

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

Manuscript Collection

Collection Title: Serena Walton Collection

Dates Covered: 1920's

Collection Number: AF020

Volume: 1 folder

Original (x)

Duplicate ()

Microcopy ()

Photocopy ()

Provenance:

Mrs. Mitchell Pearl Purdy presented these items to the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center on February 24, 1998. While serving on the exhibit committee collecting artifacts for JSU Interpretive Exhibit.

This collection was processed on May 8, 2000

Restrictions:

Copy and return photography to Serena Walton.

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Biography/History:

William H. Walton a comical man, he made you laugh indeed. For he is as funny as one of the fans, when it comes to acting in a band
Serena Walton grew up in a household that placed a strong emphasis on the importance of the family: Serena Walton was born on March 21, 1908, in Yazoo County, Mississippi; she was the second of six children of Warren L. and Sarah C. Brown; her parents were farmers who both died of tuberculosis and she was reared by her grandparents, the Rev. Silas and Serena Brown, the latter of whom she is named after; the family often worked together to provide their own essential items at home; Serena remembers the Great Depression during her late teenage years; and education has been an important part of her life from childhood to adulthood: getting an education was very hard because of all the segregation of the South; the Yazoo County Public Schools went up to only the tenth grade; Serena attended Alcorn College for the remainder of high school and for two years of college; she completed her undergraduate work at Jackson College in 1945; because education was so important to her, Serena pursued a career in teaching and was certified at Alcorn College to be a teacher; she taught elementary children in the Yazoo County school system; she later went to Indiana University to get her Master's degree in Elementary Education in 1958; while working in the education field, she met and married a science teacher at Jim Hill School, William H. Walton in 1937; William was also a very respected man and a well-known teacher and after his sudden death in July 1958, an elementary school was named in his honor, William Walton Elementary School, Bailey Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of photographs of William H. Walton when he was a student at Jackson College and when he sang with a quartette 1920's.

This collection was arranged into series:

Series I: Photograph



Serena Walton Photograph Collection [AF020]

Series I: Photographs, 1920's. 1 folder, 2 items

Box 1

- F1 2 photographs of Mr. Walton when he was a student at Jackson College
And a quartette singer, 1920's; 2 items

