

Rosa Parks Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Rosa Parks Papers

Span Dates: 1866-2006

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1955-2000)

ID No.: MSS85943

Creator: Parks, Rosa, 1913-2005

Extent: 7,500 items ; 40 containers plus 17 oversize and 1 artifact container ; 50 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Civil rights activist. Correspondence; family papers; writings; notes; statements; programs; medals, resolutions, and other honors; financial, employment, health, and estate records; drawings; photographs; address books; appointment calendars; memorabilia; magazine and newspaper clippings; books; and other printed matter documenting her personal life and civil rights activism.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Arberry family.

Carr, Johnnie Rebecca, 1911-2008.

Clark, Septima Poinsette, 1898-1987.

Conyers, John, 1929-

Durr, Virginia Foster.

Edwards family.

Gray, Fred D., 1930-

Haley, Alex.

Killens, John Oliver, 1916-1987.

King, Coretta Scott, 1927-2006.

King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968--Interviews.

King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968.

McCauley family.

McCauley, Leona Edwards, 1888-1979--Correspondence.

McCauley, Sylvester James, 1915-1977--Correspondence.

Mitford, Jessica, 1917-1996.

Moore, Audley, 1898-1997.

Morris, Edita, 1902-1988--Correspondence.

Nixon, Edgar Daniel--Interviews.

Parks family.

Parks, Raymond A. (Raymond Arthur), 1903-1977--Correspondence.

Parks, Rosa, 1913-2005--Interviews.

Parks, Rosa, 1913-2005--Medals.

Parks, Rosa, 1913-2005.

Percival family.

Rustin, Bayard, 1912-1987.

Stokes, Olivia Pearl, 1916-

Terkel, Studs, 1912-2008.

Thomas, Clarence, 1948-

Williams, Aubrey Willis, 1890-1965.

Williams, Aubrey Willis, 1890-1965. Aubrey Willis Williams oral history interviews and writings.

Organizations

Hampton Institute.

Highlander Folk School (Monteagle, Tenn.)
March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963 : Washington, D.C.)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.
Mississippi Freedom Project.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom (1957 : Washington, D.C.)
Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development.
Southern Christian Leadership Conference.
St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

Subjects

African American churches.
African American youth.
African Americans--Civil rights.
African Americans--Religion.
African Americans--Segregation.
African Americans--Social conditions.
African Americans--Societies, etc.
African Americans.
Boycotts--Alabama.
Civil rights demonstrations--Alabama.
Civil rights demonstrations--United States.
Civil rights movements--United States.
Civil rights--United States.
Civil rights.
Congressional Award.
Montgomery Bus Boycott, Montgomery, Ala., 1955-1956.
Poor People's Campaign.
Presidential Medal of Freedom.
Race discrimination--Southern States.
Race discrimination--United States.
Segregation--Southern States.
Segregation--United States.
World War, 1939-1945--Participation, African American.

Places

Michigan--Religion.
Michigan--Social life and customs.
Southern States--Race relations.
Southern States--Social conditions.
United States--Race relations.
United States--Social conditions.
United States--Social policy.

Occupations

Civil rights activists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Rosa Parks, civil rights activist, were placed on deposit at the Library of Congress by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation in 2014, and converted to a gift in 2016.

Transfers

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Other Repositories

Other papers of Rosa Parks can be found at the Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Rosa Parks in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is reserved to the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for further information..

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Rosa Parks are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Online Content

The papers of Rosa Parks are available on the Library of Congress Web site at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc/mss/collmss.ms000037>.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1913, Feb. 4	Born, Tuskegee, Ala.
1914	Moved to Pine Level, Ala.
1924-1929	Attended the Montgomery Industrial School, Montgomery, Ala.
1932	Married Raymond A. Parks (died 1977)
1933	Received high school degree
1943	Selected as secretary, NAACP Montgomery, Ala., branch
1949	Became an advisor to the Youth Council of the NAACP Montgomery, Ala., branch
1955	Attended a workshop at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., in August Arrested on December 1 and charged with violating Montgomery, Ala., segregation laws by refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger Participated in organizing a boycott of the Montgomery bus system
1956	Lost her job in January as an assistant tailor at the Montgomery Fair department store, Montgomery, Ala. Arrested along with other boycott organizers for violating anti-boycott laws

1957	Moved to Detroit, Mich. Participated in the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom
1957-1958	Hostess, Holly Tree Inn, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.
1958	Returned to Detroit, Mich.
1963	Participated in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom
1965	Participated in the Selma-to-Montgomery March
1965-1988	Worked in Congressman John Conyers's district office in Detroit, Mich.
1979	Awarded the NAACP Spingarn Medal
1987	Founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development
1992	Published with Jim Haskins <i>Rosa Parks: My Story</i> . New York: Dial Books
1994	Published with Gregory J. Reed <i>Quiet Strength: The Faith, the Hope, the Heart of a Woman Who Changed a Nation</i> . Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan Publishing House
1996	Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom Published with Gregory J. Reed <i>Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue with Today's Youth</i> . New York: Lee and Low Books
1999	Awarded the Congressional Gold Medal
2005, Oct. 24	Died, Detroit, Mich.; lay in honor in the United States Capitol Rotunda

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Rosa Louise Parks (1913-2005) span the years 1866-2006, with the bulk of the material dating from 1955 to 2000. The collection documents many aspects of Parks's private life and public activism on behalf of civil rights for African Americans. An array of personal papers contains family papers, correspondence, writings, notes, statements, event programs and invitations, tributes, medals, photographs, printed matter, books owned by her, and a variety of employment, financial, health, and residential records that reveal much about the material conditions of her life. Events surrounding her arrest in 1955 for violating Montgomery, Alabama, segregation laws by refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger, as well as the subsequent Montgomery Bus Boycott, are described in many of her writings, notes, and correspondence from 1955 to 1956. The collection is arranged in eleven series: [Family Papers](#); [General Correspondence](#); [Subject File](#); [Writings, Notes, and Statements](#); [Events](#); [Resolutions and Other Honors](#); [Miscellany](#); [Printed Matter](#); [Books Owned by Parks](#); [Medals](#); and [Oversize](#).

