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**Inventory of the  
Mamie E. Garvin Fields Papers, 1894 - 1987**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Mamie E. Garvin Fields Papers,
<b>Dates:</b>	1894 - 1987
<b>Bulk</b>	1945-1985
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Mamie Elizabeth Garvin Fields (1888-1987) was an African-American educator, civic and religious activist born in Charleston, South Carolina. Fields was an influential leader in the South Carolina African-American women's club movement. A culmination of Fields' life is detailed in her memoir, <i>Lemon Swamp and Other Places</i>, co-written with her granddaughter, Karen Fields.</p> <p>The majority of the collection details Fields' involvement with the National Association of Colored Women Clubs, Incorporated, and her role as state president of the South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (SCFCWC) in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Papers include organizational materials: meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters and photographs. Many of the materials include photocopied images from Federation publications, programs and essays (1950-1985) detailing activities of the Coastal, Central/Marion Birnie Wilkinson, Pee Dee and Piedmont Districts. A smaller yet substantial series related to Fields' book <i>Lemon Swamp</i> (1983) including material on her co-author, Karen Fields, organizational material for the manuscript; correspondence; photocopied book reviews and photographs of the authors various book signings.</p>
<b>Extent:</b>	3.0 Linear feet (6 archival boxes)
<b>Repository:</b>	Avery Research Center
<b>Call Number:</b>	AMN 1023
<b>Language of Material:</b>	Material is in English

## Biographical Note

Mamie Elizabeth Garvin (1888-1987) was born to Rebecca Mary Logan Bellinger and George Washington Garvin, in Charleston, South Carolina, on the property of her great-uncle James B. Middleton, a former slave and Methodist minister. Garvin attended the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial School in Charleston. With a scholarship from her church, Centenary Methodist, she attended the high school division of Claflin College in Orangeburg, and later continued her education at the college. In 1908, Garvin began her teaching career at Pine Wood, a one-room school near Sumter, South Carolina. Returning to Charleston in 1909, Garvin became one of the first African-American teachers hired to teach in the county's public schools. She taught at the Humbert Wood Elementary School and at the Miller Hill School, Johns Island, South Carolina, where she served as principal for two years. After living briefly in Boston, Massachusetts, she returned to Charleston and married Robert Lucas Fields, a bricklayer, in 1914, and reared two sons, Robert Lionel and Alfred Benjamin. Fields resumed her career in 1926, teaching at the Society Corner School on James Island, South Carolina. In addition to teaching children, Fields was a pioneer in adult education, organizing classes on James and Johns Islands in the early 1920s and developing the first vacation bible school for migrant workers in Charleston during the Depression.

Fields retired in 1943, but remained a dedicated club woman, volunteering in numerous religious and civic organizations. She was a long-standing member of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Incorporated (NACWC) whose mission was to "Lift as They Climb," through civic, social, recreational, educational, cultural, charitable and religious activities. Fields joined the City of Charleston Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in 1916; cofounded the Modern Priscilla Club of Charleston in 1927; served as president of the South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (SCFCWC) from 1958 to 1964; and functioned as superintendent of the Marion Birnie Wilkinson Home for Girls, Cayce, South Carolina from 1960 to 1963.

Fields was a local pioneer in the concept of children's daycare facilities; the daycare center at the George Legare Homes public housing project was named in her honor. She was a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star and served on Mayor J. Palmer Gaillard, Jr.'s city advisory committee of housing. Among Fields' numerous honors, she was named "South Carolina's Outstanding Older Citizen" in 1971. In 1978, Fields, with her granddaughter Karen Fields, embarked on an oral history project which culminated in the book, *Lemon Swamp and Other Places: A Carolina Memoir*, documenting her life in Charleston and Boston from birth to 1948.

