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.
Conyers, John, Jr., 1929-.
Durr, Virginia Foster.
Edwards family.
Gray, Fred D., 1930-.
Haley, Alex.
King, Coretta Scott, 1927-2006.
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968--Interviews.
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968.
McCauley family.
McCaauley, Leona Edwards, 1888-1979--Correspondence.
McCaauley, 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.

Rosa Parks Papers
Highlander Folk School (Monteagle, Tenn.)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.
Mississippi Freedom Project.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
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.
Poor People's Campaign.
Presidential Medal of Freedom.
Race discrimination--Southern States.
Race discrimination--United States.
Segregation--Southern States.
Segregation--United States.

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.

Titles
Rosa Parks Papers at the Library of Congress

Occupations
Civil rights activists.
Administrative Information

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

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Biographical Note

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<td>1943</td>
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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


1979  Awarded the NAACP Spingarn Medal

1987  Founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development

1992  Published with Jim Haskins Rosa Parks: My Story. New York: Dial Books

1994  Published with Gregory J. Reed Quiet Strength: The Faith, the Hope, the Heart of a Woman Who
Changed a Nation. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan Publishing House

1996  Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom
Published with Gregory J. Reed Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue with Today's Youth. New York: Lee
and Low Books

1999  Awarded the Congressional Gold Medal


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 galleys 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 Parkses 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**
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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.
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Rosa Parks Papers
### General Correspondence, 1928-2006

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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

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Detroit Meals on Wheels Program, 1988-1989
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Encampment for Citizenship, civil liberties workshop kit, 1955
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Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., 1958-circa 1968
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BOX 15  Labor and political buttons, 1937-1947 , 1980s, undated See Oversize

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Mississippi Freedom Summer Project, name badge and event invitation, 1964
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Montgomery Bus Boycott
Instructions to car-pool drivers and passengers, 1955-1956
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Montgomery Fair date book, used as a notebook by Parks, 1955-1956
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Printed matter, 1956, 1976
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National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, petition signed by Parks, 1988
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Order of Eastern Star, 1947, 1972, undated
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Packet relating to Lynette Williams, Cathy M. Garrett, and the Voices of Civil Rights project, 1981-2004
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Southern Poverty Law Center, 2000
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Women's Conference of Concerns, 1973
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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.

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   Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue with Today's Youth, galleys, 1996
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   Quiet Strength: The Faith, the Hope, the Heart of a Woman Who Changed a Nation
      Adaptation by Von H. Washington, 1996
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   Galleys, 1994
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   Publicity packet, 1994
      Digital content available
   Rosa Parks: My Story, flyer, review, and invoice, 1992-1998
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   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
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   Autobiographical, circa 1956, undated See also Oversize
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   Fragments on the Freedom Train, undated
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   Interviews
   Miscellaneous, 1975, undated
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   Notebooks
   circa 1956
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   Notes
   Collaborations with Elaine Steele, 1995-1998, undated
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BOX 19   General
**Writings, Notes, and Statements, 1956-1998**

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Prayers and spiritual reflections, 1989-1990, undated

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Statements

Nomination of Clarence Thomas, 1991

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Tribute to John Conyers, 1979

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**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.

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Featuring or honoring Parks

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**BOX 20**

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Rosa Parks Papers
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

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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
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- Loose notes, 1997, undated
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Appointment calendars
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- 1991
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Automobile records and drivers licenses
- 1968-1988
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- 1991-1996
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BOX 23 | Banking
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Keepsake portfolio B  
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Notes and draft letters, circa 1997-1998  
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Printed matter, 1998-2003, undated  
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Emptied portfolio, undated  
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Medical

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1979-1999  
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2004, undated  
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Receipts

Cernitin American sale receipt books, 1985-1986  
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BOX 26  

Household furnishings and appliances

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Miscellaneous, 1957-1972  
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Poll tax, 1957  
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Recipe for featherlite pancakes, undated  
Digital content available

Residences

Correspondence and related items, 1957-1960 , 1982-1986  
Digital content available

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
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
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
  Digital content available onsite
Ebony
  1958, 1968-1974
    Digital content available onsite
  1977
    Digital content available onsite
  1997
    Digital content available onsite
  1998
    Digital content available onsite
Freedomways, 1971-1972
  Digital content available onsite
  Digital content available onsite
Miscellaneous, 1964-1998, undated
  Digital content available onsite

NEWSPAPERS

BOX 29
Mentioning Parks
1956-1962
  Digital content available
1971-1977 See also Oversize
  Digital content available
1980-1989
  Digital content available
1992-2005 See also Oversize
  Digital content available
Undated
  Digital content available

BOX 30
Not mentioning Parks
1947
  Digital content available onsite
1951-1959
  Digital content available onsite
1967-1969
  Digital content available onsite
1972-1977 See also Oversize
  Digital content available onsite
1981-1986
  Digital content available onsite
### 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
- African Methodist Episcopal Church hymnal, undated