The [Family Papers](#) open a window into some of Rosa Parks's most important relationships. The series contains her correspondence with family members, most notably her husband Raymond A. Parks, her mother Leona McCauley, and her brother Sylvester McCauley. Correspondence with her husband and mother contains the largest number of letters written by her in the collection. Her letters to Raymond Parks date between 1957 and 1958 when she was living and working at the Hampton Institute in Virginia and he was living in Detroit. Written in the aftermath of the bus boycott, the letters reveal the personal toll those events took on both of them and the emotional hardship of their separation. Rosa Parks's back-and-forth correspondence with her mother Leona McCauley is more voluminous and spans several decades, largely from the late 1940s to McCauley's death in 1979. The letters were written during periods when they were apart from one another, most significantly between 1956 and 1958 during Rosa Parks's speaking tours and employment at the Hampton Institute. James

McCauley, Parks's father, was not a consistent part of her life, a circumstance he reflects on in a letter written to her in 1950. Letters by Sylvester McCauley largely concern his efforts to convince his sister to move to Detroit. Correspondence with extended family consists of letters from nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, and other family members. Also included in the series are other family papers that shed further light on the lives of Parks's husband, mother, father, and brother. Raymond A. Parks's papers include several letters from friends and acquaintances, as well as employment records, barber licenses, photographs, certificates, Masonic dues books, and receipts, including one from their move to Detroit in 1957. Among Leona McCauley's papers is an exchange of letters in 1956 with writer and political activist Edita Morris. Some of Sylvester McCauley's papers relate to his military service in World War II.

The [General Correspondence](#) series is arranged in four files: an alphabetical file, a chronological file, greeting cards, and letters and drawings from children. The alphabetical file contains letters from prominent individuals and those who played a significant role in Parks's life. Among them are Johnnie Rebecca Carr, a prominent member of Montgomery's civil rights movement; Septima Poinsette Clark of the Highlander Folk School; Virginia Foster Durr, a white civil rights advocate living in Montgomery; and Fred D. Gray who represented Parks after her arrests in 1955 and 1956. Also included is a note from civil rights leader Audley Moore, better known as Queen Mother Moore. A postcard written by Martin Luther King, Jr., while traveling in Europe in 1957 was kept by Parks in a keepsake portfolio that is currently filed in the Miscellany series. The postcard was transferred to the alphabetical correspondence file during processing. Letters signed "Galatas" are from a childhood friend living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The alphabetical file features several letters written by Parks in 1956-1957, including one to "Anne," possibly Anne Braden, and another to Jessica Mitford, both of which describe events during the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

A chronological file of largely incoming correspondence spans the years 1948-2006, but is more heavily weighted toward the last decades of Parks's life. The earliest correspondence in the 1940s and 1950s contains invitations to weddings and graduations, but also letters from friends and others, some of which make reference to civil rights issues. Later correspondence is composed principally of letters from organizations, event planners, some friends and acquaintances, and private individuals who wrote to express their admiration for her. Many of these letters contain requests for her to appear at events, to grant permission to quote from her interviews and writings, and to comment on scripts and other writings sent to her by the authors. A large file of greeting cards contains well wishes sent by friends and the public on her birthday, holidays, and during her periodic illnesses. Letters from school children, often illustrated, convey endearing, unselfconscious expressions of admiration.

The [Subject File](#) focuses more narrowly on Parks's affiliation with several organizations and institutions, her participation in major civil rights events, and various efforts to honor her. Material on her institutional memberships ranges from the Masonic Order of Eastern Star to St. Matthew Church in Detroit. Many of the programs from her home church contain her notes and annotations. Included among the material from the Highlander Folk School is a 1963 flyer condemning it as "a communist training school" and reprinting an often-reproduced photograph of Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., and others at the school's twenty-fifth anniversary in 1957. Files are also featured from leading civil rights organizations including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Notable among the major civil rights events documented in the file is the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Most of this material dates from the boycott itself and includes draft instructions to car-pool drivers and passengers written in Parks's hand and a Montgomery Fair department store date book for 1955 that Parks used as a notebook during 1956. In it are lists of names, including drivers during the boycott, as well as notes and reflections during that critical year. These items suggest the active role she played in helping to organize the boycott. Other material on the boycott includes a series of typescripts of writings and interviews by Aubrey Willis Williams, most of which are annotated and corrected by Parks. Interview transcripts consist of those between Williams and Martin Luther King, Jr., Edgar Daniel Nixon, and Parks. Articles and a series of chronologies, most of which are attributed to Williams and annotated by Parks, concern Parks's arrest, the subsequent bus boycott, and race relations in the South in general. Material relating to the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in 1957 includes advice to her from Bayard Rustin. Ephemera documents her participation in other key events and includes a copy of the first organizing manual for the March on Washington in 1963 and her name tag and identity card from the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project in 1964 and the Poor People's Campaign in 1968. Also explored in the [Subject File](#) are efforts to honor Parks, among them the creation of two national committees, the renaming of a Detroit street in her honor, the establishment of a scholarship named for her, and the awarding of the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996 and Congressional Gold Medal in 1999. A small file stemming from her work in Congressman John Conyers's Detroit office and files from the Rosa and Raymond Parks

Institute for Self Development, an organization founded by her to promote youth development and civil rights education, round out the series.

Rosa Parks's [Writings, Notes, and Statements](#) are organized as a separate series and span several decades from her arrest on December 1, 1955, to her final years at the end of the twentieth century. The series includes galley proofs and other items from three co-authored books by her; drafts of writings from around 1956-1958; prayers and spiritual reflections; statements honoring John Conyers and opposing the appointment of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court; and notes that range from note-taking at meetings to random personal reflections to mundane jottings. A notebook, probably dated 1956, records in part her travels to California where she had numerous speaking engagements and attended the NAACP annual convention in San Francisco. Perhaps most notable among her writings are two folders of handwritten, draft accounts of her arrest, the subsequent bus boycott, and the dynamics of race relations in the South. Although undated, some of these drafts are written on the back of 1956 letters, envelopes, and a program. It is likely that many of them were written that year, possibly for speeches given by Parks. Some may have been written between 1957 and 1958 when Parks was living and working at the Hampton Institute. Also of note are drafts of autobiographical writings in which Parks explored the impact of racism and discrimination on her own life. It is uncertain why she wrote these drafts. Some may have been written as notes for interviews or speeches, or she may have considered writing her memoirs in either article or book form.

