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**Inventory of the
Septima P. Clark Papers, circa 1910 - 1990**

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Septima P. Clark Papers,

Dates: circa 1910 - 1990

Creator: Clark, Septima Poinsette.

Abstract: Septima Poinsette Clark (1898-1987) was born in Charleston, South Carolina to Peter Porcher Poinsette and Victoria Anderson. Clark attended small private schools and Avery Institute, getting a teacher's certificate in 1916. She married Nerie Clark (1889-1925) of North Carolina, a navy cook in 1920; they had one surviving child Nerie Clark, Jr. (born 1925). Clark received her BA from Benedict College in 1942 and an MA from Hampton Institute in 1946. She taught in various schools throughout South Carolina, furthering the cause of civil rights. She helped fuel the growing civil rights movement in the American South, working with the likes of Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Cotton, Andrew Young, Hosea Williams, Ralph David Abernathy and others. After retiring, Clark spent her remaining years active in a number of capacities, on the school board, in church work, involved in numerous feminist, African American and civil rights causes, creating day care centers, trying to get scholarships for students, and never retreating from her dedication to equal rights and opportunities for all. A recipient of honorary doctorates and with a highway, a day care center, and an auditorium bearing her name, she died in Charleston and is buried in the Old Bethel Methodist cemetery.

The collection contains material relating to the life and work of Septima P. Clark. The biographical papers include tributes, clippings, certificates, awards, family correspondence and transcripts of various oral history interviews in which Clark discusses her parents; husband; growing up and race relations in Charleston, South Carolina; her work in Citizenship Schools; her work at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and in the civil rights movement with people like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Stokely Carmichael, Dorothy Cotton, Ella Baker, Jesse Jackson, Andrew Young, Hosea Williams, Ralph David Abernathy and others. There are a few references to the Charleston South Carolina Hospital Worker's strike in 1969. A series on her works includes a photocopy of her autobiography *Echo in My Soul*, with related papers; various versions of talks and essays on civil rights, race and racism, non-violence, God and religion, American youth, tributes to individuals and other topics. Her correspondence includes numerous local and state black and white politicians; a partial letter to Ella Gerber regarding Porgy and Bess, a significant series of letters with writer Josephine Carson (Rider), and from Spelman College professor Vincent Harding, with some of his articles. Presidential materials include a photocopy of a Jimmy Carter letter; a letter from Gerald Ford; and an invitation to inauguration of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew. A series documenting her affiliations begins with a her association with Charleston schools, and contains correspondence regarding losing of her job in 1956 as a teacher for being

a member of the NAACP; her service (1975-1978) on the Charleston County School Board; and other connections with various educational endeavors. The series also includes papers regarding her association with the Highlander Folk Center; papers regarding her work with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, with material on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; papers regarding the Penn Community Center and Clark's relationship with it; publications, program materials and correspondence regarding Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and local Charleston Chapter, Gamma Xi Omega; materials regarding various women's groups with which she was affiliated; materials regarding various civil rights, African American and political groups and causes for which she worked; a list of grievances regarding the Charleston Hospital Worker's strike, brochures from various African American political campaigns, groups to free jailed African Americans; the US Commission on Civil Rights, State Advisory Committee of SC; Neighborhood Legal Assistance and other similar groups. Her church papers include materials regarding Old Bethel Methodist Church, Charleston, SC, and other various Methodist groups, and her papers documenting her relationship with arts groups contain a nearly complete script of Sea Island Song by Alice Childress. Other materials documenting Clark's association with social, health care and literary-related agencies include papers regarding the Septima Clark Day Care Center, and papers dealing with the handicapped and mentally retarded. Her relationships with various schools cover institutions such as College Seven, University of California-Santa Cruz, Benedict College and Hampton University, including student papers submitted at Hampton regarding Saxon Elementary School, Columbia, SC, and materials documenting unrest at Allen University, Columbia, SC, and at Voorhees College, Denmark, SC. Audio-visual materials include reel to reel tapes and cassettes of Clark's speeches at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, regarding her life, work and beliefs; a recording of Clark leading a workshop, and other tapes. Photographs show Septima Clark, Poinsette and Clark family members, various functions, programs and events participated in by Clark and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, including teaching programs at various spots and the Charleston Hospital Workers' strike.

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Biographical Note

Septima Poinsette Clark was born in Charleston, South Carolina on May 3, 1898, the daughter of Peter Porcher Poinsette, who grew up a slave on the plantation of Joel Roberts Poinsett (with conflicting data saying he came on the ship the Wanderer), and Victoria Anderson who grew up mostly in Haiti. The family lived on Henrietta Street; Clark attended small private schools and Avery Institute, getting a teacher's certificate in 1916. Laws

did not allow blacks to teach in black city schools, so Clark taught for three years in black schools on rural Johns Island. She married Nerie Clark (1889-1925) of North Carolina, a navy cook in 1920; they had one surviving child Nerie Clark, Jr. (1925-). Nerie Clark, Sr. died in 1925 when the family was living in Dayton, Ohio. Clark returned to the south, received her BA from Benedict College in 1942 and an MA from Hampton Institute in 1946. She taught in various schools throughout South Carolina, furthering the cause of civil rights; in 1956, she was fired from the Charleston school system for being a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Clark next worked in Monteagle, Tennessee, where she taught adult education in an integrated environment at the Highlander Folk Center; much of her work was aimed at practical education, empowering disenfranchised African Americans to register to vote and become active in social issues. In 1957, she staged her model "Citizenship School" on Johns Island, teaching those there how to read and pass voter registration tests. She continued with such schools until Highlander Folk Center had its charter revoked by the state of Tennessee in 1961. The schools were transferred to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Atlanta, Georgia, and in her capacity as training supervisor, she helped fuel the growing civil rights movement in the American South, working with the likes of Martin Luther King, Jr. (accompanying him to Oslo, Norway in 1964 to accept his Nobel Peace Prize), Dorothy Cotton, Andrew Young, Hosea Williams, Ralph David Abernathy and others. Retiring from SCLC and buying a house on President Street, Clark spent her remaining years active in a number of capacities, on the school board, in church work, involved in numerous feminist, African American and civil rights causes, creating day care centers, trying to get scholarships for students, and never retreating from her dedication to equal rights and opportunities for all. A recipient of honorary doctorates and with a highway, a day care center, and an auditorium bearing her name, she died in Charleston on December 15, 1987 and is buried in the Old Bethel Methodist cemetery.

Books on her include her autobiography, *Echo in My Soul* (1962) and *Ready From Within: Septima Clark and Civil Rights Movement*, edited and introduced by Cynthia Stokes (1986, 1990). She appears cloaked under the name "Charity Simmons" in the book, *Silent Voices: The Southern Negro Woman Today* (1969) by Josephine Carson, who dedicated the book to her.

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A series on her works includes a photocopy of her autobiography *Echo in My Soul*, with related papers; handwritten, typed, photocopied and printed versions of talks and essays on civil rights, race and racism, non-violence, God and religion, American youth, tributes to individuals and other topics. Her correspondence, mostly arranged by correspondent, includes numerous local and state black and white politicians; a partial letter to Ella Gerber regarding Porgy and Bess, a significant series of letters with writer Josephine Carson (Rider), and from Spelman College professor Vincent Harding, with some of his articles. Presidential materials include a photocopy of a Jimmy Carter letter; a letter from Gerald Ford; and an invitation to inauguration of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew.

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Photographs show Septima Clark, Poinsette and Clark family members, various functions, including Alpha Kappa Alpha debutantes, programs and events participated in by Clark and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, including teaching programs at various spots and the Charleston Hospital Workers' strike. Including images of Andrew Young, James Orange, Esau Jenkins, Ralph David Abernathy, Hosea Williams, Bernice Robinson, Jesse Jackson, Dorothy Cotton, Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, and others; with photos of staff at Howard and Celia Dale Saxon Schools, Columbia, SC. Artifacts include silver-plate and other trays, trophies, glass, plaques, an academic hood, a small hide-covered African shield, and related materials; oversize items include diplomas, photos, and posters, including one honoring and signed by Rosa Parks and Septima Clark.

