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The papers of Mrs. Maggie Little Turner (1901-1992), she was a teacher for forty-one years—eleven years at the elementary level, ten years on the high school level and twenty years as head of the Home Economics Department at Jackson State College. These papers were initially deposited in the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center Archives and Records Division of Jackson State University in August 23, 1993, by Dr. Alferdteen Harrison. These papers were given to her as a donation to the Center by Pastor Hickman M. Johnson of the Farish Street Baptist Church to help interpret the African American experience.

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Biography/History:

Maggie Little Turner, the elder of two children, was born to Rebecca Robinson and James Little. Both parents preceded her in death and her sister, Alice Little, died at the age of nine. Mrs. Turner was born May 8, 1901, at Ebenezer, Mississippi near Lexington. When she was a baby she was carried to Tchula, Mississippi. She became a Christian at ten years of age and following baptism, she was an active member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. She attended elementary school in Holmes county for grades one through six, finishing only the sixth grade. Turner completed her elementary education at Alcorn A & M College. She completed the eighth grade and passed the State Board examination and taught on the first grade license for five years. She taught in the winters and went to school in the summers. She finished the twelfth grade at Alcorn A & M College in 1932. In the fall of 1932, she enrolled at Alcorn College as a regular college student, and in 1935, she received the B.S. degree in Home Economics. Mrs. Turner was awarded the M.S. degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 1946. She married Abram Turner.

She got an early start in church. At the age of 13, she was teaching the Beginners' Sunday School class, and at age 19, she was Assistant Superintendent of her Sunday School and later served as President of the Baptist Training Union, financial secretary of the church, and president of the Missionary Society.

In 1937, she united with the Farish Street Baptist Church and served faithfully in many capacities, among them: President, The Deaconess Board, and President of the Missionary Society, Teacher of and Treasurer of the E. B. Topp Circle. She also worked on the various standing and special committees, making an invaluable contribution to the ministry of the congregation.

Mrs. Turner was affiliated with many civic and community organizations. She was an active member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the League of Women Voters, Church Women United, Mary Church Terrell Literary Club, the Metropolitan Mississippi and National Retired Teachers' Associations, the American Association of Retired Persons and the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the National Baptist Convention, USA. She was a lifetime member of the Alcorn State University National Alumni Association.

Scope and Content

The papers of Maggie Little Turner span the years 1901-1992, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the years 1969-1989.



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F9 Funeral Program: Ms. Mildred Williams

F10 Funeral Program: Mrs. Gertrude Smith Crosby

F11 Funeral Program: Mr. Arthur "Doug" Owens, Jr.

F12 Funeral Program: Mrs. Hattie Barron

F13 Funeral Program: Mrs. Florence Donnell Allen

F14 Funeral Program: Mr. John Wiley Owens, Sr.

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F16 Funeral Program: Mrs. Ruby Tilles

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F22 Funeral Program: Mrs. Deda Wallace Huddleston
F23 Funeral Program: Mr. Israel Buddellia Robinson
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F26 Funeral Program: Mr. Oliver Lee White
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F28 Funeral Program: Mr. James Norman
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F30 Funeral Program: Mr. Sherman Taylor
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F32 Funeral Program: Mrs. Emma Bradley Coleman
F33 Funeral Program: Mrs. Versie Mae Peoples Smith
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F35 Funeral Program: Mrs. Julia Johnson Jernigan
F36 Funeral Program: Mrs. Willie T. Conic
F37 Funeral Program: Mrs. Inels Witherspoon Bradley-Greer
F38 Funeral Program: Mr. Lescene Bennett
F39 Funeral Program: Mrs. Leana Shaw Campbell
F40 Funeral Program: Mrs. Mary Ella Jones Singleton
F41 Funeral Program: Mrs. Mildred Terrell
F42 Funeral Program: Mr. Frank Redmond
F43 Funeral Program: Mrs. Mary Lee Crawford Lyles
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F61 Funeral Program: Mrs. Lula Washington
F62 Funeral Program: Mrs. Juanita Davis Beadle
F63 Funeral Program: Mrs. Bettie M. Baker
F64 Funeral Program: Mrs. Ella Mitchell Moore
F65 Funeral Program: Mr. Style L. Logan
F66 Funeral Program: Mrs. Ruby Lockett
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F73 Funeral Program: Mrs. Bennie C. Lee
F74 Funeral Program: Mr. Jacob Lorenzo Reddix
F75 Funeral Program: Mr. James Dotson
F76 Funeral Program: Mrs. Josie G. Smith
F77 Funeral Program: Ms. Florence Octavia Alexander
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F83 Funeral Program: Mr. Milton Louis Leffridge
F84 Funeral Program: Mr. Percy Greene
F85 Funeral Program: Mr. John Wesley Dixon
F86 Funeral Program: Mr. James Gooden
F87 Funeral Program: Mr. James Garfield Stackhouse
F88 Funeral Program: Mrs. Hazel Wright Johnson
F89 Funeral Program: Mr. Bircus W. Ross
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- F7 Correspondence
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- F12 Funeral Program: Mrs. Catherine Jett Langston
- F13 Funeral Program: Mrs. Lizzie Neyland Blake
- F14 Royal Circle program
- F15 Funeral Program: Mrs. Mollie Seal
- F16 Funeral Program: Mr. Ivory Cheatham
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- F25 Funeral Program: Ms. Mary G. Whiteside
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F30 Funeral Program: Mrs. Rhoda M. Tademy
F31 Funeral Program: Mrs. Effie Coleman Howard
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F33 Funeral Program: Mrs. Lizzie Briggs Peyton
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F35 Funeral Program: Mr. Garrett L. Olive
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F39 Funeral Program: Ms. Annie Dancy
F40 Funeral Program: Mr. Charles Henry Williams
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F44 Funeral Program: Mr. Percy Johnson, Sr.
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F47 Funeral Program: Mrs. Etho Linda Hall Talley
F48 Funeral Program: Mr. Ras Henry Jackson
F49 Funeral Program: Mr. Felix "Teebie" Thurman, I
F50 Funeral Program: Mr. William Booker
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F52 Funeral Program: Mr. Alleana Hayes Duncan
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F54 Funeral Program: Mr. George Taylor Williams
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F58 Funeral Program: Mrs. Lessie Mae Jones Rollins
F59 Funeral Program: Rev. S. G. Carey, Sr.
F60 Funeral Program: Ms. Louvenia Bailey
F61 Funeral Program: Dr. Ada Oliver Price
F62 Funeral Program: Dr. William Ernest Price
F63 Funeral Program: Mrs. Nancy Jo Cuney
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F65 Funeral Program: Mrs. Geraldine Smith Alexander
F66 Funeral Program: Mrs. Lelia Mae McGill
F67 Funeral Program: Mrs. Leona Taylor Vaughn
F68 Funeral Program: Mrs. Thelma Odessa Colbert Russell
F69 Funeral Program: Mr. Luther James Marshall
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