Many of Parks's speaking engagements, the honors she received, and events she attended are documented in an [Events](#) series that contains programs, invitations, flyers, and other publicity material. The file is arranged in two sections: events featuring or honoring Parks and a general file for events that she most likely attended even though her name does not appear in the programs. Items from events featuring or honoring Parks trace the evolving way Parks was remembered and honored by the American public. Some of the earliest events were organized as fund-raising benefits to assist the Parks family as it struggled financially in the aftermath of her arrest. Later events focused more exclusively on celebrating her as an iconic national hero and the "mother of the civil rights movement." The programs in the general file are useful in documenting the organizations, people, and movements she supported by her mere attendance. The collection also includes numerous resolutions, tributes, honorary degrees, and other honors awarded to Parks. These are arranged as a separate series and are housed among the collection's [Oversize](#) material.

A [Miscellany](#) series documents many day-to-day and material aspects of Rosa Parks's life including her employment, financial status, health, memberships, donations, household furnishings, residences, and circle of friends, family, associates, and contacts. Employment files largely consist of pay stubs and vouchers, including those from the Montgomery Fair department store where Parks was employed as an assistant tailor at the time of her arrest. Income tax records track the financial status of the Parks family from 1943 to 1987 and expose the couple's prolonged financial struggle following Rosa Parks's arrest in 1955. Other records including insurance and banking records and receipts for household goods and rent provide further insight into their financial conditions and coping strategies. Rosa Parks's web of personal connections is partially documented through address books, invitation lists, and telephone messages. Telephone messages dated 1974-1975 in particular provide a glimpse into the casework handled by Parks and other staff in Congressman John Conyers's Detroit office.

The [Printed Matter](#) series contains material about Parks and collected by her. Collected material focuses on such topics as civil rights, Martin Luther King, Jr., and religion. It also includes commemorative stamps sent to her by others and magazines and newspapers she presumably read and saved. Magazines and newspapers with articles about Parks or briefly mentioning her are arranged separately within the printed matter. The collection also contains books owned by Parks. Some of the earliest publications were owned by family members whose names are written in the books. Prominent among the family-owned books is a Bible recording births, deaths, and marriages of members of the Percival, Arberry, and Edwards families. Copies of the family register pages have also been made available in the [Family Papers](#) series. Some of the later books contain inscriptions to Parks by Fred D. Gray, Alex Haley, John Oliver Killens, Coretta Scott King, Olivia Pearl Stokes, and Studs Terkel, among others.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in eleven series:

- [Family Papers, 1900-2005](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1928-2006](#)
- [Subject File, 1937-2005](#)

- Writings, Notes, and Statements, 1956-1998
- Events, 1951-2005
- Resolutions and Other Honors, 1967-2006
- Miscellany, 1934-2005
- Printed Matter, 1947-2005
- Books Owned by Parks, 1866-2001
- Medals, 1996-1999
- Oversize, 1900-2006

Description of Series

Container

Series

BOX 1-3

Family Papers, 1900-2005

Correspondence, certificates, memorials, notes, financial records, employment records, insurance documents, medical records, photographs, news clippings, and other material pertaining to the family of Rosa Parks.

Arranged in two parts: letters to and from Rosa Parks, and other family papers. Letters to and from Parks are arranged alphabetically by name of immediate family member, with letters from extended family grouped together in a chronological arrangement. Other family papers contain material belonging to and documenting the lives of Parks's husband, mother, brother, and father. They are arranged alphabetically by name of family member and alphabetically thereunder by topic or type of material.

BOX 3-13

General Correspondence, 1928-2006

Correspondence, greeting cards, and children's drawings.

Arranged in four parts. An alphabetical file containing correspondence from individuals prominent in Parks's life is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. A chronological file of largely incoming letters, a file of greeting cards, and letters and drawings from children are each arranged chronologically.

BOX 13-18

Subject File, 1937-2005

Correspondence, memoranda, invitations, notes, writings, interview transcripts, programs, flyers, name tags, newsletters, an instructional kit, an organizing manual, lists, certificates, song sheets, petitions, photographs, a collection of labor and political buttons, and other material pertaining to Parks's affiliation with various organizations and institutions, her participation in major civil rights events, and efforts to honor her.

Arranged alphabetically by name of organization, institution, or event, by topic, or by type of material.

BOX 18-19

Writings, Notes, and Statements, 1956-1998

Book galleys, drafts of writings, notes, notebooks, interviews, prayers, spiritual reflections, and statements by Parks.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

BOX 19-22

Events, 1951-2005

Event programs, flyers, tickets, and other printed matter.

Arranged in two parts: events featuring or honoring Parks and a general file of events that she most likely attended even though her name does not appear in the programs. Each part is arranged chronologically within.

BOX 22

Resolutions and Other Honors, 1967-2006

Resolutions, tributes, certificates, honorary degrees, and poetry honoring Parks. Arranged alphabetically in the following categories: congressional; institutions and organizations; miscellaneous; poetry; states, cities, and local communities; and wooden plaques and framed certificates.

Items are arranged alphabetically within each category by name of organization, institution, person, or state. *See Oversize*

BOX 22-26

Miscellany, 1934-2005

Financial, employment, insurance, estate, and medical records, appointment calendars, address books, biographical material, business cards, lists, keepsake portfolios, membership and other cards, telephone messages, a recipe, a questionnaire, sample stationery, and other material documenting Parks's daily life and material circumstances.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.

BOX 26-30

Printed Matter, 1947-2005

Magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, brochures, a book, commemorative stamps, calendars, and various printed ephemera either pertaining to or collected by Parks.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.

BOX 30-40

Books Owned by Parks, 1866-2001

Books owned by Parks. Some of the books are inscribed with the names of family members.

Others contain inscriptions to Parks by the author or the person giving her the book.

Arranged alphabetically by name of author or title.

BOX VA1

Medals, 1996-1999

The Congressional Gold Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Arranged alphabetically by name of the medal.