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Related Material

Septima P. Clark Scrapbook [AMN 1000a]

Digital Collection: **Septima Poinsette Clark Scrapbook**

Subject Headings

Abernathy, Ralph, 1926-1990.
African Americans -- Civil rights.
African Americans -- Education.
African Americans -- History -- 20th century.
African Americans -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
African American women -- Societies and clubs.
African American women -- Social conditions.
African American women teachers.
Allen University.
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.
Blacks United for Action.
Blake, J. Herman.
Bethel United Methodist Church (Charleston, S.C.)
Carmichael, Stokely.
Carawan, Candie.
Carawan, Guy.
Carson, Josephine, 1919-

Charleston County Public Schools -- Records and correspondence.

Charleston Liberation Party.

Childress, Alice.

Church Women United.

Citizens' Committee of Charleston (Charleston, S.C.)

Civil rights workers -- United States.

Clark family.

Clark, Septima Poinsette, 1898-1987.

Cotton, Dorothy.

Daufuskie Island (S.C.) -- Social conditions.

Education -- South Carolina -- Johns Island.

Harding, Vincent.

Highlander Folk School (Monteagle, Tenn.)

Horton, Myles, 1905-1990.

Horton, Zilphia, 1910-1956.

Hospital Workers' Strike, Charleston, S.C., 1969.

Jackson, Jesse, 1941-

Jenkins, Esau, 1910-1972.

Johns Island (S.C. : Island) -- Economic conditions.

King, Coretta Scott, 1927-2006.

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

Literacy -- South Carolina -- History.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Orange, James.

Parks, Rosa, 1913-2005.

Penn Community Services.

Poinsette family.

Political action committees -- South Carolina.

Race relations -- South Carolina -- History -- 20th century.

Robinson, Bernice, 1914-1994.

South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

United States Commission on Civil Rights. South Carolina Advisory Committee.

Voorhees College.

Waring, Elizabeth.

Waring, Julius Waties, 1880-1968.

Williams, Hosea, 1926-

Young, Andrew, 1932-

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Biographical Papers, 1960-1988 and undated

- Box 1 Folder 1 Resumes, Brief Outlines of Life and Accomplishments
- Box 1 Folder 2 Biographical Tribute by Dr. Alvin P. Anderson
- Box 1 Folder 3 Biographical Tribute by J. Herman Blake
- Box 1 Folder 4 Biographical Tribute by W. H. "Buck" Godfrey
- Box 1 Folder 5 *Reflections of Two Black Southern Women: Septima Clark and Ann Moody* by Kathleen Taylor. Mimeographs of Typescripts
- Box 1 Folder 6 Scrapbook Documenting Clark's Life Compiled by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.
- Laminated clippings, photos, and photocopies of correspondence.
- Box 1 Folder 7 Transcript of Interview with Clark by Judy Barton, Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial Center; Charleston, South Carolina , November 9, 1971
- Photocopy of typescript with Clark's corrections. Topics discussed include her parents, teaching on John's Island, South Carolina; evolution of adult education programs; knowing Eartha Kitt in Columbia, South Carolina; early NAACP work in Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina; her work at Highlander; white Citizenship Councils, especially in Orangeburg, South Carolina; her opinions of the personality and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ralph David Abernathy; and management of Southern Christian Leadership Council being unfriendly to women.
- Box 1 Folder 8 Transcript of Interview with Clark by Jacquelyn Hall for Southern Oral History Program. Charleston, South Carolina , July 25 1976.
- Includes related correspondence. Topics include her segregated schooling in Charleston; her parents, including her father, raised on Joel Poinsett's plantation, with a mention of him possibly being on the ship Wanderer; her strict upbringing; courtship by Nerie David Clark; her religious beliefs; her despair at the death of her child; Judge and Mrs. J. Waties Waring, and their differences; NAACP in Charleston and Columbia; Edwin Harleston; Myles Horton; Rosa Parks; Stokely Carmichael; Dorothy Cotton; Ella Baker; losing her teaching job in 1956; work in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; conflicts between the Conference and the Student Non Violent Coordinating Committee; both group's unfriendly attitude to women; the 1969 Charleston hospital workers' strike; creating a credit union for teachers; conflicts between African American men and women; and lack of appreciation for her in Charleston. With many mentions of various other topics and events in her personal and professional life.
- Box 1 Folder 9 Transcript of Interview with Clark by Eugene Walker for Southern Oral History Program; Atlanta, Georgia, 30 July 1976.
- Interview focuses mostly on Southern Christian Leadership Conference, its programs transferred from the Highlander Center, and Clark's estimation of SCLC staff including Dorothy Cotton, Ella Baker, James Woods; Wyatt T. Walker, Hosea Williams, Jesse Jackson, Andrew Young; and other civil rights workers such as Stokely Carmichael. She mentions government spying on activities at Highlander and its being shut down, comments on the movement's successes and failures, and testifies to Martin Luther King's

- true nonviolence. With references to the unfriendly attitudes towards women by SCLC staff (especially Ralph Abernathy), Martin Luther King's visit to Charleston in 1967, his giving away of his Nobel Prize money and experiences such as a Ku Klux Klan mob in Natchez, Mississippi.
- Box 1 Folder 10 Transcript of Interview with Clark by Eliot Wigginton
- She discusses how her father's non-violence made her docile and accepting; how Highlander changed her and allowed her to stand up against unjust laws. There is a lengthy discussion of responsibility of teachers to educate regarding injustice. Clark discusses her work on the Charleston County School Board and relates an anecdote regarding W.E.B. DuBois, among other things.
- Box 1 Folder 11 Transcript of interview with Clark by Peter Wood, 1981.
- Topics include her childhood, parents, her memories of the World War I era race riot in Charleston, her work at Highlander, and with people such as Myles and Zilphia Horton, Bernice Robinson, Rosa Parks, Stokely Carmichael, Esau Jenkins, Andrew Young and Edwin Harleston; Citizenship Schools, the importance of music in such workshops, with a reference to *We Shall Overcome*; her work on the Charleston County School Board; the Charleston Hospital Workers' strike; religion; the fear of the black middle class in the civil rights era, her schooling at Avery and other related topics.
- Box 1 Folder 12 Transcript of Interview with Clark by unidentified interviewer, undated
- Clark details her life chronologically, speaking of the difference between her mother and father, the effect of poverty on them, her childhood, the meaning of being a lady in her era, her schooling at Avery and elsewhere, her teaching career, membership in the NAACP, her husband and children, living with the Clarks in North Carolina, her work with the YWCA, Judge and Mrs. J. Waties Waring, work at Highlander Center, the transfer of Citizenship Schools to Southern Christian Leadership Conference, her work with Andrew Young, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Cotton, Ella Baker, and others there, SCLC's treatment of women, non-violence and her estimation of the current situation in Charleston and the country.
- Box 1 Folder 13 Edited Version of a Transcript of Interview by unidentified interviewer, undated
- It deals mostly with Clark's segregated schooling and her teaching on John's Island, South Carolina, with descriptions of poverty and disease. With Clark's corrections; and one interviewer form.
- Box 1 Folder 14 Requests for Information for Biographical Profiles of Septima Clark
- Box 1 Folder 15 Lists of Clark's Awards and Citations
- Box 1 Folder 16 National Educational Association's H. Council Trenholm Memorial Award, 1976
- Clippings, correspondence, program and photocopies regarding Clark's receiving of award.
- Box 1 Folder 17 Correspondence and Related Matter regarding Clark's Honorary Degrees
- Box 1 Folder 18 Dedication: Septima P. Clark Auditorium at College of Charleston, 1988
- Includes program and miscellaneous items.
- Box 1 Folder 19 Paper Certificates and Awards of Merit, 1965-1987