**BOX 31**

- Carson, Clayborne, and Kris Shepard, editors, *A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King*, inscribed by Coretta Scott King, 2001
- Chopra, Deepak, *Creating Affluence: Wealth Consciousness in the Field of All Possibilities*, inscribed by the author, 1993
- Daniels, Pearl Gray, *Portrait of Fred D. Gray: Minister, Civil Rights Lawyer, and Alabama Representative*, inscribed by the author and Fred D. Gray, 1975
- Gandhi's *Letters to a Disciple*, inscribed by Olivia Pearl Stokes, 1950, 1957

**BOX 32**

- Duvall, Carol, *Wanna Make Something Out of It? How to Turn Household "Junk" into Beautiful Handicrafts*, inscribed by the author, 1972
- *Gandhi's Letters to a Disciple*, inscribed by Olivia Pearl Stokes, 1950, 1957

**BOX 33**

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**BOX 34**

Haley, Alex, *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*, inscribed by the author, 1976

*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*


Lawrance, Marion, *How to Conduct a Sunday School; or, Twenty-eight Years a Superintendent*, 1905

**BOX 35**


Lawrance, Marion, *How to Conduct a Sunday School; or, Twenty-eight Years a Superintendent*, 1905

**BOX 36**


McCaulley, Leona, copy, 1945, 1964-1967

Parks, Rosa, copy, 1945

McClure, A. K., *Lincoln's Own Yarns and Stories*, fragment, 1900

Meriwether, Louise, *Daddy Was a Number Runner*, inscribed by the author, 1970

**BOX 37**


*New Testament*, published by the Haskins Service, undated

Parks, Rosa

*Quiet Strength*, author's copy, 1994, 2000


Pige, Vera, *The Struggle of Struggles*, part 1, inscribed by the author, 1975
Books Owned by Parks, 1866-2001


**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**


**Digital content available**

Terkel, Studs

*Division Street: America*, inscribed by the author, 1973

**Digital content available**


**Digital content available**

**BOX 40**


**Digital content available**


**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

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
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<th>Container</th>
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| **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  
   United Committee on Negro History, 1967  
   Digital content available  
   University of Michigan, Dearborn, Mich., 1991  
   Digital content available  
   Veterans Medical Center, Tuskegee, Ala., 1988  
   Digital content available |
| **Box OV 9** | Miscellaneous  
   American embassy, Nassau, Bahamas, 1996  
   Digital content available  
   City council, Toronto, Canada, 1999  
   Digital content available |
Collins and Wolff families, 1997
  Digital content available
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
  1994
    Digital content available
  1996
    Digital content available
Smith, Carolyn and Kim, 2001
  Digital content available
Social workers and welfare professionals, undated
  Digital content available
Poetry
  Forte, Roland A., 1973
    Digital content available
Foster, Connie I. and Michael R., 1997
    Digital content available
Greene-Washington, Daurress, 2001
    Digital content available
Jones, Nikka S., undated
    Digital content available
Kerrin, Mark T., 1996
    Digital content available
Thornton, Samuel Ray, 1998
    Digital content available
States, cities, and local communities
    Digital content available
California
  1985-1992
    Digital content available
  1993-1994
    Digital content available
  1995
    Digital content available
  1997-1999, undated
    Digital content available
District of Columbia and Georgia, 1988-1999
  Digital content available
Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, and Massachusetts, 1988-1998
  Digital content available
Michigan
  Detroit, 1988-2004
    Digital content available
General
    Digital content available
  1995-2006
    Digital content available
Nevada and New Jersey, 1989-1990, 1999
Digital content available

BOX OV 13
New York, 1989-1995
Digital content available
Digital content available
Digital content available
Digital content available

Wooden plaques and framed certificates
California
Federal Prison Camp, Boron, Calif.
Digital content available

BOX OV 14
North Richmond Community, 1993
Digital content available
Indiana, 1989
Digital content available
Michigan, 2001
Digital content available
Nevada, 1989
Digital content available
Pennsylvania, 1994
Digital content available

BOX OV 15
Printed Matter
Depictions of Parks
Calendars, 2000 (Container 27)
Digital content available
Newspapers
Mentioning Parks, 1975-1977, 2005 (Container 30)
Digital content available
Not mentioning Parks (Container 30)
1976
Digital content available onsite

BOX OV 16
1977
1977, Jan.-June
Digital content available onsite
1977, July-Aug.
Digital content available onsite
1997
Digital content available onsite

BOX OV 17
Books Owned by Parks
Holy Bible
C. H. Robinson and Co., with a register of family births, marriages, and deaths, 1900
(Container 34) See also Container 2, Copies of family register pages
Digital content available