BOX OV 1 -OV 17

Oversize, 1900-2006

Oversize material consisting of resolutions, tributes, certificates, honorary degrees, correspondence, writings, political ephemera, labor and campaign buttons, a calendar, a family Bible, and newspapers.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1-3	<p>Family Papers, 1900-2005</p> <p>Correspondence, certificates, memorials, notes, financial records, employment records, insurance documents, medical records, photographs, news clippings, and other material pertaining to the family of Rosa Parks.</p> <p>Arranged in two parts: letters to and from Rosa Parks, and other family papers. Letters to and from Parks are arranged alphabetically by name of immediate family member, with letters from extended family grouped together in a chronological arrangement. Other family papers contain material belonging to and documenting the lives of Parks's husband, mother, brother, and father. They are arranged alphabetically by name of family member and alphabetically thereunder by topic or type of material.</p>
BOX 1	<p>Letters to and from Rosa Parks</p> <p>Extended family</p> <p>1948-1964 Digital content available</p> <p>1973-1976 Digital content available</p> <p>1977-1981 Digital content available</p> <p>1982-1985 Digital content available</p> <p>1986-1989 Digital content available</p> <p>1990-1993 Digital content available</p> <p>1994-1997 Digital content available</p> <p>1998-2005 Digital content available</p> <p>Undated <i>See also Oversize</i> Digital content available</p>
BOX 2	<p>McCauley, James (father), 1950 Digital content available</p> <p>McCauley, Leona (mother)</p> <p>1936 , 1946 Digital content available</p> <p>1948-1953 Digital content available</p> <p>1956 Digital content available</p> <p>1957 Digital content available</p> <p>1958 Digital content available</p>

- 1961-1976
 - [Digital content available](#)
- 1977-1979
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Undated
 - [Digital content available](#)
- McCauley, Sylvester (brother)
 - 1944-1947
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - 1951-1957
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Parks, Raymond A. (husband)
 - 1957
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - 1958
 - 1958, Jan.-Mar.
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - 1958, Apr.-Oct.
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Other family papers
 - Copies of family register pages in family Bible, circa 1900-1941 *See also Containers 34 and OV 17, Holy Bible, C. H. Robinson*
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - Edwards, Bessie D., memorial and clipping on her death, 1905
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - Lists of family members, 1988, undated
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - McCauley, James (father), 1961, undated
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - McCauley, Leona (mother)
 - Correspondence with others
 - 1956 , 1969-1975
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - 1976-1979, undated
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - Miscellany, 1954 , 1961-1963 , 1974-1980, undated *See also Oversize*
 - [Digital content available](#)

BOX 3

- McCauley, Sylvester (brother)
 - Correspondence with others, 1944-1945 , 1951 , 1957
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - Miscellany, 1915 , 1943-1949 , 1961
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Parks, Raymond A. (husband)
 - Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdiction, 1945-1946
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - Barber's licenses and a note about barber's examination, 1957-1960 , 1968
 - [Digital content available](#)

Correspondence with others, 1946 , 1952-1959

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Death of, 1977

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Employment, 1950-1959

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Income tax records *See Container 24, same heading*

Insurance

1942-1951

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1944-1947 , 1956

[Digital content available](#)

International Railway Correspondence Institute, diploma, 1928

[Digital content available](#)

Miscellany, circa 1955 , 1965 , 1977

[Digital content available](#)

Notebook, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Photographs, circa 1923 , 1947 , 1970s

[Digital content available](#)

Receipts

Barber supplies, 1951 , 1964-1966

[Digital content available](#)

Medical, 1956-1957 , 1965-1977

[Digital content available](#)

Miscellaneous, 1940-1947 , 1956-1959 , 1974

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Move to Detroit, Mich., 1957

[Digital content available](#)

Percival family, two news clippings, undated

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BOX 3-13

General Correspondence, 1928-2006

Correspondence, greeting cards, and children's drawings.

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BOX 3

Alphabetical file

"Anne," draft letter by Parks possibly to Anne Braden, 1956

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Bond, James and Julian, 1986

[Digital content available](#)

Bond, Marion O., undated

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Bush, George W., Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, 2006

[Digital content available](#)

General Correspondence, 1928-2006

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- Carr, Johnnie Rebecca, 1962, 1990
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- Clark, Septima Poinsette, 1961 , 1972
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- Clinton, Bill, 1993-2000
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- Conyers, John, 1965 , 1971 , 1982-1987, undated
[Digital content available](#)
- Durr, Virginia Foster, 1954-1962 , 1973-1981 , 1990, undated
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- Fonda, Jane, and Tom Hayden, holiday greeting, 1983
[Digital content available](#)
- "Galatas," 1928-1932
[Digital content available](#)
- Gore, Al, 1996
[Digital content available](#)
- Gray, Fred D., 1975-1977 *See also Container 31, Daniels, Pearl Gray*
[Digital content available](#)
- Hooks, Benjamin and Frances, holiday greeting, undated
[Digital content available](#)
- Jackson, Jesse, holiday greeting and campaign ephemera, 1987-1988 *See also Oversize*
[Digital content available](#)
- John Paul II, Pope, letter from Parks, 1999-2005
[Digital content available](#)
- King, Corretta Scott, birthday greetings, 2000-2001 *For additional material see Container 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change*
[Digital content available](#)
- King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1956-1957, undated
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- Mitford, Jessica ("Decca" Treuhaft), letter from Parks, 1956
[Digital content available](#)
- Moore, Audley, 1957
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- Posey, Webster W., letter from Parks, 1957
[Digital content available](#)
- Randolph, A. Philip, 1976
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- Rangel, Charles B., 1997
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- Chronological file
- 1948-1949
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- 1958-1959
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General Correspondence, 1928-2006

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General Correspondence, 1928-2006

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	Digital content available
	1988, Dec. 7-16
	Digital content available
	1988, Dec. 17-30
	Digital content available
	1989
	Digital content available
BOX 8	circa 1980s
	Folder 1
	Digital content available
	Folder 2
	Digital content available
	Folder 3
	Digital content available
	1990
	Digital content available
	1991
	Digital content available
	1992
	1992, Jan.-July
	Digital content available
	1992, Dec.
	Folder 1
	Digital content available
BOX 9	Folder 2
	Digital content available
	Folder 3
	Digital content available

