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# Dr. Barbara Allen/ Yazoo City, Mississippi Afro-American Hospital Research Collection

MUM00742

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### Repository

University of Mississippi Libraries

### Title

Dr. Barbara Allen/ Yazoo City, Mississippi Afro-American Hospital Research Collection

### ID

MUM00742

### Date [inclusive]

1980-1981

### Extent

0.418 Linear feet (2 boxes)

### Abstract

Contains the research files of Dr. Barbara Allen regarding the Afro-American Hospital in Yazoo City, MS. Includes secondary source material on the African-American medical profession; transcripts of oral histories; and copies of primary source documents related to the Hospital.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Afro-American Hospital of Yazoo City was established in 1928 "to provide medical care for members of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters Association." (Dr. Barbara Allen, "The Afro-American Hospital, Yazoo City, MS , 1928-1972." p. 1) This Association, founded in 1924 by Thomas Jefferson Huddleston, was a Mississippi fraternal organization "offering death and hospitalization benefits to its members." (Allen, p. 1). The hospital was used for the most part by the members of the Afro-Americans Sons and Daughters, but it was opened on a fee basis for non-

members. There were three medical directors of the hospital during its tenure. The founder was Dr. Lloyd Tevis Miller, a native of Natchez, MS. Dr. Miller went on to add Dr. Robert Elliot Fullilove to the staff along with three registered nurses. A nursing school was on site during the 1930s and 1940s and graduates were official R.N.'s licensed in Mississippi. In 1951 Dr. Fullilove became the medical director of the hospital, and in 1957 Dr. Cyril Walwyn took over as the hospital's final medical director. Although well used by the community, financial difficulties plagued the hospital, and by the 1960s these problems became dire. The Association had not changed its membership and premium fees to keep up with the increased costs of the hospital. In 1966, due to the hospital's inability to bring itself up to the standards of the Mississippi Hospital Board, the Yazoo County Board of Supervisors decided to lease the hospital from the Association (1967). Renovations and new equipment were purchased and this arrangement lasted until 1972. Integrations of nearby hospitals (Yazoo City's King's Daughters Hospital and hospitals in Vicksburg and Jackson) caused patients to cease going to the Afro-American Hospital.

Dr. Barbara Allen became interested in the Yazoo City Afro-American Hospital as Scholar-in-Residence in Yazoo City, 1979-1980. Funding for the humanities scholar-in-residence program at the Yazoo Public Library came through the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities. It was a nine-month position and as Dr. Allen delved into the history of Yazoo City she found information on the hospital. By February 1980 she began conducting oral history interviews with people who remembered the history of the hospital (for example the nieces of Dr. Fullilove; the children of T.J. Huddleston; the niece of Dr. L.T. "Daisy" Miller; nurses associated with the hospital; and a medical director and hospital administrator in the later years of the hospital's history).

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

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Box 1: Information on doctors at the Afro-American Hospital; Bibliographies of histories of African-American medicine; Reports and histories of the Afro-American Hospital; Transcripts of oral histories regarding the history of the Afro-American Hospital. Box 2: Oversize materials.

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## **ARRANGEMENT**

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No original order, so the collection is organized by subject groupings, then chronological when known.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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### **Publication Information**

University of Mississippi Libraries

### **Access Restrictions**

The Dr. Barbara Allen/ Yazoo City, Mississippi Afro-American Hospital Research Collection is open for research.

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### **Additions**

No further additions are expected to this collection.

### **Acquisition Information**

Dr. Barbara Allen donated the research files and transcripts related to the Yazoo City Afro-American Hospital in 1996 to Dr. Ann Abadie of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture. The Center donated the files to Special Collections in the summer of 2014.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Jennifer Ford, August 2014.

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## **RELATED MATERIALS**

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## Separated Materials

Minimum Standards of Operation for Mississippi Hospitals/  
Mississippi Commission on Hospital Care. March 12, 1973.  
Sent to be cataloged for Special Collections.

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## COLLECTION INVENTORY

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### Box 1

Folder 1: History of Yazoo City Afro-American hospital. Post 1979

#### Scope and Content

Contains "The Afro-American Hospital, Yazoo City, MS"/ Dr. Barbara Allen and a hand-drawn map of the hospital presumably done by Allen with the note, "sketch I made of the building after a visit with Mrs. Eunice Nelson."

