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**Inventory of the
Graves Family Papers, 1884 - 2004**

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Dates: 1884 - 2004

Creator: Graves family.

Abstract: The Graves family of Charleston, South Carolina, was an African American family consisting largely of educators and Avery Institute graduates. James R. B. Graves, Jr. (1883-1969), a Pullman porter and union member of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, married Rose Laura Winds (1890-1978) in 1915. Together, they raised five children: J. Michael, Pauline, Annette, Robert, and Eugene. J. Michael Graves (1915-1996), a Class of 1932 graduate of the Avery Institute, was an educator and musician in the Charleston area. Pauline R. Graves (1917-2002) conducted educational research and taught at Courtenay Middle School. Annette Graves Chambers (died 1983) worked as an educator at Ben Tillman Elementary School. Robert Blackburne Graves graduated from Avery in 1944 and Johnson C. Smith in 1949. The youngest, Eugene Graves, was an educator and sports coach at Bonds-Wilson High School in North Charleston. Eugene coached several athletes that achieved successful sports careers, including Art Shell and Jim Jackson.

The collection includes materials related to the Graves family of Charleston, South Carolina, chiefly James R. B. Graves, his wife Rose L. Graves, and their children J. Michael, Pauline, Annette, Robert, and Eugene. The James R. B. Graves series includes correspondence, photographs, and artifacts chiefly related to his career as a porter with the Pullman Company as well as his association with the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters labor union. The Rose L. Graves series documents her work for the USO and the Charleston Area Civilian Defense Council. The J. Michael Graves series is the largest in the collection. This series includes correspondence, memory books, event programs, and other materials related to his education, teaching career at Avery Normal Institute and Burke High School, membership in the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Elder Watson Diggs Award, and Charleston area organizations and events. The Annette Graves Chambers' series includes materials related to Annette's education and professional activities. The Robert Blackburne Graves series includes materials related to his education, chiefly at Avery Normal Institute, and his affiliation with Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. The Eugene Graves series includes largely photographs and sports memorabilia related to his coaching career at Bonds-Wilson High School. Materials also relate to Rose's sister Etta Winds Wilson, Etta's husband John T. Wilson, and members of the Winds and Wilson side of the family. Photographs and slides include Graves family members, Avery Institute, Burke High School, Bonds-Wilson High School, and other images. Also included are materials related to the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture (AIAAHC), clippings related to the Avery Institute and African American heritage, and other materials.

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Biographical Note

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Rose L. Graves, née Winds (1890-1978), was the wife of James R.B. Graves and mother to J. Michael, Pauline, Annette, Robert, and Eugene Graves. She was related to Etta Winds Wilson, who married John T. Wilson in 1944.

J. Michael Graves (1915-1996), a Class of 1932 graduate of the Avery Institute, was an educator and musician in the Charleston area. J. Michael earned a degree in chemistry from Fisk University in 1939. In 1954, he received a master's degree in education from South Carolina State College.

Through the years, he taught at various South Carolina schools, including St. Luke Elementary School in Grover (1936-1937); J. K. Gourdine Elementary and High School in Russelville (1938-1939); Laing High School in Mount Pleasant (1939-1945); and Avery High School (1947-1954) and Burke High School (1954-1970) in Charleston. During his tenure at Burke, J. Michael Graves directed the first Palmetto State Science Fair in 1957 and produced the first National Science Fair winner (W. Delano Meriweather). He influenced science curricula in Charleston and was active in teacher groups. He retired from teaching on June 30, 1982.

J. Michael was an active part of the Charleston community, serving on the board of directors for the Charleston Symphony Orchestra (1969-1980), chartering the Optimist Club of Peninsula Charleston (1982), and sitting on the mayor's Environmental Committee (1990-1993). He was a life member of the NAACP, and sat on the Executive board of the Charleston branch of the NAACP. He was nationally recognized for his work with his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., with the Elder W. Diggs Award for Achievement.

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Annette Graves Chambers (died 1983) graduated from Avery Normal School in 1936. She worked as an educator at Ben Tillman Elementary School.

Robert Blackburne Graves graduated from Avery Normal Institute in 1944. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Johnson C. Smith in 1949. He was also a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Eugene G. Graves was a 1947 Avery Normal Institute graduate. He was an African-American educator in Charleston, South Carolina and worked at Bonds-Wilson High School from 1955-1985. At Bonds-Wilson, Graves served as a physical education and health teacher, football and basketball coach, and guidance counselor. Eugene coached several athletes that achieved successful sports careers, including Art Shell and Jim Jackson.

Louise Henrietta Winds Wilson (1907-1995), known as "Etta," was the sister of Rose Winds Graves. Etta married John Thomas Wilson in 1944.