General Correspondence, 1928-2006

Container

Contents

	1993
	Digital content available
	1994-1995
	Digital content available
	1996
	Digital content available
	1997
	1997, Feb.-May
	Digital content available
BOX 10	1997, Aug.-Sept.
	Digital content available
	1998
	Digital content available
	1999
	Digital content available
	circa 1990s
	Folder 1
	Digital content available
	Folder 2
	Digital content available
	Folder 3
	Digital content available
	Folder 4
	Digital content available
	Folder 5
	Digital content available
BOX 11	2000
	2000, Jan.
	Digital content available
	2000, Feb.
	Digital content available
	2000, May-Aug.
	Digital content available
	2000 , 2001-2004
	Digital content available
	2005
	Digital content available
	circa 2000s
	Digital content available
	Undated
	Folder 1
	Digital content available
	Folder 2
	Digital content available
BOX 12	Letters and drawings from children
	1986
	Digital content available

General Correspondence, 1928-2006

Container

Contents

	1990-1993	Digital content available
	1994	Digital content available
	1995	Digital content available
	1996	
	1996, Jan.-June	Digital content available
	1996, July-Sept.	Digital content available
	1997	Digital content available
	1998-1999	<i>See also Oversize</i>
		Digital content available
	2000	
	2000, Jan.	Digital content available
BOX 13	2000, Feb.	
	Folder 1	Digital content available
	Folder 2	Digital content available
	Folder 3	<i>See also Oversize</i>
	Folder 4	Digital content available
	2000, Mar.-May	Digital content available
	2000, June	
	Folder 1	Digital content available
	Folder 2	Digital content available
	2002-2003	<i>See also Oversize</i>
		Digital content available
	2005	Digital content available
	Undated	Digital content available
BOX 13-18	Subject File, 1937-2005	
		Correspondence, memoranda, invitations, notes, writings, interview transcripts, programs, flyers, name tags, newsletters, an instructional kit, an organizing manual, lists, certificates, song sheets, petitions, photographs, a collection of labor and political buttons, and other material pertaining to Parks's affiliation with various organizations and institutions, her participation in major civil rights events, and efforts to honor her.
		Arranged alphabetically by name of organization, institution, or event, by topic, or by type of material.

Subject File, 1937-2005

Container

Contents

BOX 13	Churches St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich. 1965-1976 Digital content available 1981-1986 Digital content available
BOX 14	1987-1992 Digital content available 1993-1995 Digital content available 1996-1998 Digital content available 1999-2002, undated Digital content available Unidentified donation list, 1986 Digital content available Various other churches 1954-1985 Digital content available 1986-1997 Digital content available 1998-2002, undated Digital content available Congressional Black Caucus, directory and program, 1993 Digital content available Congressional Gold Medal, guest list, 1999 <i>See also Container VA 1, same heading</i> Digital content available Conyers, John, congressional office Constituent and other mailings, 1972-1990 Digital content available Memoranda and correspondence, 1970-1987 Digital content available Detroit Meals on Wheels Program, 1988-1989 Digital content available Encampment for Citizenship, civil liberties workshop kit, 1955 Digital content available Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., 1958-circa 1968 Digital content available
BOX 15	Labor and political buttons, 1937-1947 , 1980s, undated <i>See Oversize</i> March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, 1963 , 1988 Digital content available Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, 1971-1996 Digital content available Mississippi Freedom Summer Project, name badge and event invitation, 1964 Digital content available Montgomery Bus Boycott

Instructions to car-pool drivers and passengers, 1955-1956

[Digital content available](#)

Montgomery Fair date book, used as a notebook by Parks, 1955-1956

[Digital content available](#)

Printed matter, 1956 , 1976

[Digital content available](#)

Typescripts annotated by Parks, circa 1956

Interviews by Aubrey Willis Williams

King, Martin Luther, Jr.

[Digital content available](#)

Nixon, Edgar Daniel

[Digital content available](#)

Parks, Rosa

[Digital content available](#)

Writings

Attributed to Aubrey Willis Williams

Folder 1

[Digital content available](#)

Folder 2

[Digital content available](#)

Unattributed

[Digital content available](#)

NAACP

1955-1959

[Digital content available](#)

1962-1972

[Digital content available](#)

1984-1997

[Digital content available](#)

National Committee for the Rosa L. Parks Foundation, 1981-1982

[Digital content available](#)

National Committee for the Rosa L. Parks Shrine, 1976-1980

[Digital content available](#)

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, petition signed by Parks, 1988

[Digital content available](#)

Order of Eastern Star, 1947 , 1972, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Organizational flyers and mailings, 1960-1976 , 1985-1995, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Packet relating to Lynette Williams, Cathy M. Garrett, and the Voices of Civil Rights project, 1981-2004

[Digital content available](#)

BOX 16

People's Party, 1971

[Digital content available](#)

Police evidence property tag for a revolver, 1941

[Digital content available](#)

Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom, 1957

[Digital content available](#)

- Presidential Medal of Freedom, 1996
 - Certificate [*See Oversize*](#)
 - Medal [*See Container VA I, Presidential Medal of Freedom*](#)
 - Photographs
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - Program
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States, 1995
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development
 - 1988-1995
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - 1996-1997
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - 1998
 - 1998, Mar.-Apr. [*See also Oversize*](#)
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - 1998, May-Dec.
 - [Digital content available](#)
- BOX 17
 - 2000-2005
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - Undated
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Rosa Parks Boulevard, Detroit, Mich., 1976
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Rosa Parks Middle School, Olney, Md., 1995
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Rosa Parks Scholarship Foundation, 1996, undated
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Rosa Parks v. LaFace Records, 2004
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Song sheets, undated
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 - General
 - 1965-1985
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - 1986-1998
 - [Digital content available](#)
 - Poor People's Campaign, Parks's identification card, 1968
 - [Digital content available](#)
- Southern Poverty Law Center, 2000
 - [Digital content available](#)
- United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, 1971-1972
 - [Digital content available](#)
- BOX 18
 - Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., 1968, undated
 - [Digital content available](#)

Wilmington Ten, 1974-1976

[Digital content available](#)

Women's Conference of Concerns, 1973

[Digital content available](#)

BOX 18-19

Writings, Notes, and Statements, 1956-1998

Book galleys, drafts of writings, notes, notebooks, interviews, prayers, spiritual reflections, and statements by Parks.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

BOX 18

Books

Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue with Today's Youth, galleys, 1996

[Digital content available](#)

Quiet Strength: The Faith, the Hope, the Heart of a Woman Who Changed a Nation

Adaptation by Von H. Washington, 1996

[Digital content available](#)

Galleys, 1994

[Digital content available](#)

Publicity packet, 1994

[Digital content available](#)

