Collection Title: Gladys Noel Bates Personal Papers

Dates Covered: 1924-1995

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Provenance:

This collection was presented to the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center by Gladys Noel Bates 5330 Thrill Place, Denver, CO 80207.

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Restrictions:

None

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Biography/History:

Gladys Noel Bates was the daughter of A. J. Noel the leader of the Progressive Voters’ League. She was an 8th grade science teacher at the Smith Robertson School in 1948 when she filed a lawsuit against Jackson Public Schools to equalize salaries between white and black teachers. A local NAACP board member, she and her husband, John, also a teacher, were fired from the school system later that year and blacklisted from teaching in the south. The Mississippi Association of Teachers in Colored Schools paid Mrs. Bates’ salary for a year. Later, after suffering some social ostracism in the African American community, the couple moved to Denver, Colorado.

Scope and Content:

This collection consist of 2 Mississippi Education Journals and 1 of 42 scrapbooks that provides the history of the Noel Bates family.

Series Identification:

Series I: Scrapbook, 1924-1995

Box 1: Scrapbook containing:
Correspondence
Photographs
Newspaper clippings
Obituaries
Certificates
Poems
Legal documents

Series II: Books

Box 2

F1 Mississippi Educational Journal, Vol. 31; 1954-1955
Mississippi Educational Journal; 1957-1958