John T. Wilson (1910-1994) earned degrees from Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in 1936, Allen University in 1951, and South Carolina State College in 1956. He served as a master sergeant in the 360th Port Battalion in the United States Army, discharging in 1945. John T. Wilson became principal of the now-defunct Six Mile High School in North Charleston, South Carolina, which was renamed Bonds-Wilson High School to honor John T. Wilson and James R. Bonds.

Collection Overview

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The Annette Graves Chambers' series includes materials related to Annette's education and professional activities. The Robert Blackburne Graves series includes materials related to his education, chiefly at Avery Normal Institute, and his affiliation with Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. The Eugene Graves series includes largely photographs and sports memorabilia related to his coaching career at Bonds-Wilson High School.

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Photographs and slides include Graves family members, Avery Institute, Burke High School, Bonds-Wilson High School, and other images. Some photograph folders have been cross-listed in relevant series. Also included are materials related to the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture (AIAAHC), clippings related to the Avery Institute and African American heritage, and other materials.

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Separated Material

Yearbooks from Bonds-Wilson High School (1972-1976, 1979, and 1982) and South Carolina State College (1974 and 1984) have been removed from the Eugene Graves series and placed in the Avery Yearbook Collection.

Audiocassettes (1081-CAS/1-5)

Image Folders (1081-IFO/1-22)

Scrapbook (1081-SCR/1)

Subject Headings

African Americans -- Social conditions.

African Americans -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

African Americans -- Education -- South Carolina -- History -- 20th century.

African American educators -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

African American educators -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Photographs.

Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture.

Avery Normal Institute -- Alumni and alumnae.
Avery Normal Institute -- Photographs.
Bonds-Wilson High School (Charleston, S.C.).
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters -- History.
Chambers, Annette Graves, d. 1983.
Educators -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Graves, Eugene.
Graves, J. Michael (James Michael), 1915-1996.
Graves, James R. B., 1883-1969.
Graves, Pauline.
Graves, Robert Blackburne.
Graves, Rose L., 1890-1978.
High schools -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Porters -- Labor unions -- United States -- History.
Public schools -- South Carolina -- History -- 20th century.
Pullman Company -- History
Pullman porters -- United States -- History
Pullman porters -- Photographs.
Wilson, Etta Winds, 1907-1995.
Wilson, John T., 1910-1994.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

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The series includes materials related to James R.B. Graves' career as a porter with the Pullman Company as well as his association with the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters labor union.

1.1. Military Service, 1918

Box 1 Folder 1 War Department: Classification, 1918

1.2. The Pullman Company, 1919-1958

Box 1 Folder 2 Company Correspondence and Materials Related to James R.B. Graves, 1919-1954

Includes official company correspondence as well as materials related to James R.B. Graves' employment with the Pullman Company and eventual retirement in 1953. Also includes newspaper clipping on James R.B. Graves' retirement.

Box 1 Folder 3 Pamphlets, 1924-1958

Includes Plan of Employee Representation for District Employees, 1924; Stock Purchase Plan for Employees, 1926; Sanitary Regulations, 1930; Group Insurance Plan for Agreement Employees, 1958.

Box 12 Image Folder 1081- Photographs, undated
IMG/1

Includes one photograph of Pullman Porters James R.B. Graves and Mr. Bell in Chicago and one photograph of James R.B. Graves with passengers.

Box 1 Museum Item 1081- Porter Brush of James R.B. Graves
MUS/1

Box 1 Folder 4 Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America: Membership Documents, Constitution and By-Laws, 1921-1932

1.3. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, 1940-1950

Box 1 Folder 5 Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters: Convention Proceedings, 1940-1950

Box 1 Folder 6-10 Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters: Correspondence, 1941-1947

Includes letters from A. Phillip Randolph as international president of the labor union; materials regarding the local Charleston Chapter of the Brotherhood, of which James R.B. Graves served as president; and other materials. Topics include organizational issues, release time, collective bargaining power, and efforts of the Workers Defense League to save sharecropper Odell Waller.

2. Rose L. Graves, 1911-1946

Rose L. Graves, née Winds (1890-1978), was the wife of James R.B. Graves and mother to J. Michael, Pauline, Annette, Robert, and Eugene Graves. She was related to Etta Winds Wilson, who married John T. Wilson in 1944.

The series includes materials related to Rose L. Graves' work for the United Service Organizations (USO) and the Charleston Area Civilian Defense Council.

Oversize Paper Folder Avery Institute: Diploma, 1911
1081-OPF/1

Box 1 Folder 11 War Work, 1943-1946

Includes certificates, identification and hostess cards, correspondence, and other materials related to Rose L. Graves' work for the United Service Organizations (USO) and the Charleston Area Civilian Defense Council.