Rosa Parks: My Story, flyer, review, and invoice, 1992-1998

[Digital content available](#)

Drafts of early writings *See also Oversize*

Accounts of her arrest and the subsequent boycott, as well as general reflections on race relations in the South, 1956-circa 1958, undated

Folder 1

[Digital content available](#)

Folder 2

[Digital content available](#)

Autobiographical, circa 1956, undated *See also Oversize*

[Digital content available](#)

Fragments on the Freedom Train, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Interviews

Miscellaneous, 1975, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., Black Women Oral History Project, 1978

[Digital content available](#)

Notebooks

circa 1956

[Digital content available](#)

1961-1962, 1985-1990, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Notes

Collaborations with Elaine Steele, 1995-1998, undated

[Digital content available](#)

BOX 19

General

Writings, Notes, and Statements, 1956-1998

Container

Contents

1956-1964 , 1972-1990

[Digital content available](#)

Undated

[Digital content available](#)

Prayers and spiritual reflections, 1989-1990, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Statements

Nomination of Clarence Thomas, 1991

[Digital content available](#)

Tribute to John Conyers, 1979

[Digital content available](#)

BOX 19-22

Events, 1951-2005

Event programs, flyers, tickets, and other printed matter.

Arranged in two parts: events featuring or honoring Parks and a general file of events that she most likely attended even though her name does not appear in the programs. Each part is arranged chronologically within.

BOX 19

Featuring or honoring Parks

1956-1959

[Digital content available](#)

1960-1966

[Digital content available](#)

1970-1979

[Digital content available](#)

1980-1983

[Digital content available](#)

1984

[Digital content available](#)

1985-1986

[Digital content available](#)

1987

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1988

[Digital content available](#)

1989 *See also Oversize*

[Digital content available](#)

1990

[Digital content available](#)

BOX 20

1991-1992

[Digital content available](#)

1993

Folder 1

[Digital content available](#)

Folder 2 *See also Oversize*

[Digital content available](#)

1994

[Digital content available](#)

	1995	Digital content available
	1996-1997	Digital content available
	1998	Digital content available
	1999	Digital content available
	2002-2005	Digital content available
	Undated	Digital content available
	General	
	1951 , 1957-1958	Digital content available
	1966-1969	Digital content available
	1970-1973	Digital content available
BOX 21	1974-1976	Digital content available
	1976-1979	Digital content available
	1980-1984	Digital content available
	1985-1987	Digital content available
	1988-1989	Digital content available
	1991-1995	Digital content available
	1996-1997	Digital content available
	1998	Digital content available
BOX 22	2003-2004	Digital content available

BOX 22 **Resolutions and Other Honors, 1967-2006**

Resolutions, tributes, certificates, honorary degrees, and poetry honoring Parks. Arranged alphabetically in the following categories: congressional; institutions and organizations; miscellaneous; poetry; states, cities, and local communities; and wooden plaques and framed certificates.

Items are arranged alphabetically within each category by name of organization, institution, person, or state. [See Oversize](#)

Resolutions and Other Honors, 1967-2006

Container

Contents

- BOX 22 Resolutions, tributes, certificates, honorary degrees, and poetry honoring Parks. [See Oversize](#)
- BOX 22-26 **Miscellany, 1934-2005**
Financial, employment, insurance, estate, and medical records, appointment calendars, address books, biographical material, business cards, lists, keepsake portfolios, membership and other cards, telephone messages, a recipe, a questionnaire, sample stationery, and other material documenting Parks's daily life and material circumstances.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.
- BOX 22 Addresses, telephone numbers, and names
Address book no. 1, 1980s, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Address book no. 2, 1980s, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Loose notes, 1997, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Airline tickets and other travel-related ephemera, 1967-1968 , 1984-1994, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Appointment calendars
1989
[Digital content available](#)
1991
[Digital content available](#)
1997
[Digital content available](#)
Automobile records and drivers licenses
1968-1988
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 23 1991-1996
[Digital content available](#)
Banking
Personal
Canceled checks and deposit slips
1966-1969
[Digital content available](#)
1971-1977
[Digital content available](#)
1978-1982
[Digital content available](#)
1983-1994
[Digital content available](#)
Check and deposit registers
1957-1960 , 1970-1972
[Digital content available](#)
1973-1974
[Digital content available](#)
1979-1982
[Digital content available](#)

- 1983-1998
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 24 Statements and bank communications
1956 , 1964-1979
[Digital content available](#)
1980-1997
[Digital content available](#)
Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, canceled checks, 1987-1989
[Digital content available onsite](#)
Biographical and bibliographical information, circa 1965 , 1987, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Business cards of
Others, 1993-1995, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Parks, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Christmas card sent by Parks, 1986
[Digital content available](#)
Employment
Applications, 1959, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Flack's, Montgomery, Ala., undated
[Digital content available](#)
Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., 1957-1960
[Digital content available](#)
House of Representatives, 1965 , 1977-1989
[Digital content available](#)
Montgomery Fair, Montgomery, Ala., 1950s
[Digital content available](#)
Estate, will, and funeral, 1978-1987 , 2005, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Financial notes and calculations, 1959 , 1979 , 1998, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Income tax records for Raymond and Rosa Parks
1943-1957
[Digital content available](#)
1958-1965
[Digital content available](#)
1966-1987
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 25 Invitation lists, 1988 , 1996-1998
[Digital content available](#)
Keepsake portfolio A
Contents
Drawing, undated
[Digital content available](#)
Holiday greeting cards and printed matter, 1994, undated
[Digital content available](#)

Postcard from Martin Luther King, Jr. [See Container 4, King, Martin Luther, Jr.](#)

Emptied portfolio, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Keepsake portfolio B

Contents

Notes and draft letters, circa 1997-1998

[Digital content available](#)

Printed matter, 1998-2003, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Emptied portfolio, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Life insurance, 1948 , 1956-1968 , 1977-1980

[Digital content available](#)

Medical

1956-1958 , 1965-1973

[Digital content available](#)

1979-1999

[Digital content available](#)

2004, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Membership cards and dues, 1961-1975 , 1985-1996

[Digital content available](#)

Receipts

Cernitin American sale receipt books, 1985-1986

[Digital content available](#)

Donations, 1963-1969 , 1978-1997

[Digital content available](#)