				Including Berkeley, California school district resolution regarding Clark and Rosa Parks (see also 1000-20-6).
Box 1	Folder 20		Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation of Septima Clark Days (June, 18 1979 and March 21, 1985)	
				Signed by Mayor Harvey Gantt; and key to city of Lenoir, North Carolina.
Box 1	Folder 21		Correspondence and Miscellaneous, 1960 and 1976-1977	
				Includes Utility Club of New York City and its naming Clark 1960 "Woman of the Year."
Box 2	Folder 1		Paul Harris Fellow Certificate Awarded to Septima Clark by Rotary Foundation	
Box 2	Folder 2		Plaques Given to Clark in Tribute for Her Various Activities and Gifts to the Community, 1975-1987 and undated.	
Box 2	Folder 3-4		Newspaper Clippings about Septima Clark, 1970s and 1980s.	
Box 2	Folder 5		Miscellaneous Family Papers	
				Includes invitations, letters, and obituaries of Clark and Poinsette family members.
Box 2	Folder 6		Letters and Forms about Clark's Grandsons, David Clark and Eli Clark	
Box 2	Folder 7		Letters Regarding Various Pension Plans	
				Includes Septima Clark's problems with the plans.
Box 2	Folder 8		Septima Clark's Funeral, Death and Gravesite	
				Includes clippings, program, and plaques.
Box 2	Folder 9		Susie L. V. Bailey: Death and Estate, 1975	
				Includes papers regarding the death and estate of Susie L. V. Bailey, Septima Clark, executrix.
Box 2	Folder 10		Ethel Poinsette Fouse: Death and Estate, 1961	
				Includes papers regarding the death of Septima Clark's sister Ethel Poinsette Fouse and problems regarding settling the estate in New Jersey.
Box 2	Folder 11		Miscellaneous Legal Letters	
				Regarding Henrietta Street house in Charleston; Clark's witnessing of a traffic accident, and helping someone with unethical loan company.
Box 2	Folder 12		Clark's Christmas Holiday Greetings, 1962-1985 and undated	
Box 2	Folder 13		Miscellaneous Lists, undated	
				Organizations and names, possibly for greeting cards, members of unknown class, schedules of appointments and things to do.
Box 2	Folder 14		Miscellaneous Printed Programs of Events Attended, 1976	

Includes dedication of Denmark Vesey portrait in Charleston, funeral programs, and others.

Box 2 Folder 15 Articles and Recipes by Writers other than Septima Clark

Box 2 Folder 16 Septima Clark Exhibit Label

2. Works: Writings, Talks, Lectures and Speeches, 1954-1983

Box 3 Folder 1 Septima Clark's Autobiography, *Echo in My Soul*

With a brief photocopy typescript, "Memories of the Life of Septima Clark."

Box 3 Folder 2 *Echo in My Soul*: Correspondence and Contract

With Martin Luther King, Jr.'s comments on the book, a review, and a few royalty statements.

Box 3 Folder 3 "A Fabulous Decade: Montgomery to Memphis, A Woman's View"

Includes various versions, typed, handwritten, and photocopied; about civil rights advance between 1955 and 1968. With anecdotes throughout the south, and details of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and activities of Highlander and Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Box 3 Folder 4 "Voting Does Count"

A brief published excerpt regarding Esau Jenkins from Septima Clark's article, "A Fabulous Decade."

Box 3 Folder 5 *Extension Programs, John's Island and Charleston*

Manuscript draft detailing work of Highlander Center, Esau Jenkins and his Progressive Club on Johns Island, South Carolina.

Box 3 Folder 6 Typescript of Talk to Local Credit Union, 1977

Started possibly with help from Clark regarding the history of Esau Jenkins' Citizens Committee.

Box 3 Folder 7 Work of Highlander Center: Promotional Article

Box 3 Folder 8 Brief vignettes by Clark on Martin L. King, Jr. and his non-violent philosophy

Box 3 Folder 9 Tribute to Alberta Christine Williams King, Mrs. Martin L. King, Sr.

Box 3 Folder 10 George A. Payton, Jr., 1975

Includes Clark's letter to the editor regarding the murder of George A. Payton, Jr., with memorial service program.

Box 3 Folder 11 Clark's Tribute to Andrew Young

Box 3 Folder 12 Clark's brief note regarding financial failure of planned tribute to her, 1982

Box 3 Folder 13 Note cards regarding talks on non-violence

Box 3 Folder 14 Newspaper articles by Clark regarding race relations in Clinton, Tennessee, 1957

Box 3 Folder 15	"A Profile of Black America, 1929-1983"	By Clark, regarding overcoming historical disadvantages to ensure equality for all.
Box 3 Folder 16	"The New Resistance Movement"	Essay by Clark regarding "hippies" and alienated Americans protesting the Viet Nam war and the influence of the military in the United States of America.
Box 3 Folder 17	"The Movement in the Sixties", 1982	Clark's essay delivered at the College of Charleston, regarding the need not to give up despite Civil Rights goals not being met.
Box 3 Folder 18	"The Movement I Remember"	A chapter by Clark in an unknown publication, reprinting in alternate format her essay, "A Fabulous Decade"
Box 3 Folder 19	"The Nature of the Current Revolt", 1969	By Clark, regarding riots and looting in ghettos, in response to institutionalized racism.
Box 3 Folder 20	"The Meaning of Negro Strategy" and "New Directions in Black Politics"	Essays regarding unified Black community demanding rights.
Box 3 Folder 21	"The Colonial War at Home"	By Clark, regarding USA's growing militarism, in the Viet Nam war, in police forces and other manifestations.
Box 3 Folder 22	"The Dilemma of Negro/Black Americans"	By Clark, regarding the need for black pride, unity, and constructive use of freedoms available.
Box 3 Folder 23	"The Exploration of Racism"	By Clark, likening police in ghettos to troops in Viet Nam and slave owners putting down rebellions.
Box 3 Folder 24	"Good-bye to Jim Crow?"	By Clark, regarding the basic historic differences between black and white America.
Box 3 Folder 25	"Great Expectations: No Miracles"	Essay by Clark, regarding need to avoid complacency despite Jimmy Carter being President and being pro civil rights.
Box 3 Folder 26	Clark's Notes for Talks, 1974	On civil rights struggle, and Life in Sea Islands; with program regarding latter talk at Howard University.
Box 3 Folder 27	"Beyond Chaos: A New History for a New Generation"	

				By Clark, a call for taking control of black history and thus, a black future.
Box 3	Folder 28	"Citizenship and the Gospel"		
				Regarding Citizenship Schools and redeeming of USA.
Box 3	Folder 29	"The Challenge to Black and White"		
				By Clark, regarding the need to address inequalities shared by all disadvantaged Americans, white and black. There is an audio tape of Clark giving this talk at Antioch College in 1000-15-10.
Box 3	Folder 30	"American Justice"		
				Essay about the need for compassion for alienated groups in the country; it served as Clark's Yuletide greeting, 1970.
Box 3	Folder 31	Clark's Letter to an Editor		
				Regarding problems in Food Stamp program.
Box 3	Folder 32	"Observations of August 29th Primary by a [Poll] Watcher," by Clark		
Box 3	Folder 33	Handwritten Fragments of Talks on Civil Rights and Related Issues		
Box 3	Folder 34	"Why I Believe There is a God", by Clark		
Box 3	Folder 35	"What Religion Does for Us"		
				Typed index cards (some missing) for talk.
Box 3	Folder 36	"The Bible and the Ballot"		
				Encouraging churches to help voter registration.
Box 3	Folder 37	"Christian Giving"		
				Explaining the nature of pew rallies.
Box 3	Folder 38	"Equal Rights Through God"		
				Regarding leading a Christian life.
Box 3	Folder 39	"Christianity Among Blacks in US"		
				By Clark, regarding the church's history and contemporary role in the black community.
Box 3	Folder 40	"The Gift of Blackness"		
				Regarding different gifts coming from the same source.
Box 3	Folder 41	"The Man Who Lives Forever"		
				Regarding living to please God.
Box 3	Folder 42	"The Gift of Chaos"and"It Takes All Kinds"		