Box 12 Image Folder Photograph Postcard, undated
1081-IMG/2

3. J. Michael Graves, 1927-1998

J. Michael Graves (1915-1996), a Class of 1932 graduate of the Avery Institute, was an educator and musician in the Charleston area. From 1936 to 1937, he served as a teaching principal at St. Luke Elementary School in Grover, South Carolina. From 1938 to 1939, he taught sixth grade and served as choral director at J. K. Gourdine Elementary and High School in Russelville. J. Michael earned a degree in chemistry from Fisk University in 1939.

From 1939 to 1945, J. Michael taught and held a position as teaching principal at Laing High School in Mount Pleasant. In 1947, he returned to Avery High School, where he held a teaching position through 1954. At Avery, he was the accompanist to the choir and adviser to the Science Club. In 1954, he received a master's degree in education from South Carolina State College.

From 1954 to 1970, J. Michael taught science at Burke High School and became chair of the Science Department from 1960 to 1970. At Burke, he also advised the Science Club and accompanied the choir. During his tenure at Burke, J. Michael Graves directed the first Palmetto State Science Fair in 1957 and produced the first National Science Fair winner (W. Delano Meriweather).

In 1970, J. Michael received the High School Chemistry Teacher of the Year award from the South Carolina Chapter of the American Chemical Society. That same year, he accepted position as Assistant Director of Science for Charleston County Schools. In 1974, he was promoted to Coordinator for Natural Sciences for the school district. He was active in the Charleston area educational sector, serving as president for the City Council of Charleston Teachers (1969-1970), Charleston County Education Association (1973-1974), and SCEA County Presidents Association (1974-1975). He worked on educational standards in several capacities, including co-developer of the district science curricula, which were adopted in 1982. He retired from teaching on June 30, 1982.

J. Michael was an active part of the Charleston community, serving on the board of directors for the Charleston Symphony Orchestra (1969-1980), chartering the Optimist Club of Peninsula Charleston (1982), and sitting on the mayor's Environmental Committee (1990-1993). He was a life member of the NAACP, and sat on the Executive board of the Charleston branch of the NAACP. He was nationally recognized for his work with his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., with the Elder W. Diggs Award for Achievement.

J. Michael Graves died in 1996.

The series includes correspondence, memory books, and other materials related to J. Michael Graves' education; teaching certifications and contracts, school programs, and other materials related to his teaching career at Avery Normal Institute and Burke High School; awards and photographs related to the National Science Fair; Pan-Hellenic materials, including nomination packets for the Elder Watson Diggs Award; and graduation announcements, church bulletins, and event programs, chiefly for Charleston area organizations and events.

3.1. Biographical Materials, 1920s-1995

Box 12 Image Folder 1081- Childhood Photograph, circa 1920s
IMG/3

Box 2 Folder 12 Professional Vitae and Funeral Announcement

Box 2 Folder 13 Military Service - Separation and Honorable Discharge, 1946

3.2. Correspondence, 1942-1991

Box 2 Folder 14 Correspondence, 1942-1991

Includes letters related to the Avery Institute, Benjamin F. Cox Scholarship, College of Charleston, classroom teaching, Judge H. Carl Moultrie, and Art Shell.

Box 2 Folder 15 Correspondence: Cards, Reunion Invitations, and Commencement Announcements, 1951-1987

3.3. Education, 1927-1991

Box 2 Folder 16 *The News Outline: An Elementary Current Events Lesson Weekly, 1927-1928*

Includes printed sections of *The News Outline*; newspaper clippings; and lessons and commentary written by J. Michael Graves.

Box 2 Folder 17 Avery Institute: Graduation and Reunion Materials, 1930-1982

Box 2 Folder 18 Avery Institute: Memory Book, 1930-1932

Includes an autograph book with messages from 1932, when J. Michael Graves attended Avery as a student.

Box 2 Folder 18 Avery Institute: Memory Book, 1932-1941

Includes a memory book that contains messages and photographs from 1932, when J. Michael Graves attended Avery as a student as well as messages from students of J. Michael Graves when he taught at Avery in 1941.

Box 2 Folder 19 Fisk University: Graduation Program and Note from J. Michael Graves, 1936

Box 12 Image Folder 1081- Fisk University, 1930s and undated
IFO/3a

Includes photographs of Ray Francis Brown; Ethel Bedient Gilbert; Fisk University Choir, circa 1930; and an undated photograph of the Golden Sons and Daughters Alumni Association.