BOX 26

Household furnishings and appliances

Bishop-Parker Furniture Co., 1934-1935 , 1947-1950

[Digital content available](#)

G. A. C. Credit Corp., 1952

[Digital content available](#)

Miscellaneous, 1957-1972

[Digital content available](#)

Money orders, 1957-1969 , 1990

[Digital content available](#)

Poll tax, 1957

[Digital content available](#)

Recipe for featherlite pancakes, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Residences

Correspondence and related items, 1957-1960 , 1982-1986

[Digital content available](#)

Rent receipts, 1959-1960 , 1966-1967 , 1978-1986

[Digital content available](#)

Riverfront Condominiums Project, Detroit, Mich., notice of intent to convert, 2004

[Digital content available](#)

Self-help questionnaire, circa 1994

[Digital content available](#)

Social security, 1940 , 1986-1991

[Digital content available](#)

Stationery, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Telephone messages, 1974-1998, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Transportation passes, 1978 , 1998

[Digital content available](#)

Voter registration card, 1962

[Digital content available](#)

BOX 26-30

Printed Matter, 1947-2005

Magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, brochures, a book, commemorative stamps, calendars, and various printed ephemera either pertaining to or collected by Parks.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.

BOX 26

By topic

Civil rights, 1950s-1983

[Digital content available](#)

Detroit, Mich., 1960s

[Digital content available](#)

King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1969-1970 , 1986 , 1993, undated

[Digital content available onsite](#)

BOX 27

Religion

Church, Forrest, *Bringing God Home: A Traveler's Guide*, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Miscellany, 1957-1997, undated

[Digital content available](#)

Our Daily Bread series, 1995-2005

[Digital content available onsite](#)

Commemorative stamps sent to Parks, 1964-1984

[Digital content available](#)

Depictions of Parks

Calendars, 1981, 2000 *See also Oversize*

[Digital content available](#)

Card, 1994

[Digital content available](#)

Magazines

Mentioning Parks

1960-1962

[Digital content available](#)

BOX 28

1974-1976

[Digital content available onsite](#)

1981-1984

[Digital content available onsite](#)

	1994-1995
	Digital content available onsite
	1998
	Digital content available onsite
	Not mentioning Parks
	American Association of Retired Persons publications, 1997-1998
	Digital content available onsite
	<i>Crisis</i> , 1968 , 1973 , 1997
	Digital content available onsite
	<i>Ebony</i>
	1958 , 1968-1974
	Digital content available onsite
BOX 29	1977
	Digital content available onsite
	1997
	Digital content available onsite
	1998
	Digital content available onsite
	<i>Freedomways</i> , 1971-1972
	Digital content available onsite
	Miscellaneous, 1963 , 1977 , 1998
	Digital content available onsite
	Miscellaneous, 1964-1998, undated
	Digital content available onsite
BOX 30	Newspapers
	Mentioning Parks
	1956-1962
	Digital content available
	1971-1977 <i>See also Oversize</i>
	Digital content available
	1980-1989
	Digital content available
	1992-2005 <i>See also Oversize</i>
	Digital content available
	Undated
	Digital content available
	Not mentioning Parks
	1947
	Digital content available onsite
	1951-1959
	Digital content available onsite
	1967-1969
	Digital content available onsite
	1972-1977 <i>See also Oversize</i>
	Digital content available onsite
	1981-1986
	Digital content available onsite

- 1995-1998 [See also Oversize](#)
[Digital content available onsite](#)
 Undated
[Digital content available onsite](#)
- BOX 30-40 Books Owned by Parks, 1866-2001**
 Books owned by Parks. Some of the books are inscribed with the names of family members.
 Others contain inscriptions to Parks by the author or the person giving her the book.
 Arranged alphabetically by name of author or title.
- BOX 30**
 Adkins, Bill, *From Africa to Bethlehem*, inscribed by the author, 1993
[Digital content available](#)
 African Methodist Episcopal Church hymnal, undated
[Digital content available](#)
 Ali, Zulu, *Black Man's Religion: Islam or Christianity?*, inscribed by the author, 1997
[Digital content available](#)
 Andrews, R. McCants, *John Merrick: A Biographical Sketch*, 1920
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 31**
 Bonner, John, *A Child's History of the United States*, vol. 3, part 2, 1866
[Digital content available](#)
 C. S. Hammond & Co., *Hammond's Self-Revising Superior Atlas of the World*, 1944
[Digital content available](#)
 Carson, Clayborne, and Kris Shepard, editors, *A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King*, inscribed by Coretta Scott King, 2001
[Digital content available](#)
 Chopra, Deepak, *Creating Affluence: Wealth Consciousness in the Field of All Possibilities*, inscribed by the author, 1993
[Digital content available](#)
 Daniels, Pearl Gray, *Portrait of Fred D. Gray: Minister, Civil Rights Lawyer, and Alabama Representative*, inscribed by the author and Fred D. Gray, 1975 [See also Container 4, Gray, Fred D.](#)
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 32**
 Duvall, Carol, *Wanna Make Something Out of It? How to Turn Household "Junk" into Beautiful Handicrafts*, inscribed by the author, 1972
[Digital content available](#)
 Eliot, George, *Silas Marner*, 1898 , 1938
[Digital content available](#)
 Emerson, Henry P., and Ida C. Bender, *Modern English*, book 2, 1908
[Digital content available](#)
 Esler, L. A., *Presidents of Our United States*, 1936
[Digital content available](#)
 Gandhi's *Letters to a Disciple*, inscribed by Olivia Pearl Stokes, 1950 , 1957
[Digital content available](#)
 Gideons International, *The New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*
 1957
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 33**
 1965
[Digital content available](#)