				Two of Clark's Christmas greetings.
Box 3	Folder 43		Letter to editor, and fragment of talk on religious-related subjects	
Box 3	Folder 44		Two typescripts on teaching and word recognition skills	
Box 3	Folder 45		"A New Sound in the Air"	
				Regarding continuing education and essay "Adult Basic Education in Charleston County."
Box 3	Folder 46		"Crime in the Schools"	
				Essay and published letter to editor regarding school violence at local football game, the Sertoma Classic, 1977.
Box 3	Folder 47		"Socialization of Minority Children"	
				Also includes its published appearance, in a somewhat altered form in the News and Courier, 1976.
Box 3	Folder 48		"The Vocation of Black Scholarship"	
				Regarding identifying enemy within both white and black communities.
Box 3	Folder 49		"What is Happening to Youth"	
				Regarding youth violence, advocating the use of non violence and the ballot.
Box 3	Folder 50		Letter to Charleston Evening Post Editor	
				In tribute to Dr. Alton Crews, head Charleston County Board of Education.
Box 4	Folder 1		"Three Dimensions of a Complete Life"	
				To church women encouraging them to help in the cause of justice and equality
Box 4	Folder 2		"Our Great Task of Happiness"	
				Note cards for talk regarding happiness coming from God.
Box 4	Folder 3		"Thought Stylists"	
				Notes cards for talk given to graduates, Coyle's School of Beauty.
Box 4	Folder 4		"Growing Old Gracefully"	
				Handwritten essay.
Box 4	Folder 5		"Christian Principles Disturb Atlantans"	
				By Clark, regarding newspaper story about Human Relations Council and Christian values.
Box 4	Folder 6		"Let Us Remember Exalting Ourselves" and talk to Gamma Xi Omega	
				Typed, and manuscript copies of three inspirational talks to graduates and similar groups.
Box 4	Folder 7		Miscellaneous printed programs at which Septima Clark spoke	

3. Correspondence, 1964-1985

- Box 4 Folder 8 Letter from President Jimmy Carter
Regarding National Caucus Black Aged
- Box 4 Folder 9 Letter to A. J. Clement, 1981
Mentioning difference between experience of middle class blacks and her own experience.
- Box 4 Folder 10 Letters from James Clyburn, Governor John C. West's office, 1972 and 1974
- Box 4 Folder 11 Letters from Herbert U. Fielding, South Carolina House of Representatives and Charleston County Council, 1972 and 1976.
- Box 4 Folder 12 Letter from Gerald Ford, 1975
Thanking Septima Clark for support.
- Box 4 Folder 13 Draft of letter from Clark to Ella Gerber
Regarding local black reaction to the 1970 staging of opera Porgy and Bess. Draft on reverse of Church of Christ Pension letter.
- Box 4 Folder 14 Letters from Vincent Harding, History Professor Spelman College, 1964 and undated
Also includes copies of his articles "The Gift of Blackness" and "Black Power and the American Christ."
- Box 4 Folder 15 Letters from US Senator Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, 1976-1978
- Box 4 Folder 16 Initiation to inauguration of President Richard Nixon and Vice President Spiro Agnew, 1969
- Box 4 Folder 17 Letter, clipping and Utility Club Program regarding Rosa Parks, 1976
- Box 4 Folder 18 Correspondence of Clark and writer Josephine Carson (Mrs. M. Rider), 1966-1975 and undated
Clark mentions success of civil rights programs in the south; visits to "Tent City"; her belief in God; Stokely Carmichael; a church burning in Grenada, Mississippi and racist "Mississippi Justice"; the Chicago Democratic Convention, family and other matters; Carson discusses similar issues; the impact of urbanization on prejudice; and work on her book, eventually published as *Silent Voices: The Southern Negro Woman Today*, which profiles Clark under the name of "Charity" and other women suggested to her by Clark; with information on the real life women profiled under fictional names. Clark originals and carbons of Carson's replies. These letters possibly not from Clark, but a possible gift from Josephine Carson Rider.
- Box 4 Folder 19 Letters from Charleston, South Carolina Mayor Joseph P. Riley, 1976-1980
- Box 4 Folder 20 Letter from Bernice Robinson, 1967
Regarding conference at University of Wisconsin and mimeograph of inspirational message of Robinson to her grandchildren.
- Box 4 Folder 21 Letter of Bill Saunders of Committee for Better Racial Assurance (COBRA), 1972

Mentions group's refusal to enter Charleston's Municipal Auditorium in protest of vibrant black neighborhood that was torn down to make way for it.

- Box 4 Folder 22 Letters from US Senator Strom Thurmond and drafts of Clark's letters to him seeking financial aid for particular students, 1976.
- Box 4 Folder 23 Programs of testimonial and memorial regarding Judge J. Waties Waring, 1954 and 1968
- Box 4 Folder 24 Letters from various people from Clark's personal and professional life, 1960s-1970 and undated.
- With draft of letter regarding lack of customer bathrooms at Southern Bell; and an unidentified undated letter from an unknown writer to "My Sweetheart."
- Box 4 Folder 25 Invitations to Clark seeking her participation in various programs and events, 1963-1985.
- Box 4 Folder 26 Miscellaneous social, graduation and art exhibit invitations.
- Box 4 Folder 27 Letters from Clark, vouching for, recommending and commending others, 1977-1985 and undated.
- Box 4 Folder 28 Letters from Clark, recommending students and seeking money for them, 1974-1978.
- Box 4 Folder 29 Congratulatory letters to Clark regarding various awards and honors, 1972-1978.
- Box 4 Folder 30 Three letters from people asking Clark's advise on divergent issues, 1974-1976.
- Box 4 Folder 31 Thank you letters to Clark for her participation and help, 1972-1985.
- Box 4 Folder 32 Letters from various institutions seeking the gift of Clark's personal papers with some lists of materials given to the College of Charleston, 1972-1984.

4. Affiliations, 1942-1985

Charleston County School Board

- Box 4 Folder 33 Letters regarding Clark's 1956 dismissal from teaching, 1976-1980
- Includes her handwritten notes summarizing the event; and later correspondence regarding restoring her lost pension, including a letter from South Carolina Governor James B. Edwards
- Box 4 Folder 34 Certificate of Clark's election to Charleston Consolidated School Board, 1974
- Box 4 Folder 35 Correspondence between Clark and School Board, and others regarding schools, programs, and photocopy of her tribute to Superintendent Ron McWhirt, 1967-1985.
- Box 4 Folder 36 Letter of Elizabeth Alston and educational module based on Clark's life, 1976
- Box 4 Folder 37 Minutes, member lists, and reports of Trident 2000 Task Force on Education, 1977-1978
- Box 4 Folder 38 Constitution, bylaws, and other papers of Charleston County Retired Teachers Association, 1970s
- Box 4 Folder 39 Miscellaneous programs regarding activities in Charleston schools, 1970s
- Box 5 Folder 1 Charleston County School Board Detailed Agendas for Meetings, 20 January and 17 February 1975