Box 2 Folder 20 Fisk University: Correspondence, 1988-1989

			Includes correspondence related to the Fisk University Alumni Annual Fund and other General Alumni Association matters.
Box 2	Folder 21	Fisk University: <i>Fisk News</i> , 1961-1966	
Box 3	Folder 22	Fisk University: <i>Fisk News</i> , 1985-1997	
Box 3	Folder 23	Fisk University: General Alumni Association, Reunion, and Other Materials, 1977-1989	
Box 3	Folder 24	Fisk University: General Alumni Association Awards, 1989-1991	
		Certificate: Membership, The Society of the Golden Sons and Daughters, 1989	
		Plaque, Lifetime Member of General Alumni Association, 1991	
Box 3	Folder 25	South Carolina State University: Diploma, 1955	
3.4. Professional Activities, 1932-1989			
Box 3	Folder 26	Teaching Certifications, Contracts, and Other Materials, 1947-1953 and 1982	
			Includes teaching certification, 1939; teacher's contracts, 1947-1953; score explanations for National Teacher Examination, 1952; retirement information, 1982; and other materials.
Box 3	Folder 27	Autograph Book, 1939-1954	
			Includes a wooden autograph book with a cover marked "Fisk University '39" that contains notes from students at Laing School, 1942, and notes from acquaintances and colleagues, 1943 to 1954.
Box 2	Folder 18	Avery Institute: Memory Book, 1932-1941	
			Includes a memory book that contains messages and photographs from 1932, when J. Michael Graves attended Avery as a student as well as messages from students of J. Michael Graves when he taught at Avery in 1941.
Box 3	Folder 28	Avery Institute, 1953-1954	
			Includes two graduation invitations and a June 1953 issue of the <i>Avery Tiger</i> .
Box 3	Folder 29-31	Burke High School: Concerts, Plays, Reunions, and Other Events, 1954-1989	
			Includes programs from productions of the Dramatic Guild and Music Department; reunion programs; alumni directories; memorial services; and other materials related to Burke High School and J. Michael Graves' time as a teacher there.
Box 4	Folder 32	Burke High School: National Science Fair, 1959-1964	
			Includes award certificates and photographs related to the National Science Fair.
Box 4	Folder 33	Burke High School: Science Department Self-Study, 1968-1969	
			Includes self-study of the science department, of which J. Michael Graves was the chair during the school term 1968-1969.
Box 4	Folder 34	Burke High School: <i>The Parvenue</i> , December 1958 to February 1971	

		Includes intermittent issues of Burke High School's newspaper, <i>The Parvenue</i> .
Box 4 Folder 35	Central Council of Charleston Teachers, 1967-1969	
		Includes constitution and by-laws, 1967, and financial reports, 1967-1969, and other materials.
Scrapbook 1081-SCR/1	Central Council of Charleston Teachers, District #20 Scrapbook, 1968-1969	
	3.5. Pan-Hellenic Involvement, 1934-1995	
Box 4 Folder 36	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., 1963-1982	
Box 4 Folder 37	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 1975-1988	
Box 4 Folder 38	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 1934-1996	
		Includes materials related to J. Michael Graves' involvement with the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Box 4 Folder 39	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.: Elder Watson Diggs Award, Charleston Chapter Nomination, 1995	
Box 4 Folder 40	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.: Elder Watson Diggs Award, Southeastern Province Nomination, 1995	
Box 4 Folder 41	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.: Elder Watson Diggs Award, J. Michael Graves as Recipient, 1995	
		Includes laminated program and photograph book pages containing color photographs of the award reception and related materials.
	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.: Audiocassettes, 1983	
Audiocassette 1081-CAS/1	John Jacobs, President of the National Urban League	
Audiocassette 1081-CAS/2	Judge Alcee Hastings	
Audiocassette 1081-CAS/3	Aaron Addrow-Pierson	
Box 4 Folder 42	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 1962-1984	
Box 4 Folder 43	Pan-Hellenic Council of Charleston, 1940-1990	
Box 4 Folder 44	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., 1975-1982	
	3.6. Programs, 1941-1996	
Box 5 Folder 45	Avery-Related Materials, 1941-1984	
		Includes programs from concerts, commencements, and reunion events related to Avery Normal Institute and Avery High School. Also includes materials related to the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture.
Box 5 Folder 46	Charles A. Brown High School: Concerts and Theater Productions, 1963-1970	
Box 5 Folder 47	Charleston Chapter of Links, Inc., 1976-1995	

