



Nina P. Lewis Papers (S0099)

Collection Number: S0099

Collection Title: Nina P. Lewis Papers

Dates: 1894-1926

Creator: Lewis, Nina P.

Abstract: This collection contains newspaper clippings and the bylaws, a constitution, and rituals of St. Louis Black Lodges, and the August 1909 *Negro Educational*, that were collected by St. Louis resident Nina P. Lewis in her lifetime.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

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. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Nina P. Lewis on August 16, 1982 (Accession No. SA2483).

Note: This collection contains materials that use language that is no longer appropriate or correct, when referring to Black Americans. These materials were created in the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries, during a period where these terms were used to describe Black Americans both by themselves and white Americans. In the interests of historical integrity, these materials have not been removed from the archival collection and their titles have not been altered.

Processed by: Processed by Emery Lucero and Zachary Palitzsch, September 2021.

Historical Note:

Nina P. Lewis, born around 1900, was a resident of northern St. Louis, Missouri. She was well known as a member of the Presbyterian Church and was interested in Black history, current events, and education. Lewis collected newspaper clippings concerning the politics surrounding Black issues during the early 1900s. Nina P. Lewis died sometime in the 1980s.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder according to media type.

Scope and Content Note:

The Nina P. Lewis Papers contain booklets of rituals, bylaws, constitutions, newspaper clippings, and articles regarding Black life and culture in St. Louis, Missouri, during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The rituals, bylaws, and constitutions originate from Black Masonic Lodges in St. Louis, such as the Heroines of the Templars Crusade, Heroines of Jericho, and Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The newspaper clippings document Black politics in the early 1900s, including Theodore Roosevelt's tenure as President of the United States of America. Materials of interest include the August 1909 *Negro Educational Review*, a monthly journal edited by Dr. David V. Bohannon, devoted to Black Americans' educational, professional, and business pursuits. Also included is a poem written by Tom Craig in 1861 during the Civil War entitled *A Song, Dedicated to The Colored Volunteer*, and the cover of the 1894-1895 *Annual Statement of the St. Louis Colored Orphans' Home*. The materials in this collection are dated from 1894 to 1926 and are arranged according to media type.

Container List:

- f. 1 Bylaws, constitution, and rituals of St. Louis, Missouri Black lodges; business cards; *Negro Educational Review*, August 1909; and newspaper clippings, 1909; 1894-1926

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