fannie Griffin Arts Club (10 folders)  
- Missouri Arts Council (3 folders)  
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- National Association of Black Storytellers  
- Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program

Professional  
- China Trip, 1997  
- Conferences (3 folders)  
- Correspondence (7 folders)  
- Festivals (8 folders)  
- Miscellaneous Events (6 folders)  
- Promotional Materials (2 folders)  
- Stories (9 folders)

**Box 2**  
Professional  
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- Songs  
- Workshops (6 folders)  
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Projects  
- Book on Missouri Blacks (5 folders)  
- Boonville Student Stories  
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Research
Blacks (4 folders)
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Personal
Awards
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Interview, 1992
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Photographs (3 folders)
Publicity Clippings (7 folders)
Clippings/programs, 2009

Box 4
Audio Cassettes
Storytime, 1994-1998 (20 a.c.)
A Story, A Story I (2 copies)
A Story, A Story II (2 copies)
Well Shut My Mouth (2 copies)
Auditions- Tapes 6 and 7
St. Louis, May 4, 2000
Sedalia Interview, June 27, 2000
Demo of MO Folklore Society Apprenticeship Program, August 25, 2001
Charms for the Easy Life, Tape I
“Gathering,” 8th and Center, November 10, 1991
Storytelling, March 18, 1993
MoMo and Joe Lewis, He’s Our Guy
Stories from Southern Africa
The Gift of the Magi, Lorne Green
Folklife Fest, 1991
Interviews
Dorine Ambers (3 a.c.)
Lillian Jones
Dorine Ambers, Lillian Jones, Major Griggsby (3 a.c.)
Jerry Grimmett, July 1994
Evelyn Pulliam, May 2, 2000
Ray Boltz, Songs From Potter’s Field
Gospel Tones, Willow St. Christian Church
Sing Along
Singing in the African American Tradition
Video Cassettes
A Slave’s Wife: Harriet Robinson Scott, 1994
Storytelling in the Classroom, March 16, 1993
Storyteller Gladys Coggswell
Gladys Coggswell, Springfield, IL, October 19, 2002
KSDK Gladys Coggswell, June 25
PBS Special Featuring Gladys Coggswell
PBS Special on Mrs. Dred Scott with Gladys Coggswell, 1994
KETC *Black Artistry: The Tradition Continues*
1997 People to People Storytelling Delegation to China (4 v.c.)
*The Firestarters: Creating Community Movement for Change*
*Kids Do Think!* (2 v.c.)
Ozarks TV Watch Series, 2001
AME Church with Deb/Truman
Evelyn Pulliam’s Life Story
Dorine Ambers, Lillian Jones, Major Griggsby
*’Ain’t Misbehavin’*
*Song of the South*

**Compact Discs**

*Prairie Tales: The New Salem Storytelling Festival Sampler, 2003*
“African American Stories in Missouri: The Oral Tradition Today”—Missouri Folklore Society meeting, 8 November 2008 (2)
*Spiritual Heirs* by Mett Morris and Gladys Coggswell, 2009
Speech at WHMC-Columbia book signing/reception, 12 September 2009