## Collection Overview

The collection is divided into seven series:

1. **Biographical Papers** contains brief documents, identification, newspaper clippings and ephemera materials relating to Mamie Garvin Fields.
2. **Literary Productions** *Lemon Swamp and Other Places*, includes documents on co-author and Fields' granddaughter, Karen Fields; organizational materials for the manuscript; correspondence, photocopied book reviews and photographs of the authors at book signing events.
3. **Correspondence** includes letters; personal and business, and greeting cards sent to Fields from family members, friends, club, religious and business associates.
4. **Family Papers** contains family trees, correspondence, newsletters, programs, photographs, obsequies and real estate documents generated and/or collected by Fields' immediate family members. Includes materials pertaining to the Garvin, Bellinger/Akmal and Middleton families.
5. **Affiliations: Schools, Civic Organizations and Religious Institutions** are divided into seven sub-series which documents Fields' involvement with educational, civic, social and religious institutions.

Schools contains composition notebooks with elementary lessons plans, record books, handwritten letters, programs and newsletters from schools Fields taught at including Society Corner, James Island, South Carolina.

The bulk of the collection reflects Fields' involvement with the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Incorporated (NACWC), and her role as state president of the South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, (SCFCWC) in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Papers include organizational materials: meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters and photographs. Many of the materials--photocopied photographs, programs and essays (1950-1985) detailing activities of the Coastal, Central/Marion Birnie Wilkinson, Pee Dee and Piedmont Districts--were clipped from various newsletters and publications, including the SCFCWC's "Our Book of Gold: Fiftieth Anniversary" yearbook.

National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Incorporated (NACWC) contains organizational materials: Constitution and By-Laws; correspondence; reports; meeting notes, brochures and publications generated by the organization. Also, includes a black and white print of several NACWC members watching President John F. Kennedy signing bill designating the Frederick Douglass Home as a national shrine (1962). South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs holds organizational materials; Constitution and By-Laws, meeting

minutes, correspondence, newsletters and photographs reflective of Fields' involvement as the organization's state president in the late 1950s to early 1960s. Also, contains documents pertaining to the South Carolina Junior Federation of Girls. Sub-groups include club materials on the Coastal District: (Formerly known as the Orangeburg District, the Coastal District consisted of Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties); and the Central/Marion Birnie Wilkinson District; Pee Dee and Piedmont Districts. Biographical sketches and images exist for notable South Carolina women including Septima Poinsette Clark, Susan Dart Butler, Albertha Johnston Murray and Ethelyn Parker.

The Marion Birnie Wilkinson Home for Girls holds correspondence between Fields and the home's namesake, drafts and typed tributes and other writings by Fields regarding her position as superintendent (1960-1963) at this home for homeless girls, with photocopied photographs and articles from newsletters.

Child Day Care and Civic Associations contains correspondence, proposals, newsletters, photographs and newspaper clippings relating to the Charleston Nursery and Day Care Center, the Mamie Fields Day Care Center, Charleston's Branch of the Y.W.C.A., The League of Women Voters of Charleston County, the Charleston County Community Improvement Program/Mayor Gaillard's Citizens Advisory Committee; Trident Area Agency on Aging and Senior Citizens and the Cannon Street Y.M.C.A. Also, includes Fields' tribute as South Carolina's Outstanding Older Citizen (1972)

Centenary United Methodist Church and Related Religious Institutions contains organizational materials, letter, newsletters, programs photographs and other documents relating to the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

6. **Photographic Materials** contain numerous original individual photographs (1910, 1940-1980) of Fields, alone and with relatives, friends and associates; the majority being unidentified. Included is a photograph of Charleston Inter-racial Commission members; and one of Fields with jazz trumpeter, Dizzy Gillespie.

7. **Various Materials** includes scattered programs of events Fields attended. Also includes Fields's address books

## Collection Arrangement

1. Biographical Papers, 1938-1987
2. Literary Productions: *Lemon Swamp and Other Places: A Carolina Memoir*, circa 1900, 1979-1986
3. Correspondence, 1943-1986
4. Family Papers, circa 1890-1986
5. Affiliations: Schools, Civic Associations, and Religious Institutions, 1931-1987
6. Photographic Materials, circa 1910-1980
7. Various Materials, 1944-1987

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

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## Related Material

Book: Fields, Mamie Garvin and Karen Fields. *Lemon Swamp and Other Places: A Carolina Memoir*. New York: The Free Press, 1983.