Box 5 Folder 2	School Board agendas, 17 March and 14 April 1975; Minutes, 14 April 1975
Box 5 Folder 3	Charleston County School Board Detailed Agendas and Minutes, 28 April and 12 May 1975
Box 5 Folder 4	School Board Agendas, 26 May and 9 June 1975; Minutes, 26 May 1975
Box 5 Folder 5	School Board Agendas and Minutes, 30 June and 14 July 1975; Minutes, 7 July 1975
Box 5 Folder 6	School Board Minutes, 21 July 1975; Agendas and Minutes, August 4 and 25, 1975
Box 5 Folder 7	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 8 September and 6 October 1975
Box 5 Folder 8	School Board Agendas and Minutes, 20 October and 10 November 1975; Minutes, 3 November 1975
Box 5 Folder 9	School Board Agenda and Minutes, 24 November 1975; Agenda, 8 December 1975
Box 5 Folder 10	Charleston County School Board Detailed Agendas and Minutes, 12 and 26 January 1976
Box 5 Folder 11	School Board Agendas, 9 and 26 February 1976; Minutes, 19 and 26 February 1976
Box 5 Folder 12	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 8 and 22 March 1976
Box 5 Folder 13	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 5 and 26 April 1976
Box 5 Folder 14	School Board Minutes, 4 May 1976; Agendas and Minutes, 10 May and 14 June 1976
Box 5 Folder 15	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 28 June and 12 July 1976
Box 5 Folder 16	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 9 and 23 August 1976
Box 5 Folder 17	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 13 and 22 September 1976
Box 5 Folder 18	School Board Agendas, 11 and 25 October 1976; Board minutes, 25 October 1976
Box 5 Folder 19	Charleston County School Board Agendas, 8 and 22 November 1976
Box 5 Folder 20	School Board Agenda, 13 December 1976; School Board Agendas and Minutes, 10 January 1977
Box 6 Folder 1	Agendas of School Board Meetings, 31 January and 14 February 14 1977; Minutes, 31 January 1977
Box 6 Folder 2	Agendas of School Board Meetings, 14 March and 11 April 1977; Minutes, 14 March
Box 6 Folder 3	Charleston County School Board Detailed Agendas and Minutes, 11 and 25 April 1977
Box 6 Folder 4	Charleston County School Board Agendas, 4 and 23 May 1977; Minutes, 23 May
Box 6 Folder 5	Charleston County School Board Agendas, 6 and 27 June 1977; Minutes, 27 June
Box 6 Folder 6	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 11 and 25 July 1977
Box 6 Folder 7	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 8 and 22 August 1977
Box 6 Folder 8	Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 12 and 26 September 1977

- Box 6 Folder 9 Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 11 and 24 October 1977
- Box 6 Folder 10 Charleston County School Board Agendas and Minutes, 14 and 28 November 1977
- Box 6 Folder 11 School Board Agendas, 12 December 1977 and 9 January 1978; Minutes, 9 January 1978
- Box 6 Folder 12 School Board Minutes, 23 and 26 January and 13 February 1978; Agendas, 23 January and 13 February
- Box 6 Folder 13 School Board Minutes, 27 February and 2 and 13 March 1978; Agendas, 27 February and 13 March
- Box 6 Folder 14 Charleston County School Board Agendas, 27 March and 10 April 1978; Minutes, 10 April
- Box 6 Folder 15 Charleston County School Board Agendas, 24 April and 8 May 1978; Minutes, 8 May
- Box 6 Folder 16 Charleston County School Board Agendas, 22 May and 12 June 1978; Minutes, 22 May
- Box 6 Folder 17 School Board Minutes, 17 and 26 June 1978; School Board Agendas, 26 June and 10 July
- Box 6 Folder 18 Charleston County School Board Detailed Agenda and Minutes, 24 July 1978
- Box 6 Folder 19 Charleston County School Board Agendas, 14 and 28 August 1978; Minutes, 28 August

The Highlander Center

- Box 7 Folder 1 Constitution and bylaws of the Highlander Research and Education Center, Inc.
- Box 7 Folder 2 Correspondence of Clark with Highlander Center regarding her work there, 1959-1983

Includes its programs and development with Clark's 1983 nomination of Highlander for a Nobel Prize. Letters of Myles Horton and Ella Baker.
- Box 7 Folder 3 Letters regarding Bernice Robinson at Highlander, 1961-1964
- Box 7 Folder 4 Mostly personal letters to Clark from people associated with Highlander, 1970s
- Box 7 Folder 5 Scattered minutes, agendas, etc. regarding Highlander Board of Trustees, 1972-1978
- Box 7 Folder 6 Lists, contact information of Highlander Board and committee members, 1968-1978
- Box 7 Folder 7 Scattered Highlander Center financial reports and budget, 1962-1963 and 1972-1977
- Box 7 Folder 8 Proposals, grant proposals to develop aspects of the Highlander Center, circa 1970s
- Box 7 Folder 9 Carbon typescripts with Clark's corrections regarding developing and staging Highlander Workshops circa 1950s
- Box 7 Folder 10 Carbons and mimeographs of materials relating to Highlander workshops, specifically Citizenship Schools for South Carolina and elsewhere, 1950s and 1961
- Box 7 Folder 11 "Materials on Highlander Workshop" with descriptions of Esau Jenkins' programs on John's Island, South Carolina; and work of Septima Clark, 1958
- Box 7 Folder 12 Transcript of conversation among Clark, Esau Jenkins and others regarding Highlander program at Penn Center, 1958

- With information on its history and many references to the needs of the people of Daufuskie Island.
- Box 7 Folder 13 Transcript of conversation of Clark, Justine Wise Polier and Myles Horton at Highlander, May 1959
- Topics include voter registration work, adult education, Miss Wil Lou Gray, Esau Jenkins, Bernice Robinson, Margaretta Childs, News and Courier editor Tom Waring, and the role of Highlander in creating change; with photocopy of similar transcript of conversation of Clark, Myles Horton, and others regarding racial problems in Clinton, Tennessee and role of Highlander in various conflicts in the South.
- Box 7 Folder 14 "An Analysis of Selected Programs for the Training of Civil Rights and Community Leaders in the South: The Highlander Folk School," circa 1966
- Box 7 Folder 15 Mimeograph proposal for Southwide Voter Education Project, at Johns Island, South Carolina
- Box 7 Folder 16 Summaries of Highlander Programs by season, 1962-1963 and 1973-1976
- Box 7 Folder 17 Reports to Board regarding Highlander's Library and Research Center, 1970s
- Box 7 Folder 18 Reports of Guy and Candie Carawan regarding Highlander music and culture programs 1974-1978
- Box 7 Folder 19 Reports regarding high school equivalency program and labor program, 1977-1978
- Box 7 Folder 20 Reports on Appalachian and Health Programs at Highlander Center, 1970s
- Box 7 Folder 21 Various reports to the board regarding Highlander Center activities, 1970s
- Box 7 Folder 22 Publications of Highlander Center, 1960-1977
- Includes some Highlander Reports newsletters and The New Agenda for the White Southerner in His New South
- Box 7 Folder 23 Articles regarding Highlander
- Including Southern Exposure article regarding its forced 1960 closing
- Box 7 Folder 24 Various mimeograph publications regarding music, 1960 and 1967
- Includes *Sing for Freedom* and *Ain't You Got a Right* as well as descriptions of spirituals on John's Island, South Carolina
- Box 7 Folder 25 Proposal and letters of Jerome Franson regarding his dissertation on Highlander Center
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- Box 8 Folder 1 Constitution and bylaws and brochures of SCLC, with Clark's business cards
- Box 8 Folder 2 Clark's correspondence as training supervisor, Citizenship Schools, regarding administration of program, recruiting students, etc. around the South, 1961-1967 and undated

One letter mentions avoidance of communist infiltration; with a few later letters of SCLC staff, including Hosea Williams and Ralph D. Abernathy.

