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The papers of Mrs. James A. Myers were found by John Hope Franklin in a steamer at an auction in New York City. Dr. Franklin purchased the trunk and sent it to Fisk University in 1984.

Mrs. James A. Myers was born Henrietta Helena Crawley, November 10, 1878, in Nashville, Tennessee, near the campus of Fisk University. She was the oldest daughter of ten children conceived by Mary Jane Green Crawley and Thomas Edward Crawley. She married James Andrew Myers, whom she met while both were students at Fisk, on September 16, 1906. Both were members of the Jubilee Singers. At the death of James Myers in 1927, Mrs. Myers took over the directorship of the singers. Deeply dedicated to her husband's work, Mrs. Myers allowed no one to address her by any name except that of Mrs. James A. Myers.

The personal papers of Mrs. Myers are those when she led a group of singers she called the Jubilee Singers, composed of graduates who sang with the Fisk Jubilee Singers, as well as others. Acting as Goodwill Ambassadors for the State Department, the group toured Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East during the 1950's. In addition, they gave performances in the United States.

The collection of 11 boxes contains personal and general correspondence with notable persons, such as Cordell Hull, Hall Johnson, Thor Johnson and others. There are contracts, bills, receipts, itineraries, photographs with heads of state, newspaper clippings, reviews, memorabilia, and sheet music scored by Mrs. Myers, Margaret Bonds, S. Coleridge Taylor, and others. In addition is a manuscript by Louise Davis, Mrs. Myers and the Jubilee Singers.

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Register

Box 1

- f. 1--Biographical data
2--Biographical data--Jubilee Singers
--Correspondence
3--Allen, Thomas G.--Butcher, Emily E.--1951-1959
4--Cassidy, L.W.--Gupre, H.R.--1950-1958
5--Hale, Edward H.--Hull, Cordell--1949-1958
6--Iriberry, Bernardo--Noble, Clara E.--1952-1959
7--Parker, M.J.--Rutherford, Billy--1947-1957
8--Sauder, Paul (Mrs.)--Zucker, Benjamin--1950-1959
9--Unidentifiable
10--Contracts and agreements

Box 2

- 1--Notes
2--Notes
3--Notes
4--Notebooks
5--Itineraries
6--Programs--Jubilee Singers
7--Programs--Jubilee Singers
8--List--recorded songs--Jubilee Singers

Box 3

- 1--Publicity--Jubilee Singers
2--Publicity--Jubilee Singers
3--Newspaper clippings--1950-1957
4--Newspaper clippings--n.d.
5--Scrapbook--Jubilee Singers--1952-1953

Box 4

- 1--Photographs--Mrs. Myers and L. Thompson
2--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--identified
3--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--Ralph Bunche
4--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--Carnegie Hall

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- f. 5--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--Cincinnati Symphony
- 6--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--French Live s/s Liberte
- 7--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--Jerusalem, 1953
- 8--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--Luxembourg
- 9--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--New Delhi, India
- 10--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--Paris, France
- 11--Photographs--Passport--Myers
- 12--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--Thompson (Gov.) Wisconsin
- 13--Photographs--Jubilee Singers--Vienna
- 14--Photographs--Jubilee Singers
- 15--Photographs--Jubilee Singers
- 16--Photographs--Jubilee Singers

Box 5

- 1--Accounts, bills, receipts--personal
- 2--Accounts, bills, receipts--Jubilee Singers
- 3--Memorabilia
- 4--Memorabilia
- 5--Memorabilia
- 6--Memorabilia
- 7--Memorabilia
- 8--Memorabilia

Box 6

Myers, James A. (Mrs.)--Collections

- 1--Davis, Louise--Manuscript--Mrs. Myers and the Jubilee Singers
- 2--Programs
- 3--Newspaper clippings
- 4--Newspaper clippings
- 5--Photographs
- 6--Miscellaneous

Box 7

Myers, James A. (Mrs.)--Collections

- 1--Music--A
- 2--Music--B-D
- 3--Music--F-I
- 4--Music--J-N

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Box 8

Myers, James A. (Mrs.)--Collections

- f. 1--Music--O
- 2--Music--P
- 3--Music--P
- 4--Music--P

Box 9

Myers, James A. (Mrs.)--Collections

- 1--Music--P
- 2--Music--R-T
- 3--Music--W-X

Box 10

Myers, James A. (Mrs.)--Collections
Directories, bulletins, magazines

Box 11

Envelopes