Box 5 Folder 48	Charleston Interracial Committee, 1953-1954
Box 5 Folder 49	Colleges and Universities: Commencements, 1949-1984
Box 5 Folder 50	Colleges and Universities: Musical Performances, 1954-1987
Box 5 Folder 51	Funeral Services, 1964-1996
Box 5 Folder 52	Hampton Institute: Choir and Dance Performances, 1963-1989
Box 5 Folder 53	K-12: Musical and Theatrical Performances, 1956-1987
	Includes chiefly programs from school productions in the Charleston area.
Box 5 Folder 54	K-12: Non-Musical, 1963-1980
Box 5 Folder 55	Miscellaneous Events and Other Activities, 1945-1998
Box 5 Folder 56	Musical Productions and the Arts, 1950-1987 and undated
Box 6 Folder 57	NAACP and Related Materials, 1976-1994
Box 6 Folder 58	Piccolo Spoleto Festival, 1977-1989
Box 6 Folder 59	Religious: Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, 1938-1988
	Includes programs related to church services, musical performances especially by J. Michael Graves and the Mt. Zion Male Chorus, and newspaper clippings related to the Mt. Zion Spiritual Singers.
Box 6 Folder 60-61	Religious: Various Churches, 1942-1990
	Includes programs from various churches in Charleston, South Carolina and elsewhere.
Box 6 Folder 62	Theatrical Productions, 1953-1990
Box 6 Folder 63	Tributes and Banquets, 1954-1988
Box 6 Folder 64	Weddings, 1969-1987
3.7. Audiocassettes, circa 1975-1985	
Audiocassette 1081-CAS/4	Class of 1932 Banquet, circa 1975-1985
	Includes celebration of J. Michael Graves.
Audiocassette 1081-CAS/5	Oral History Interview: J. Michael Graves, March 7, 1985
Box 6 Folder 65	Speeches by J. Michael Graves and Others, 1994-1996 and undated
	Includes commencement addresses given at Burke High School and "Eugene Clay Hunt [The Early Years]."
Box 6 Folder 66	Tribute by Charleston Branch NAACP, 1996

4. Pauline R. Graves, 1917-1984

Pauline R. Graves (1917-2002) was an educator in Charleston, South Carolina. She graduated from Avery Normal Institute in 1936. She received a Master of Arts degree from Hampton Institute in 1951 and a Master of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1968. She also completed accounting courses at the Southern Business Institute in 1959. She retired from her teaching position at Courtenay Middle School in 1984.

The series includes materials related to Pauline R. Graves' education and career as an educator.

4.1. Biographical Materials, 1917

Box 7 Folder 67 Birth Certificate, 1917

4.2. Education, 1936-1968

Box 6 Folder 68 Avery Institute: The Girl Graduate's Journal, 1936

Includes notes from teachers and classmates, descriptions of social events, photographs of classmates, and other notes about the class.

Box 6 Folder 69 Avery Institute: Correspondence, 1946

Includes letter to Pauline Graves from Hattie Desboine regarding corrections made to Graves' transcript.

Box 6 Folder 70 Burke Industrial School: Grade Report, 1940

Box 6 Folder 71 Correspondence: Research, 1950

Includes letter to Pauline Graves from May Tangen of the Education Library at State University of Iowa, regarding inquiry made by Graves for studies on cumulative records in the elementary school.

Box 6 Folder 72 Hampton Institute: Dissertation, "Formulation and Use of a Cumulative Record System as an Aid in Instruction in Negro Elementary Schools Charleston, South Carolina," 1951

Box 6 Folder 73 Hampton Institute: Diploma, 1951

Box 6 Folder 74 University of Wisconsin: Transcripts, 1958

Box 6 Folder 75 University of Wisconsin: Seminar Report, "A Remedial Approach to the Development of Language in Educable Mentally Retarded Children," 1967

Box 6 Folder 76 University of Wisconsin: Diploma, 1968

Box 6 Folder 77 Southeastern Business Institute: Certificate, 1959

Includes certificate of credit for the completion of the first year at Southeastern Business Institute's College of Accounting as well as program for commencement.

4.3. Professional Activities, 1980-1984

Box 6 Folder 79 Courtenay Middle School: Retirement Award, 1984

Box 6 Folder 80 Pamphlet: "Black Charleston in Slavery and Freedom: A Pictorial History from Colonial Times to the Present," circa 1980

5. Annette Graves Chambers, 1930-1983

Annette Graves Chambers (died 1983) graduated from Avery Normal School in 1936. She worked as an educator at Ben Tillman Elementary School.

The series includes materials related to Annette Graves Chambers' education and professional activities.

5.1. Education, 1930-1949

- Box 8 Folder 81 Avery Institute: Grade Reports, 1930-1931, 1933-1938
- Box 8 Folder 82 Avery Institute: Salutatorian's Address - "Peace the Realization of an Ideal" by Annette Graves, 1937
- Box 8 Folder 83 Avery Institute: High School Diploma and Related Materials, 1937-1938
- Includes diploma, booklet with signatures of classmates, and a commencement exercise program.
- Box 8 Folder 84 Avery Institute: The Girl Graduate's Journal, 1937
- Includes notes from teachers and classmates, descriptions of social events, photographs of classmates, ephemera, and other miscellaneous notes about the class.
- Box 8 Folder 85 Hampton Institute: Diploma and Convocation Program, 1949

5.2. Professional Activities, 1965-1983

- Box 8 Folder 86-88 Ben Tillman Elementary School: Scrapbook, 1969-1983
- Includes photographs, biography, numerous letters of recommendation to the Teacher of the Year Committee, awards and recognitions.
- Box 8 Folder 89 Girl Scout Plantation: Plaque, 1965
- Includes photocopy of plaque with photograph and list of staff that had been handwritten on back.