- Box 8 Folder 3 SCLC staff roster and office staff memos, 1963-1968 and undated
 - Box 8 Folder 4 Narrative regarding SCLC's 1965 Citizen Education Program, its history and results
 - Also includes mimeos from larger [unknown] work.
 - Box 8 Folder 5 Reports, statistics, forms, applications, schedules, evaluations and pamphlet "Refinement by Fire" regarding Citizenship Education Program run by Clark for SCLC
 - Box 8 Folder 6 "If Not Now, When!" talk by Wyatt Tee Walker for Citizen Education Week, 1964
 - Box 8 Folder 7 Materials regarding citizen education and other SCLC programs in Mississippi, 1964 and 1967
 - Box 8 Folder 8 Outline, with budgets, etc. for SCLC program in Alabama
 - With handbill regarding free handwriting clinics being offered in Selma, Alabama.
 - Box 8 Folder 9 County breakdowns and name lists for 1964 Crusade for Georgia Voters
 - Box 8 Folder 10 Lists of people in various states who participated in SCLC workshops
 - Box 8 Folder 11 Various reports presented to SCLC annual meetings including voter registration statistics and call to church men, 1962-1965
 - Box 8 Folder 12 List of local coordinators for SCLC's Washington Poor People's Campaign
 - Box 8 Folder 13 Correspondence regarding SCLC's 1970 Charleston, South Carolina tribute to Septima Clark
 - Box 8 Folder 14 Local arrangement materials regarding Martin L. King Jr.'s journey to Oslo for Nobel Prize
 - Box 8 Folder 15 Copy of Martin L. King Jr.'s Nobel Peace Prize speech and statement to the press
 - Box 8 Folder 16 Programs and Norwegian press coverage of events related to Martin L. King's Jr.'s award
 - Box 8 Folder 17 USA Programs related to Martin L. King, Jr. and awarding of Nobel Peace Prize
 - Box 8 Folder 18 Mostly printed materials regarding Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change
 - Box 8 Folder 19 "The Crisis in America's Cities" talk by Martin Luther King, Jr. to SCLC, 1967
 - Box 8 Folder 20 Letters of Coretta Scott King and copies of Martin Luther King, Jr. letters
 - Box 8 Folder 21 Programs, tributes, etc. regarding Charleston, South Carolina events honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Box 8 Folder 22 Miscellaneous printed matter regarding Martin Luther King, Jr., circa 1964-1985
- Penn Community Center/Services. Frogmore, South Carolina
- Box 9 Folder 1 Bylaws of Penn Community Services, 1972
 - Box 9 Folder 2 Annual Reports Penn Community Services, 1973-1977

- Box 9 Folder 3 Scattered minutes of board and executive committee, 1969-1977
- Box 9 Folder 4 Scattered financial estimates, budgets, recapitulations and minutes, 1973-1975
- Box 9 Folder 5 Correspondence, agendas, and memos regarding various programs at Penn, circa 1962-1977
- Box 9 Folder 6 Penn Community Services office policies and procedures
- Box 9 Folder 7 Miscellaneous correspondence regarding Penn Services actives, 1969-1977 and undated
 - Includes copy of letter of Edith M. Dabbs about book "Face of an Island," and letters of J. Herman Blake
- Box 9 Folder 8 Lists of Penn Board of Directors, and statements of responsibilities, 1971-1981
- Box 9 Folder 9 Consultant's report to preserve and prosper Penn Center, 1978
- Box 9 Folder 10 "An Overview of Penn Community Services"
 - Brochures, newsletter and photocopies of clippings and articles regarding Penn Center/Penn Services.

Women's Organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

- Box 10 Folder 1 Printed and mimeograph materials regarding various AKA regional conferences
 - With ceramic trivet of 1977 Myrtle Beach meeting.
- Box 10 Folder 2 AKA publications, including scattered run (1955-78) of Ivy Leaf magazine; Book of Gold 1908-1958 Endowment Fund, and miscellaneous letters from national headquarter
- Box 10 Folder 3 AKA constitution and bylaws and Procedures Manual, 1970-1975
- Box 10 Folder 4 Gamma Xi Omega Chapter, AKA, bylaws and handbooks, 1970s
- Box 10 Folder 5 Gamma Xi Omega Chapter, AKA, scattered newsletters, 1970s
- Box 10 Folder 6 Gamma Xi Omega Chapter, AKA, scattered financial papers, 1970s
- Box 10 Folder 7 Gamma Xi Omega Chapter, AKA, debutante program materials, 1970s
- Box 10 Folder 8 Gamma Xi Omega Chapter, AKA, correspondence, minutes, and printed matter regarding various programs of the sorority, 1970s
- Box 10 Folder 9 Gamma Xi Omega Chapter, AKA, miscellaneous papers, correspondence, poetry, 1970s
- Box 10 Folder 10 Plaques and certificate awarded to Clark from Gamma Xi Omega and Berkeley California Alpha Nu Omega Chapter
- Box 10 Folder 11 Publications: "Women in Business" by AKA; and "Career Achievements among Black Women in Charleston," Gamma Xi Omega Chapter, with related materials

Women's Organizations: Miscellaneous

- Box 11 Folder 1 Programs and newsletters regarding Charleston Young Women's Christian Association, 1975-1978

			With photocopy of Eugene Hunt's play in tribute to 70th anniversary of Coming Street YWCA.
Box 11	Folder 2	South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, 1959-1978	
			Includes 50th anniversary booklet, programs of 65th annual meeting of Women's and Girls' Club; and other papers of other related groups.
Box 11	Folder 3	Papers of affiliates of South Carolina Federation of Women's and Girls Clubs, 1973-1978	
Box 11	Folder 4	"Women United," 6th anniversary Year Book of National Council of Negro Women, Inc., 1951	
			With other materials related to NCNW and Mary McLeod Bethune.
Box 11	Folder 5	"Binding Ties" newsletters of Black Women's Community Development Foundation, 1973-1974.	
Box 11	Folder 6	Annual report, symposium and other publications, of Black Women's Community Development Foundation, circa 1972-1973.	
Box 11	Folder 7	Nearly complete copy of "Together" Black Women by Inez Smith Reid, copyright 1972 by Black Women's Community Development Foundation.	
Box 11	Folder 8	Programs, correspondence and publications of local, state and national arms of League of Women Voters, 1972-1978	
Box 11	Folder 9	Constitution, bylaws and financial papers of Democratic Women of Charleston County, 1970-1978.	
Box 11	Folder 10	Correspondence to Clark from Women's Activities Committee, National Democratic Committee, 1964	
			Regarding visit of Lady Bird Johnson to the South, including South Carolina.
Box 11	Folder 11	Constitution, National Association of College Women, temporary form	
Box 11	Folder 12	Publications of the American Association of College's Project on the Status and Education of Women, 1974-1976	
Box 11	Folder 13	Letter and minutes of one meeting of Charleston's Commission for Women, with related materials regarding women's rights in South Carolina, 1978	
Box 11	Folder 14	US Department of Labor Factsheet on Women Workers of Minority Races, 1972	
		Civil Rights, African American and Political Groups	
Box 12	Folder 1	Promotional and conference material regarding Blacks United for Action, Inc., 1971	
Box 12	Folder 2	Proposal from Charleston Liberation Party to stage workshops in Charleston County to educate people on the pros and cons of proposed consolidation of local government	
Box 12	Folder 3	Anonymous handwritten list of grievances and proposals regarding Charleston Hospital Workers' Strike	
			With carbon of letter from Ralph David Abernathy regarding financial gift, 1975.