## Subject Headings

Bethune, Mary McLeod, 1875-1955

Butler, Susan Dart, 1888-1959

Clark, Septima Poinsette.

Fields, Karen, 1943-

Fields, Mamie E. Garvin, 1888-1987

Murray, Albertha J, 1889-1969

Wilkinson, Marion Birnie, 1873-1956

African American teachers -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

African Americans -- Education -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

African Americans -- Education -- South Carolina.

Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church--South Carolina--Charleston

James Island (S.C.) -- History -- 20th century.

Marion Birnie Wilkinson Home for Girls--Columbia, South Carolina

National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. (U.S.)

National Council of Negro Women

South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

## Administrative Information

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## Series 1: Biographical Papers, 1938-1987, and undated

Contains brief documents, identification, newspaper clippings and ephemera materials relating to Mamie Garvin Fields.

Box 1 Folder 1 Biographical sketches, 1982 and undated

Includes handwritten and typed sketches

Box 1 Folder 2 Identification documents, 1938-1984

Includes membership cards, voter registration certificates and name tags

Box 1 Folder 3 Ephemera materials, 1983, 1979

Unframed cross stitch textile handicraft made in tribute to Fields by her granddaughter Marlene, and coloring book from The Charleston Black Arts Festival featuring Fields

Box 1 Folder 4 Various programs and newspaper clippings regarding Fields, 1969 and undated

Box 1 Folder 5 Handwritten notes, 1987

Written by Florence Holt regarding Fields's health status during her final days

## Series 2: Literary Productions: *Lemon Swamp and Other Places*, circa 1900, 1979-1986

Contains correspondence, promotional materials, newspaper clippings, photocopied book reviews and photographs at book signing events regarding this publication co-written with granddaughter, Karen Fields

Box 1 Folder 6 Biographical sketch of Karen Fields, circa 1982

Includes handwritten budget for the book

Box 1 Folder 7 Letters: Typed and handwritten from Karen Fields, 1979-1983

Regarding editorial and pre-publication issues; and letters regarding Fields's book deal with The Free Press, with initial press release

Box 1 Folder 8 Letters: Typed and handwritten from Karen Fields, 1984

Regarding the release of *Lemon Swamp*, with comments on reviews, and letters from various relatives and friends expressing interest in the book

Box 1 Folder 9 Letters: Typed and handwritten from Karen Fields, 1985-1986 and undated

Regarding book sales and royalties and letters from historical and academic institutions regarding speaking engagements

Box 1 Folder 10 Newspaper clippings, 1983-1985 and undated

Photocopied book reviews for *Lemon Swamp*

Box 1 Folder 11 Photographs, circa 1900-1910

Black and white images featured in *Lemon Swamp*

Box 1 Folder 12 Photographs, 1983-1985

Color and black and white images from *Lemon Swamp* book signing events

### Series 3: Correspondence, 1943-1987

Contains letters; personal and business, and greeting cards sent to Fields from family members, friends, club, religious and business associates

Box 1 Folder 13 Letters, 1943-1949

Handwritten letters regarding family news from Fields's son Robert, daughter-in-law, Ruth, and granddaughter Karen; condolence telegram from the Eureka Club regarding the passing of Fields's mother

Box 1 Folder 14 Letters, 1960-1969

Regarding news from Fields's nieces, nephews, and granddaughter, Barbara

Box 1 Folder 15 Letters and Greeting Cards, 1971-1979

Regarding family news from Fields's relatives including granddaughter Karen, and Charleston business leader, Arthur Clement, Jr.

