



## **African Americans in St. Louis Collection (S0036)**

**Collection Number:** S0036

**Collection Title:** African Americans in St. Louis Collection

**Dates:** 1920-1991

**Creator:** State Historical Society of Missouri, collector

**Abstract:** The African Americans in St. Louis Collection is an artificial collection containing histories, unpublished manuscripts, programs, directories, reports, pamphlets, and articles documenting St. Louis's African American Community from 1920 to 1991.

**Collection Size:** 0.5 cubic feet  
(21 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [stlouis@shsmo.org](mailto:stlouis@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the African Americans in St. Louis Collection can be found in the following collections:

*University of Missouri, Saint Louis Black History Project Collection (S0201)*

**Processed by:** Processed by Western Historical Manuscript Collection staff. Revised by Zack Palitzsch September 2020.

**Historical Note:**

This collection covers African American people, businesses, culture, and organizations in the St. Louis area from the mid-1800s to the 1980s.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into 21 folders according to the order in which these materials were received.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains correspondence, histories, manuscripts, programs, directories, reports, pamphlets, surveys, and national register nominations documenting African American people, businesses, and organizations throughout the St. Louis area. Materials of note in this collection include directories of black-owned businesses, such as the *Directory of Black Owned Businesses: City of St. Louis*, and a history of the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church. The bulk of the materials in this collection date from 1921 to 1991, covering histories as early as 1841.

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f. 3	"History of the Persona Players," 1975
f. 4	St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church histories and pamphlets, 1950-1991
f. 5	Newspaper clipping and histories, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1972-1973
f. 6	<i>Racial Transition in the Inner Suburb: Studies of the St. Louis Area</i> , 1974
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f. 9	"Contributions of Blacks to St. Louis from A to Z," by Julia Davis, 1976
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f. 14	Newspaper clipping, Twentieth Century Social Club, 1972
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