- Box 12 Folder 4 The Citizens Committee of Charleston County, 1975
 Constitution and bylaws; anonymous speech to the group; correspondence and applications regarding the Committee's Esau Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund; its 18th annual tea; and an unsigned note possibly from Esau Jenkins.
- Box 12 Folder 5 Minutes and other matter regarding African American History/Heritage Programs, 1975
- Box 12 Folder 6 Materials regarding Congressional Black Caucus; constitution and bylaws of South Carolina Association of Black Elected Officials; with related materials, 1975-1978
- Box 12 Folder 7 Brochures, and clippings regarding local African Americans vying for and holding public office, 1970s
 Marjorie Amos, George Fuller, Victoria DeLee, Septima Clark, George Payton, and others.
- Box 12 Folder 8 Miscellaneous papers regarding African American business, minority and Charleston E side development
- Box 12 Folder 9 Programs and papers regarding land preservation seminar, Yorges Island, South Carolina, 1974
- Box 12 Folder 10 Newspapers, handbills, appeals, etc. of People United to Live and Let Live, (PULL-L), circa 1977
 Dedicated to reversing sentence of Robert Lee Smith, aged 13, at time charged with murder. With transcripts of appeal.
- Box 12 Folder 11 Broadside from Southern Patriot regarding case of Walter Collins protesting racist draft board systems, 1970
- Box 12 Folder 12 Clark's letter of introduction as member of newspaper Chronicle's Advisory Board
- Box 12 Folder 13 Brochures regarding Gullah baskets, Gullah articles and tales
- Box 12 Folder 14 Constitution and bylaws for branches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1960
 With Charleston NAACP program of commemoration service for the Massachusetts 54th Regiment, Battle of Fort Wagner, 1978
- Box 12 Folder 15 Copy of 1978 speech to Republican National Committee by Jesse Jackson, President of People United to Save Humanity (PUSH)
- Box 12 Folder 16 Letter from South Carolina Senator Dewey Wise enclosing speech of Vernon Jordan, Director of the Urban League
- Box 12 Folder 17 Materials from Charleston office, Neighborhood Legal Assistance 1972-1978
- Box 12 Folder 18 Materials regarding local, regional and South Carolina councils of Neighborhood Legal Assistance, 1976-1978
- Box 12 Folder 19 Materials regarding National Clients Council, Neighborhood Legal Assistance, 1976-1978
- Box 12 Folder 20 US Commission on Civil Rights: publications and stands on issue, 1978

- Box 12 Folder 21 US Commission on Civil Rights: materials regarding State Advisory Committees, 1974-1978
- Box 12 Folder 22 US Commission on Civil Rights: Materials regarding South Carolina's State Advisory Committee (SC SAC), 1975-1978
- Box 12 Folder 23 US Commission on Civil Rights: South Carolina State Advisory Committee papers regarding its study of distribution of South Carolina municipal and public facilities, 1976
- Box 12 Folder 24 US Commission on Civil Rights: SAC study of municipal facilities in Mullins and Dillon
- Box 12 Folder 25 US Commission on Civil Rights: SC SAC's study of municipal facilities in Barnwell
- Box 12 Folder 26 US Commission on Civil Rights: SC's SAC study of Williamsburg school desegregation
- Box 12 Folder 27 Correspondence and teaching aids regarding various political campaigns and related issues, 1968-1980 and undated
- Box 12 Folder 28 Copy of President Jimmy Carter's position on election reform with related letter, 1977
- Church and Church-related
- Box 13 Folder 1 Old Bethel United Methodist Church memorial programs, 1957, 1972-1975
- Box 13 Folder 2 Old Bethel United Methodist Church: historical sketches by Clark, and others
- Box 13 Folder 3 Old Bethel United Methodist Church: Sale of church pew
- Box 13 Folder 4 Old Bethel United Methodist Church: 10 Church Programs, 1963-1977
- Box 13 Folder 5 Old Bethel United Methodist Church: Miscellaneous regarding church staff
- Box 13 Folder 6 Old Bethel United Methodist Church: Member lists
- Box 13 Folder 7 Old Bethel United Methodist Church: Financial records and related material, 1975-1978
- Box 13 Folder 8 Old Bethel United Methodist Church: Papers regarding mortgage, 1976-1984
- Box 13 Folder 9 Old Bethel United Methodist Church: Planning papers, including one on possible merger with Centenary United Methodist Church
- Box 13 Folder 10 United Methodist Church: mimeograph publications of Charleston District, 1974-1978
- Box 13 Folder 11 United Methodist Church: South Carolina Official Journal and SE jurisdiction minutes, 1969 and 1975
- Box 13 Folder 12 United Methodist Church Women publications and related matters
- Box 13 Folder 13 United Methodist Church: Miscellaneous papers
- Box 13 Folder 14 Handwritten notes regarding Emanuel AME Church from "Morris Brown Day" program, 1977
- Box 13 Folder 15 Letter from Margaretta Childs regarding projected survey of African American church records in Charleston County, 1977; with grant outline
- Box 13 Folder 16 Church Women United: Bylaws and publications, 1972-1977

- Box 13 Folder 17 Miscellaneous church and religion related letters, publications, music
- Arts related organizations
- Box 13 Folder 18 Letters, minutes, publications, etc of Charleston Communication Center, 1977-1978
- Box 13 Folder 19 Photocopy of script *Sea Island Song* by Alice Childress (music, not present, by Nathan Woodward), with related letter, 1977
- Social, health, child care, and literacy related
- Box 14 Folder 1 Papers of Family Services of Charleston, including Clark's presidential report and Family Service Association of America 1972-1978
- Box 14 Folder 2 Mimeograph materials regarding health workshops for Daufuskie Island with the Southern Patriot account of hunger in Beaufort County, 1971
- Box 14 Folder 3 South Carolina Food stamp study committee minutes and letter, 1972
- Box 14 Folder 4 Miscellaneous materials regarding national and local programs on aging, some on black aged and black women aged
- Box 14 Folder 5 Materials regarding Day Care Center named for Septima Clark, 1978
- Including resolution of City of Charleston Housing Authority to name it for her.
- Box 14 Folder 6 Minutes, lists, proposals, etc. regarding Charleston Day Care Advisory Board, 1975-1978
- Box 14 Folder 7 Constitution and scattered minutes regarding Trident Forum for the Handicapped with similar materials of other local agencies, 1975-1978
- Box 14 Folder 8 Newsletters, correspondence etc. regarding South Carolina's services for mentally retarded with materials regarding nationwide developmental disabilities study, 1977
- Box 14 Folder 9 Letter and fact sheet regarding South Carolina's office of Rural Development, 1978
- Box 14 Folder 10 Rural Missions administration and financial report, and minutes, 1974
- Box 14 Folder 11 Scattered papers regarding literacy in South Carolina and various literacy associations
- Box 14 Folder 12 *Southern Fight-Back* newsletters and letter from City of Atlanta Labor Relations Board regarding strike there, 1977-1978
- Box 14 Folder 13 Minutes and agendas from unknown board, 1978
- Box 14 Folder 14 Mailings to Septima Clark from various organizations
- Box 14 Folder 15 Miscellaneous materials regarding Columbia, South Carolina Development Act, 1974-1975
- With Clark's letters seeking support for Cooper River Waterfront development, Charleston, 1985.
- Schools and Colleges
- Box 14 Folder 16 Reports and history of College Seven, University of California in Santa Cruz, 1972-1973
- Box 14 Folder 17 Itinerary, clippings of Clark's visit to UC Santa Cruz and surrounding area, 1972

- With related correspondence, including that of Provost J. Herman Blake.
- Box 14 Folder 18 Writings of J. Herman Blake
- Includes his lengthy assessment of the success of citizen education and other programs on Charleston area sea islands funded by the Emil Schwarzhaupt Foundation, with interviews with local residents and evaluations of the roles played by Clark, Esau Jenkins, Elijah (Buddy) Freeman, Bill Saunders and others; a conference paper on Urbanization of the Negro; abstract of interview with ex slave Rosa Brisbane of Daufuskie Island; a tribute to T. Thomas Fortune; to Clark; and an offprint of an published article on Black Nationalism.
- Box 15 Folder 1 Materials regarding Clark's connection with Benedict College, 1942 and 1975-1976
- Box 15 Folder 2 Hampton Institute Bulletins and letters relating to Hampton, 1976-1977
- Box 15 Folder 3 Student paper "The Testing Program" using Saxon Elementary School, Columbia, South Carolina, by Septima Clark, while at Hampton Institute, 1945
- Box 15 Folder 4 Clark's master's thesis, "An Experiment in Individualizing Instruction in Reading in a Sixth Grade Class", 1946
- Utilizing Saxon Elementary School, Columbia, South Carolina; submitted in at Hampton Institute
- Box 15 Folder 5 Broadside, faculty and staff statement and letters regarding unrest at Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina, 1967
- With conflicting reports of responsibility among staff, board and president.
- Box 15 Folder 6 Photocopy of report by Edythe M. Rogers of New York (Episcopal Church?) regarding disturbance at Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina, 1972
- Also includes her visiting the seven defendants (James Epps, Samuel Mintz, Alvin Evans, Cecil Raysor, Michael Moore, Oliver Francis, and Gerald Epps), Septima Clark, Modjeska Simpkins and others; with her frank assessment of fault of administration and others.

