



Down Memory Lane Manuscript (S0020)

Collection Number: S0020

Collection Title: Down Memory Lane Manuscript

Dates: 1976

Creator: Davis, Julia, 1891-1993

Abstract: The Down Memory Lane Manuscript is a 50th-anniversary celebration history of the Charles Sumner High School, originally published in June 1959 for the 1909 graduating class, St. Louis, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic feet
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Julia Davis on December 22, 1976 (Accession No. SA0992).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Down Memory Lane Manuscript can be found in the following collections:

[Julia Davis Papers, \(S0142\)](#)

[University of Missouri, St. Louis Black History Project Collection, \(S0201\)](#)

[John Davis Buckner Papers, \(S0468\)](#)

[Arthur Washington Papers, \(S1113\)](#)

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Historical Note:

St. Louis Public School established Sumner High School in 1867 as the first segregated high school for African Americans in St. Louis. Sumner High School traces its name to Charles Sumner (1811-1874), a former United States Senator and leading abolitionist in the pre-Civil United States. Located in the historic Ville Neighborhood, a prominent African-American neighborhood in St. Louis City, Sumner High School's notable alums include Arthur Ashe, Chuck Berry, Tina Turner, and Dr. Julia Davis.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The Down Memory Lane Manuscript contains reminiscences by Birdie Arbuckle Price and biographical sketches by Dr. Julia Davis. Price and Davis prepared the 36-page manuscript for the 50th-anniversary celebration of the 1909 graduating class of St. Louis's Charles Sumner High School; the St. Louis Public Library reissued the manuscript in November 1976 with a preface written by Dr. Davis. In the manuscript, Birdie Price wrote about her memories at Sumner High, discussing classes she took, like Civil Government and Latin, and her teachers, including Elmer Carey Campbell and Frank Jefferson Roberson. Davis wrote biographies of former teachers and principals, such as Oscar Minor Waring and Frank Lunsford Williams. Also included in the manuscript is a biography of George Colman Poage, a former Sumner High School teacher who competed in track and field events at the 1904 Olympics in St. Louis.

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