Folder 2: History of Dr. Lloyd Tevis Miller. Undated; 1968

#### Scope and Content

Contains photocopies of newspaper and magazine articles on Dr. Miller and the hospital; a biographical sketch of Dr. Miller; and copies of letters about Dr. Miller's legacy.

Folder 3: History of Tom Huddleston. Undated; 1968

#### Scope and Content

Contains an undated biographical sketch of Tom Huddleston and a newspaper article mentioning Huddleston.

Folder 4: Afro-American Sons and Daughters. 1942; 1943; 1962; 1968.

#### Scope and Content

Contains a copies of several publications: the 1942 "Charter and Constitution of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters"; the 1943 "Eighteenth Annual Report and Custodian's Message of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters"; the 1962 "Charter and Constitution of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters"; and a 1968 "Souvenir Program of Forty-Third Supreme Lodge, Afro-American Sons & Daughters."

Folder 5: Report to the Yazoo City Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce from the Hospital Study Committee. 1966

Folder 6: Report on license for Yazoo City Afro-American Hospital. 1966

Folder 7: Minutes of Special Call Meeting of Board of Trustees of Yazoo County Afro Hospital. January 12, 1968.

Folder 8: Medical Care in Yazoo City. Undated

**Scope and Content**

Contains a section on medical care in Yazoo City from the publication, "History of Yazoo City, Part Two"/ N.S. Adams.

Folder 9: Correspondence between Dr. Barbara Allen and scholars interested in African-American medical history. 1981

Folder 10: Bibliographies concerning African-American medical care. Undated, 1970

Folder 11: African-American medical care. 1947; 1958; 1984.

**Scope and Content**

Photocopies of tables of contents of publications concerning African-American medical care.

Folder 12: Materials concerning African-American doctors, medical societies, and education. Undated; 1936; 1939; 1953; 1967; 1971; 1980.

**Scope and Content**

Contains photocopies of first pages, tables of contents, and bibliographies on the history of African-Americans in medicine.

Folder 13: Materials concerning the history of Meharry Medical College. 1934; 1972; 1983.

**Scope and Content**

Contains photocopies of title pages and tables of contents on the history of Meharry Medical College.

Folder 14: Mississippi Department of Archives and History Yazoo City Afro-American Hospital Collection. Undated; 1980; 1981.

**Scope and Content**

Dr. Allen donated a patient register from the Afro-American Hospital in 1980 to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History which was cleaned and microfilmed. The correspondence concerns the gift. Also included is a summary of information from the patient register, presumably written by Dr. Allen.

Folder 15: Correspondence related to Dr. Daisy Balsey's oral history about her family's connection with the Afro-American hospital. 1980

Folder 16: Typescript. Dr. Daisy Balsley interviewed by Barbara Allen. Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project. Undated

**Scope and Content**

Subject of oral history: Dr. Robert Fullilove, Dr. Balsley's father.

Folder 17: Typescript. Mrs. Daisy Green (with Mary Louise Miller), Greenville, MS interviewed by Barbara Allen. Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project. 19 February 1980.

**Scope and Content**

Subject of oral history: Dr. L.T. Miller; integration in Yazoo City.

Folder 18: Typescript. T.J. Huddleston, Jr. (with Mrs. Henry [Willie Jean] Espy), Yazoo City, interviewed by Barbara Allen. Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project. 5 March 1980.

Folder 19: Typescript. Willeva Lindsey interviewed by Barbara Allen. Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project. 25 March 1980.

Folder 20: Typescript. Dr. Cyril A. Walwyn interviewed by Barbara Allen. Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project. 26 March 1980.

Folder 21: Typescript. Mrs. Leola Galloway (with Mrs. Carrie White) interviewed by Barbara Allen. Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project. 3 April 1980.

Folder 22: Typescript. Hubert Owens interviewed by Barbara Allen. Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project. 1 May 1980.

Folder 23: Typescript. Mrs. Eunice Nelson, Yazoo City, interviewed by Barbara Allen. Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project. 6 May 1980.

Folder 24: Typescript. Thomas Campbell, Jr. interviewed by Harriet DeCell. [Part of the Yazoo County Scholar-in-Residence Oral History Project?]. 12 May 1980.

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Folder 1: Information on the Yazoo City Century Burial Association. Undated; 1980.

**Scope and Content**

Contains blank contracts for funeral benefits by the Century Burial Association; newspaper clipping from 1980 advertising the Century Funeral Home; and a calendar advertising the Century Burial Association.

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