Box 1 Folder 16 Letters, 1980-1987

Handwritten letters from relatives and friends with greetings and family news

Box 1 Folder 17 Letters and Greeting Cards, undated

Handwritten correspondence from relatives and friends, including partial letter and magazine picture from the daughter of Revenend E.B. Burroughs of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference

Box 1 Folder 18 Letters, 1971, 1982-1986

Correspondence to Fields regarding community involvement, special tributes and speaking engagements. Includes letters from Avery Research Center and the University of South Carolina

### Series 4: Family Papers, circa 1890-1986

Contains family trees, correspondence, newsletters, programs, photographs, obsequies and real estate documents generated and/or collected by Fields's immediate family members. Includes materials pertaining to the Garvin, Bellinger/Akmal and Middleton families.

Box 1 Folder 19 Real Estate title, 1894

Property transfer from Mary Mathews Nelson Fox to Robert Fields, for 34 Henrietta Street, Charleston, South Carolina

Box 1 Folder 20 Photographs, circa 1890, 1920-1950

Black and white prints of Fields's brother, Herbert; husband, Robert; sons Robert and Alfred; and granddaughters, Barbara and Karen

Box 1 Folder 21	Newsletters and programs, 1968, 1985-1986
	Regarding Barbara Fields
Box 1 Folder 22	Program, photograph and newspaper clipping, 1976
	Regarding Fields' son, Alfred, and his induction as Worshipful Master of the Prince Hall Lodge No. 46, Charleston, South Carolina
Box 1 Folder 23	The Garvin Family, 1949 and undated
	Includes typed family trees and handwritten essay
Box 1 Folder 24	Bellinger/Akmal Family Reunion, 1982, 1984
	Includes handwritten letter, newsletter, notes, color photographs and programs regarding the first and second family reunions
Box 1 Folder 25	Middleton Family Reunion, 1986 and undated
	Contains booklet, program, handwritten notes and photocopied newspaper clippings. Includes newspaper clipping profiling Earl Middleton
Box 1 Folder 26	Middleton Family Reunion: Photographs, 1986
	Color images of tour at Middleton Place
Box 1 Folder 27	Obsequies, 1985, 1986
	Funeral programs regarding Fields's son, Robert Lionel, and relative Edward E. Collins

## Series 5: Affiliations: Schools, Civic Organizations and Religious Institutions, 1896-1987

Affiliations are divided into seven sub-series which documents Fields's involvement with educational, social, civic and religious institutions

### 5.1 Affiliations: Schools and School Related Materials, 1931-1987

	Contains composition notebooks with elementary lessons, record books, handwritten letters, programs and newsletters from schools Fields taught at including Society Corner, James Island, South Carolina
Box 2 Folder 1	Lesson plans, 1931-1932
	Composition notebook includes arithmetic word problems; language games for first to third grades; and speech presenting James B. Felton, supervisor of Negro schools for the State of South Carolina, to the Charleston County Teachers Association. *Note: Notebook is in Fragile Condition*
Box 2 Folder 2	Lesson plans, 1932
	Composition notebook includes fifth to seventh grade arithmetic, geography and history lessons; with lessons on personal hygiene. *Note: Notebook is in Fragile Condition*

- Box 2 Folder 3 Record book, 1938  
 Regarding school attendance and grade register for the fifth to seventh grades at Society Corner, James Island, South Carolina
- Box 2 Folder 4 Handwritten letters, 1981  
 From Laing Middle School students thanking Fields for lecturing to their class
- Box 2 Folder 5 Programs and newsletters, 1984-1987  
 From Clafin College, Orangeburg, South Carolina

#### 5.2 Affiliations: National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Incorporated (NACWC), 1950-1985 and undated

