



African-American Pioneers in Journalism Collection (S0624)

Collection Number: S0624

Collection Title: African-American Pioneers in Journalism Collection

Dates: 1991-1997

Creator: Wesley, Doris A.

Abstract: The African American Pioneers in Journalism and Broadcasting Oral History Collection contains photographs, cassette tapes, and oral history transcripts on journalists and broadcasters from the St. Louis African-American community. Subjects of interest include Bernie Hayes and Gloria Pritchard.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot
(30 folders, 15 cassette tapes)

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](http://www.shsmo.org). 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: Collection materials were collected by staff members.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the *African-American Pioneers in Journalism Collection* can be found in the following collections:

Gloria Pritchard Papers (S0150)

Charles Bannister Photograph Collection (S0583)

St. Louis Argus Newspaper Photograph Collection (S0586)

Bennie G. Rodgers Photograph Collection (S0629)

Proud Magazine Collection (S0356)

Bernie Hayes Papers (S0480)

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Alternate Forms Available: Digital images of this collection are available online at the State Historical Society of Missouri Digital Collections: <https://digital.shsmo.org>.

Historical Note:

Doris A. Wesley, former reference specialist at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, began the African-American Pioneers in Journalism and Broadcasting Oral History Project for the organization in 1989. The project includes an exhibit of photographs, as well as commentary of the journalists and broadcasters from the St. Louis African-American Community. It recognizes some of the living legends of local African American media and includes historical text of St. Louis' African American journalists and broadcasters.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Transcripts

Audio Recordings

Scope and Content Note:

Transcripts

This series contains transcripts of oral history interviews of St. Louis's African American journalists, media, radio broadcasters and other media pioneers. The transcripts have been arranged alphabetically.

Audio Recordings

This series contains the original audio recordings of oral history interviews of St. Louis's African American journalists, media, radio broadcasters and other media pioneers. The recordings have been arranged alphabetically.

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	f. 4	Freeman, Gregory, tape 624.4, no date
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	f. 6	Hayes, Bernie, tape 624.6, 1991
	f. 7	Horton, Onion, tape 624.7, 1991

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	f. 11	Rodgers, Bennie, tape 624.11, 1997
	f. 12	Thimes, Lou Fatha, tape 624.12, no date
	f. 13	Thomas, Carl, tape 624.13, no date
	f. 14	Sweets, Melba, tape 624.14, no date
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	f. 26	624.11, Rodgers, Bennie, 1997
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