5.3. Other Materials, 1959 and undated

- Box 8 Folder 90 Program: Kappa Kowboy Kavalcade, 1959
- Includes performances by Eugene and Gertrude Graves and Robert and Minnie Graves.
- Box 12 Folder 1081-IFO/4 Photograph: Annette Graves, undated

6. Robert Blackburne Graves, 1942-1974

Robert Blackburne Graves graduated from Avery Normal Institute in 1944. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Johnson C. Smith in 1949. He was also a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

The series includes materials related to Robert Blackburne Graves' education, chiefly at Avery Normal Institute, and his affiliation with Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

6.1. Education, 1944-1949

Box 12 Image Folder 1081- Avery Basketball Team, 1944
IFO/5

Basketball marked "Champs 1944." Caption: City, state and national. Front row L-R: Assistant coach "Smoke" Walker, Lewis Holman, Edward Prioleau, Martin Iracks, Robert Graves, and Coach Earl Claiborn. Second Row L-R: George Heyward, Reggie Lee, Carl Anderson, William Mildleton, and William Greene.

Box 9 Folder 91 Avery Institute: School Days and Dates Memory Book, 1944

Includes notes from classmates and honor award from basketball team.

Box 9 Folder 92 Avery Institute: Graduation Announcement, 1944

Box 9 Folder 93 Avery Institute: High School Diploma, 1944

Box 9 Folder 94 Johnson C. Smith University: Diploma, 1949

6.2. Pan-Hellenic Involvement, 1974

Box 9 Folder 95 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Grand Chapter: Life Membership Award, 1974

Box 9 Folder 96 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Charleston Alumni Chapter: Certificate of Recognition, 1974

7. Eugene G. Graves, 1935-2004

Eugene G. Graves was 1947 Avery Normal Institute graduate. He was an African-American educator in Charleston, South Carolina and worked at Bonds-Wilson High School from 1955-1985. At Bonds-Wilson, Graves served as a physical education and health teacher, football and basketball coach, and guidance counselor. Eugene coached several athletes that achieved successful sports careers, including Art Shell and Jim Jackson.

The series includes largely photographs and sports memorabilia related to his coaching career at Bonds-Wilson High School.

7.1. Education, 1935-1947

Box 10 Folder 97 Avery Institute: Grade Reports, 1935-1936, 1938-1947

Box 10 Folder 98 Avery Institute: Graduation Announcement, 1947

7.2. Professional Activities, 1958-2004

Bonds-Wilson High School: Coaching

Box 10 Folder 99 Homecoming Souvenir Programs, Patches, and Other Materials, 1967- 1969

Box 12 Image Folder 1081- Athletics Photographs, 1958-1961, 1966-1967, 1970
IFO/6-7

Includes photographs of football, men and women's basketball, physical education class, and Jim Jackson.

Bonds-Wilson High School: James "Jim" Jackson

Box 10 Folder 100 Correspondence, 1963 and 1965

- Box 10 Folder 101 Sports Programs, 1960-1968
 Includes A. & T. Aggies Basketball Dope Book, CIAA Basket Ball Tournament, Scranton Minors vs. Wilkes-Barre Barons depicting Jim Jackson as Most Valuable Player, and the New York Harlem Astronauts.
- Box 10 Folder 102 Newspaper Clippings, 1963-2000
 Bonds-Wilson High School: Art Shell
- Box 10 Folder 103 The Art Shell Day Activities Program (Autographed), 1978
- Box 10 Folder 104 Newspaper Clippings, 1966-2004
- Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/8 Autographed Photograph of Art Shell, undated
- Box 10 Folder 105 Bonds-Wilson High School: Newspaper Clippings, 1950-1998
 Includes clippings from student newspapers, Six Mile High School *The Eagle*, *The Bonds-Wilson Star*, as well as others. Topics include basketball championship, Graves' retirement from Bonds-Wilson, drive dedication, and other articles regarding students.

8. Etta Winds Wilson and John T. Wilson, 1944-1991

Louise Henrietta Winds Wilson (1907-1995), known as "Etta," was the sister of Rose Winds Graves. Etta married John Thomas Wilson (1910-1994) in 1944.

John T. Wilson earned degrees from Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in 1936, Allen University in 1951, and South Carolina State College in 1956. He served as a master sergeant in the 360th Port Battalion in the United States Army, discharging in 1945. John T. Wilson became principal of the now-defunct Six Mile High School in North Charleston, South Carolina, which was renamed Bonds-Wilson High School to honor John T. Wilson and James R. Bonds.