Books Owned by Parks, 1866-2001

Container

Contents

- Good, Warren R., and Hope H. Chipman, *Plane Geometry*, 1933
[Digital content available](#)
- Gray, Fred D., *Bus Ride to Justice: Changing the System by the System*, inscribed by the author, 1995
[Digital content available](#)
- Hajj, Attallah, *Ancestral Voices*, 2000
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 34
Haley, Alex, *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*, inscribed by the author, 1976
[Digital content available](#)
- Holy Bible*
C. H. Robinson and Co., with a register of family births, marriages, and deaths, 1900 *See Oversize* ; *See also Container 2, Copies of family register pages*
[Digital content available](#)
- World Syndicate Publishing Co., 1901 , 1963-1968
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 35
Killens, John Oliver, *Youngblood*, inscribed by the author, 1954-1956 , 1987
[Digital content available](#)
- Knox, N. L., *Elementary Lessons in English*, part 1, *How to Speak and Write Correctly*, 1886
[Digital content available](#)
- Lamparski, Richard, *Whatever Became Of . . . ?*, inscribed by the author, 1973
[Digital content available](#)
- Lawrance, Marion, *How to Conduct a Sunday School; or, Twenty-eight Years a Superintendent*, 1905
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 36
MacArthur, John, *The MacArthur Study Bible*, inscribed by Lois Harris, 1997
[Digital content available](#)
- Macoy, Robert, *Adoptive Rite Ritual: A Book of Instruction in the Organization, Government and Ceremonies of Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star*
McCauley, Leona, copy, 1945 , 1964-1967
[Digital content available](#)
- Parks, Rosa, copy, 1945
[Digital content available](#)
- McClure, A. K., *Lincoln's Own Yarns and Stories*, fragment, 1900
[Digital content available](#)
- Meriwether, Louise, *Daddy Was a Number Runner*, inscribed by the author, 1970
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 37
Michigan Barber School, *Modern Textbook of Barbering*, 1957
[Digital content available](#)
- New Testament*, published by the Haskins Service, undated
[Digital content available](#)
- Parks, Rosa
Quiet Strength, author's copy, 1994 , 2000
[Digital content available](#)
- Rosa Parks: My Story*, inscribed by Tim Rosarito, 1991-1992
[Digital content available](#)
- Pigee, Vera, *The Struggle of Struggles*, part 1, inscribed by the author, 1975
[Digital content available](#)

Books Owned by Parks, 1866-2001

Container

Contents

- Robinson, Jo Ann Gibson, *The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Women Who Started It: The Memoir of Jo Ann Gibson Robinson*, 1987
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 38 Russell, C. T., *Scenario of the Photo-Drama of Creation*, 1914
[Digital content available](#)
- Shakespeare, William, *Julius Caesar*, 1898
[Digital content available](#)
- Shannon, T. W., *Self Knowledge and Guide to Sex Instruction*, 1913
[Digital content available](#)
- Smith, Sandra, *Poems and Inspirational Thoughts*, inscribed by the author, 1985
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 39 Sweeney, W. Allison, *History of the American Negro in the Great War*, 1919
[Digital content available](#)
- Terkel, Studs
Division Street: America, inscribed by the author, 1973
[Digital content available](#)
- Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression*, inscribed by the author, 1972
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX 40 Williamson, Marianne, *The Healing of America*, inscribed by the author, 1997
[Digital content available](#)
- Yette, Samuel F., *The Choice: The Issue of Black Survival in America*, 1971
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX VA1 **Medals, 1996-1999**
The Congressional Gold Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom.
Arranged alphabetically by name of the medal.
- BOX VA 1 Medals
Congressional Gold Medal, 1999 *See also Container 14, same heading*
[Digital content available](#)
- Presidential Medal of Freedom, 1996 *See also Container 16, same heading*
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX OV 1 -OV 17 **Oversize, 1900-2006**
Oversize material consisting of resolutions, tributes, certificates, honorary degrees, correspondence, writings, political ephemera, labor and campaign buttons, a calendar, a family Bible, and newspapers.
Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
- BOX OV 1 Family Papers
Letters to and from Rosa Parks
Extended family
Undated (Container 1)
[Digital content available](#)
- Other family papers
McCauley, Leona (mother)
Miscellany, 1980 (Container 2)
[Digital content available](#)

General Correspondence

Alphabetical file

Jackson, Jesse, holiday greeting and campaign ephemera, 1987 (Container 4)

[Digital content available](#)

Letters and drawings from children (Containers 12-13)

1998-2000

[Digital content available](#)

2003

[Digital content available](#)

BOX OV 2

Subject File

Labor and political buttons, 1937-1947 , 1980s, undated (Container 15)

[Digital content available](#)

BOX OV 3

Presidential Medal of Freedom, 1996

Certificate (Container 16)

[Digital content available](#)

Case for certificate (Container 16)

[Digital content available](#)

Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, 1998 (Container 16)

[Digital content available](#)

Writings, Notes, and Statements

Drafts of early writings

Autobiographical, undated (Container 18)

[Digital content available](#)

BOX OV 4

Events

Featuring or honoring Parks

1989 (Container 19)

[Digital content available](#)

BOX OV 5

1993 (Container 20)

[Digital content available](#)

BOX OV 6

Resolutions and Other Honors (Container 22)

Congressional

Bilbray, James H., 1989

[Digital content available](#)

Ford, Harold, 1988

[Digital content available](#)

Lautenberg, Frank, 1990

[Digital content available](#)

Mineta, Norman Y., 1993

[Digital content available](#)

Reid, Harry, 1989

[Digital content available](#)

Stokes, Louis, 1977 , 1996

[Digital content available](#)

Institutions and organizations

African American Roundtable of Santa Clara County, Calif., 1993

[Digital content available](#)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Eta Rho Omega Chapter, San Jose, Calif., 1993

[Digital content available](#)

- Association of Teacher Educators, 1995
[Digital content available](#)
- Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I., 1995
[Digital content available](#)
- Congress of Racial Equality of California, undated
[Digital content available](#)
- Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, 1977
[Digital content available](#)
- Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., 1994
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX OV 7 Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, N.Y., 1987
[Digital content available](#)
- Langston University, Langston, Okla., 1998
[Digital content available](#)
- Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pa., 1992
[Digital content available](#)
- Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union Foundation, 1987
[Digital content available](#)
- Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., 2002
[Digital content available](#)
- Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 1998
[Digital content available](#)
- NAACP, Monroe County, Mich., branch, 1995
[Digital content available](#)
- National Political Congress of Black Women, Metropolitan Montgomery Chapter, undated
[Digital content available](#)
- National Urban League, 2004
[Digital content available](#)
- Project Love: Remember the Children Foundation, 1997-2000
[Digital content available](#)
- BOX OV 8 St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich., 1999
[Digital content available](#)
- Soka Women's Junior College, Tokyo, Japan, 1993
[Digital content available](#)
- Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala., 1988
[Digital content available](#)
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