

**Jackson State University  
Margaret Walker Center  
Archives and Record Division**

**Manuscript Collection**

**Collection Title:** Gladys Noel Bates Personal Papers

**Dates Covered:** 1924-1995

**Collection Number:** AF018

**Volume:** 2 (clamshells)

**Original** (x)

**Duplicate** ( )

**Microcopy** ( )

**Photocopy** ( )

**Provenance:**

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

This collection was processed on May 9, 2000.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