The series includes materials related to the education, careers, and marriage of Etta Winds Wilson and John T. Wilson.

8.1. Etta Winds Wilson, 1927

- Box 11 Folder 106 Avery Institute: *My Book of School Days* by Henrietta Winds, 1927
 Includes notes from classmates, descriptions of social events, photographs, and other misc. notes about the class.
- Box 11 Folder 107 Avery Institute: Graduation Announcement, 1927
- 8.2. Etta Winds Wilson and John T. Wilson, 1944 and undated
- Box 11 Folder 109 Marriage Certificate, 1944
- Box 11 Folder 110 Loose Photograph Scrapbook Pages, undated

Includes photographs of John T. Wilson as soldier and educator and of Etta Winds Wilson as educator for Liberty-Hill Elementary School.

8.3. John T. Wilson, 1936-1985

Box 11 Folder 111 Diplomas, 1936-1956

Includes diplomas from Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (1936), Allen University (1951), and South Carolina State College (1956).

Box 11 Folder 112 United States Army Honorable Discharge, 1945

Box 12 Image Folder 1081- IFO/9 Photographs: John T. Wilson, 1946-1954

Includes black-and-white photographs depicting the 360th Port Battalion in Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan; John T. Wilson as Bonds-Wilson Principal; 1954 Tuskegee Regional Principal Workshop; and negatives.

Box 11 Folder 113 Bonds-Wilson High School - Programs and Alma Mater, 1963, 1981, 1985

Includes concert and assembly programs as well as copies of the alma mater during John T. Wilson's tenure as principal and later.

Box 11 Folder 114 City of North Charleston Housing Authority: Certificate of Recognition, 1972

Box 11 Folder 115 Notary Public: Commission, 1983 and 1991

9. Other Family Members, 1884-1948

Includes materials of various relatives connected to the Graves family, chiefly through the Winds and Wilson side of the family.

Box 11 Folder 116 Winds and Wilson Family Members

Laura Gilbert and Michael Wynn: Marriage Certificate, 1884

Laura Gilbert Winds: Mortgage, 1906

Martha Levinia Winds: Avery Normal Institute Graduation Announcement, 1906

Martha L. Winds: Death Announcement, 1948

Alphonzo Wilson: Image Clipping, undated

W.Z. Wilson, Jr.: Image Clipping, undated

Box 11 Folder 117 Other Family Members

Annette G. Heyward: Postcard, 1907

Book of Family Birthdays, undated

Due to the poor condition of the original book, photocopies of the cover and only those original pages that contain annotations, chiefly family members' birthdays, have been retained.

10. Photographs and Slides, circa 1930s-1990s

Some folders have been cross-listed in relevant series.

- Box 12 Image Folder James R.B. Graves: The Pullman Company Photographs, undated
1081-IFO/1
- Includes one photograph of Pullman Porters James R.B. Graves and Mr. Bell in Chicago and one photograph of James R.B. Graves with passengers.
- Box 12 Image Folder Rose L. Graves: Photograph Postcard, undated
1081-IFO/2
- Box 12 Image Folder J. Michael Graves: Childhood Photograph, circa 1920s
1081-IFO/3
- Box 12 Image Folder J. Michael Graves: Fisk University, 1930s and undated
1081-IFO/3a
- Includes photographs of Ray Francis Brown; Ethel Bedient Gilbert; Fisk University Choir, circa 1930; and an undated photograph of the Golden Sons and Daughters Alumni Association.
- Box 12 Image Folder Annette Graves Chambers: Portrait, undated
1081-IFO/4
- Box 12 Image Folder Robert Graves: Avery Basketball Team, 1944
1081-IFO/5
- Basketball marked "Champs 1944." Caption: City, state and national. Front Row, Left to Right: Assistant coach "Smoke" Walker, Lewis Holman, Edward Prioleau, Martin Iracks, Robert Graves, and Coach Earl Claiborn. Second Row, Left to Right: George Heyward, Reggie Lee, Carl Anderson, William Middleton, and William Greene.
- Box 12 Image Folder Eugene Graves: Bonds-Wilson High School Athletics, 1958-1961, 1966-1967, 1970
1081-IFO/6-7
- Includes photographs of football, men and women's basketball, physical education class, and Jim Jackson.
- Box 12 Image Folder Eugene Graves: Autographed Photograph of Art Shell, undated
1081-IFO/8
- Box 12 Image Folder Photographs: John T. Wilson, 1946-1954
1081-IFO/9
- Includes black-and-white photographs depicting the 360th Port Battalion in Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan; John T. Wilson as Bonds-Wilson Principal; 1954 Tuskegee Regional Principal Workshop; and negatives.
- Box 12 Image Folder Other Family Members
1081-IFO/10
- Includes one undated photograph of Tom Winns of Georgetown, uncle of Michael Winns. Tom Winns was given as a gift to work as a gardener and was taken to Germany where he was placed in a cage and transported to places there to be shown. Also includes one undated photograph of Michael Winns, father of Rose L. Graves.
- Box 12 Image Folder Avery Institute, circa 1950s and 1980s
1081-IFO/11