5. Audio-Visual Material, 1920s-1980s

- Box 15 Folder 7 Reel-to-reel tape recording of Clark at Yellow Springs, Ohio (Antioch College?) 11 February 1970,
- Approx 30 minutes; Clark first has people identify with terms: black white, and red; middle, poor, rich; conservative, radical and liberal; and then asks listeners to list human rights and needs. Giving some asides, she then reads from a prepared text (see folder no. 1000-3-29) "The Challenge to Black and White." The listening audio cassette copy is in folder 15-10 -- Cassette 1, Side A
- Box 15 Folder 8 Reel to reel tape recording labeled "retirement" (in error) is an interview with Clark on "The Meeting" Program, Yellow Springs, Ohio Friends Meeting, as Clark traveled under auspices American Friends Service Committee.
- Interviewer gives background of Citizen Education Schools and role of Highlander Center of Tennessee. Clark gives a state by state progress report of the schools in the South, noting great success in South Carolina; with data on SE Georgia (under Hosea Williams),

- Birmingham, Alabama; Mississippi Delta; and Louisiana. The role of Antioch students in helping start the movement on Johns Island in the mid 1950s is discussed; with mention of Ann Lockwood of Antioch, helping in a diphtheria epidemic there, and all discovering the rate of illiteracy on the island, prompting schools. The listening copy in cassette form is in folder 15-10 -- Cassette 1, Side B
- Box 15 Folder 9 2 reel to reel "miscellaneous" tapes, one reel consisting of separate strings of unspliced tape. One tape, barely audible records Clark leading a workshop of black women and one white man (?) discussing power in black and white communities, abuses of upper class, absence of leaders in black communities and how to overcome it. The white male discusses the Henry Talmadge election in Georgia, noting that blacks voted for this white racist, over other black candidates. Comments on school desegregation. (Use copy in folder 15-10, Cassette 2, side A). Other tape is of muffled church singing, and long incomprehensible talk, by unknown speaker. With snippets of WPAL radio station (1973), a child with a speech impediment saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and barely heard banter and comments. (Use copy in folder 15-10, Cassette 2, side B)
- Box 15 Folder 10 Use cassette copies of reel-to-reel tapes
- Box 16 Folder 1 Black and white; 8 by 10 photos of Septima Clark, 1950s-1980s
including color photo with President Jimmy Carter.
- Box 16 Folder 2 Black and white and color photos of Clark at various events, undated
At SCLC retirement tribute dinner, Charleston, with images of Andrew Young; opening of SP Clark daycare center and others occasions. Includes one photo of Henrietta St. house
- Box 16 Folder 3 Black and white and color photographs of Poinsette family members, 1920s-1980s
Including images of Clark and one of her mother, Victoria Poinsette.
- Box 16 Folder 4 Black and white and color photographs of various members of Clark family, circa 1930-1980s
Including image of Septima Clark's mother-in-law and grandchildren.
- Box 16 Folder 5 Black and white and some color photographs of friends and relatives of Septima Clark; some labeled, partially or in full, others unidentified, circa 1920s-1980s
- Box 16 Folder 6 Black and white photographs, circa 1950s - 1970s
Includes health care programs on Johns Island (photos of Dr. Leon Banov and Esau Jenkins' bus), musical programs at various places with Guy and Candie Carawan; programs at Highlands, Tennessee; Liberty Co. Georgia and Tallahassee, Florida. With 3 photos regarding 1969 Charleston Hospital Workers' strike, including Andrew Young, James Orange and Esau Jenkins.
- Box 16 Folder 7 Black and white photos and title page removed from birthday album compiled for Clark by students, College Seven, University California, Santa Cruz, 1973.
- Box 16 Folder 8 Black and white photos of staff of Howard and Celia Dale Saxon schools, Columbia, South Carolina, circa 1940s-1969
With photo, graduating classes Morristown Normal and Industrial College; and images of vacation bible school.

- Box 16 Folder 9 Black and white photos of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority debutantes and banquet, Columbia, South Carolina, 1940s
- Box 16 Folder 10 Black and white photos of SCLC workers and events, 1960s-1970s
- Images of Ralph David Abernathy, Andrew Young, James Orange, Hosea Williams, Bernice Robinson, Jesse Jackson, Dorothy Cotton and others, some unidentified,
- Box 16 Folder 11 Black and white photos of Martin Luther King; with Ralph David Abernathy; unidentified youths; photo of Coretta Scott King; related color King photographs

6. Artifacts, 1961-1987

- Box 17 Folder 1 Gamma Xi Omega (Chapter of AKA) wooden plaque with gavel attached
- Box 17 Folder 2 Wood and metal plaque Afro-American Studies Department University of California, Berkeley, 1980
- Box 17 Folder 3 Wood and metal plaque tribute from Adult Leadership Class, Huntsville, Alabama, 1961
- Box 17 Folder 4 Wood and metal plaque from City of Los Angeles, Tom Bradley, Mayor, 1986
- Box 18 Folder 1 Marble and metal statuette, Phi Delta Kappa, 1980
- Box 18 Folder 2 Glass plate etched with the date (12-15-87) of Septima Clark's death
- Box 18 Folder 3 Large glass vase with etched image and data regarding Clark receiving NCBA (National Council on Black Aging) in 1975
- Box 19 Folder 1 Hood given to Septima Clark, for her honorary doctorate (College of Charleston?)
- Box 19 Folder 2 Diminutive African shield, covered in hide, marked "Umaratha"
- Box 19 Folder 3 Gold electroplated platter engraved "In Honor of Septima P. Clark, S.U.M.A. 2/15/80"
- Box 19 Folder 4 Round silver-plate platter to Clark from Missionary Society, Mt. Zion AME Church, 1973
- Box 19 Folder 5 Rectangular silver-plate platter from Penn Center, 1970
- Box 20 Folder 1 Metal and wood plaque from Citizenship Education Program staff members
- Box 20 Folder 2 Handmade wooden plaque marked "BHS" from Girl Scout Troop number 75, 1975
- Box 20 Folder 3 One matted black and white photo and one color photo of Clark, circa 1970s
- Box 20 Folder 4 Parchment Honorary Doctorate of letters awarded to Clark by College of Charleston, 1978, with accompanying citation
- Box 20 Folder 4 Order of Palmetto Citation awarded Clark by Governor Richard W. Riley, 1982
- Box 20 Folder 5 Awards and Certificates

Includes resolution from California State Legislature; certificate that accompanied award from Frito Lay and National Council of Negro Women "Black Women Who Make it Happen." Includes oversize table place mat of Martin Luther King burial site, 1980-1985.

7. Oversize Materials, 1982-1983

Oversize Images, 1982-1983 and undated

Located in plat drawers.

Diploma: honorary doctor of laws, Belmont Abbey College, with related matter

Poster: National Conference, Black Lawyers, Black Women and the Law, Fisk University

Septima Clark and Rosa Parks poster, signed by both and poster designer Glenn Myles

Encapsulated pen and ink drawing of Clark, signed Ashe