		Includes black-and-white photographs of Avery school yard, buildings, students, and graduation circa 1950. Also includes a color photograph of J. Michael Graves at the Class of '32 Reunion.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/12	Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture (AIAAHC): Civil Rights Tour, 1994	
		Includes photographs taken in Selma, Montgomery, Birmingham, and Tuskegee, Alabama as well as Atlanta, Georgia.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/13	Bonds-Wilson High School, undated	
		Includes chiefly group portraits, especially cap-and-gown.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/14	Pan-Hellenic Group Portraits, circa 1960 and 1990	
		Includes group photographs of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., circa 1960, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., circa 1990.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/15	Mahlon T. Puryear: Portrait, circa 1950s	
		Includes promotional head shot of Mahlon T. Puryear, director of the Southern Field Division of the National Urban League.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/16	School Faculty, circa 1960 and 1978	
		Includes group portrait of Liberty Hill Elementary School faculty, circa 1960, and photographs from a teacher's workshop, circa 1978.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/17	Photographs from Album, 1937-1939	
		Includes photographs of the Avery schoolyard, 1937, and Sullivan's Island, 1939. Also includes photograph records that detail subjects, locations, and photographer of images.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/18	Unidentified Photographs	
		Includes assorted scenes and people.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/19	Negatives, 1950s	
		Includes photographic negatives of images of Avery, Burke, and Bonds-Wilson High Schools.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/20	Slides: Education, circa 1960s	
		Included images of classroom scenes and a 1967 science seminar.
Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/21	Slides: Parade, undated	

Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFO/22 Slides: Reunion

Box 12 Image Folder 1081-IFo/23 Postcards and Bible Lesson Picture Cards

11. Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture (AIAAHC), 1981-1993

Museum Item 1081-MUS/2-5 Avery Banners, 1937 and undated

Box 13 Folder 118 Constitution, By-Laws, and Mission: 1988

Includes recommendations and discussion notes.

Box 13 Folder 119 Founding: History, undated

Includes articles and notes regarding the first administration and the founding of AIAAHC.

Box 13 Folder 120 Business and Administration, 1987-1991

Includes duties and responsibilities for various positions.

Box 13 Folder 121 Board of Advisors: Minutes and Agendas, 1988-1991

Box 13 Folder 122 Correspondence: J. Michael Graves, 1989

Box 13 Folder 123 Correspondence: Board of Advisors and Trustee Memorandums, 1987-1989

Box 13 Folder 124 Financial: Reports, Receipts, and Other Materials, 1985 and 1988-1991

Includes fund raising portfolio, financial reports, request for payment, and receipts.

Box 13 Folder 125 Financial: Account Ledger, 1984-1991

Box 13 Folder Lecture/Conference Material, 1985-1989

Includes flyers and schedules as well as materials for the Planning and Organization Retreat, 1986-1986.

Box 13 Folder 127 Newsletters: "The Bulletin," 1981-1990 and 1993

12. Clippings and Other Materials, 1942-1999

Box 14 Folder 128 Avery Institute, 1982-1995 and undated

Includes articles regarding Benjamin Cox and the Benjamin Cox Scholarship sponsored by the Avery Class of 1932; Samuel "Lonnie" Simmons' memorial service; and Charleston tourism involving black history and genealogical research.

Box 14 Folder 129 African-American Heritage, 1991-1999

			Includes magazine articles and other materials regarding the Old Slave Mart Museum in Charleston, the <i>African American Heritage Guide to New Jersey</i> , and an art exhibition in Georgia.
Box 14	Folder 130	Charleston Heritage, 1970 and 1996	
			Includes <i>Our Charleston, 1670-1970</i> by the Junior League and a magazine article about visiting Charleston.
Box 14	Folder 131	Miscellaneous, 1942-1996	
			Includes clippings sent to Mrs. James Grave. Publications represented include <i>The Reporter</i> , <i>The Afro Society Newsletter</i> , and <i>The Chronicle</i> . Topics include the slave ship <i>Amistad</i> , the Harletons of Charleston, and Bob Moses's Algebra Project.
Box 14	Folder 132	Assorted Materials, 1902-	
			Includes 1902 receipt for bicycle, 1951 Hampton Institute social club program, religious materials, and other materials.
Museum Item MUS/6	1081-	Sash: "America's First Memorial Day"	