- Contains organizational materials: Constitution and By-Laws; correspondence; reports; meeting notes, brochures and publications generated by the organization. Also includes a black and white print of several NACWC members watching President John F. Kennedy signing bill designating the Frederick Douglas Home as a national shrine (1962)
- Box 3 Folder 1 Constitution and By-Laws, circa 1958 and 1962  
 Includes illustrated pamphlet of past national presidents
- Box 3 Folder 2 Report, letter and meeting notes, 1952, 1977, 1983  
 From the NACWC Office of the Treasurer. Includes meeting notes regarding NACWC and United Negro College Fund officials
- Box 3 Folder 3 *National Notes*, 1950, 1953, 1984, 1985  
 A NACWC publication
- Box 3 Folder 4 NACWC Year Book, undated  
 Fiftieth Annual with hand painted cover
- Box 3 Folder 5 Various NACWC publications, 1953, 1970, 1983
- Box 3 Folder 6 Photograph, 1962, 1963  
 Black and white image of several NACWC members watching President John F. Kennedy signing bill designating Frederick Douglas Home as national shrine. Also includes published image on "National Notes" cover

#### 5.3 Affiliations: South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (SCFCWC), 1922-1987

Contains organizational materials, meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters and photographs reflective of Fields's involvement as the organization's state president in the late 1950s to early 1960s. Also contains documents pertaining to the South Carolina Junior Federation of Girls

##### 5.3.1 Affiliations: South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (SCFCWC): State Organization, 1931-1987

- Box 3 Folder 7 Constitution/By-Laws, 1964, 1973, and undated

		Includes organizational materials, typescripts and other fragments on the group's history
Box 3 Folder 8	Meeting minutes, 1961, 1973 and undated	Contains original and photocopied, typed and handwritten notes
Box 3 Folder 9	Correspondence, 1948-1985	Handwritten and typed regarding general administrative and membership matters. Includes letters from Eunice Stackhouse regarding Federation's 1961-1962 yearbook and financial concerns of several South Carolina districts
Box 3 Folder 10	Speeches, undated	Regarding the origins of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and the South Carolina Federation
Box 3 Folder 11	Meeting minutes, 1960	Regarding the 51st Anniversary of the South Carolina Federation, held at Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hartville, SC
Box 3 Folder 12	Booklets and programs, 1931-1983, and undated	Regarding annual meetings. Also includes photocopied program (1960) from South Carolina Council on Human Relations featuring Fields at a Federation co-sponsored event and fifty-eighth annual meeting program (1967) honoring Fields
Box 3 Folder 13	Newsletters: <i>The Palmettoan</i> , 1961, 1963	Contains original and copies South Carolina Federation's publication
Box 3 Folder 14	Photographs, 1959-1962	Black and white images of South Carolina Federation executive board members
Box 3 Folder 15	Programs and poem, undated	Regarding South Carolina Junior Federation of Girls
Box 3 Folder 16	Certificates and membership cards, 1978, 1987	Regarding Fields's South Carolina Federation affiliation
Box 3 Folder 17	Materials from Southeastern Association of Colored Women's and Girl's Clubs, 1955, 1959, 1973	Includes minutes, convention programs and printed images of black and white photographs from newsletters
Box 3 Folder 18	Photographic images, circa 1950-1960s	

From Federation newsletters, with original black and white photographs of unidentified Federation individuals and groups

### 5.3.2 Affiliations: South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs: Coastal District, 1952-1982, and undated

Formerly known as the Orangeburg District, the Coastal District consisted of Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties. Contains organizational materials and photographs of Charleston City Federation and other area club members (individual and groups). Also contains a draft of thank you letter sent by Fields to Judge J. Waties and Elizabeth Waring

Box 3 Folder 19

Correspondence, memorandums and notes, 1952, 1964, and undated

Regarding membership matters of the Charleston City Federation of Colored Women's Club. Includes draft of Fields' thank you note to Judge J. Waties and Elizabeth Waring (1952)

Box 3 Folder 20

Programs, 1969-1980

Original and photocopied programs of Charleston City Federation of Women's and Girls' Clubs, Incorporated functions and annual meetings

Box 3 Folder 21

Photographic images, circa 1955-1965

From newsletters and original black and white photographs of Charleston Federation Clubs including the Azalea Beauticians Club; East Side Jessamine Club; Elite Art and Social Club; Harriet Tubman Club; Marian Anderson Circle; Marion Birnie Wilkinson Club; Marionettes Club; Modern Stylette Federated Club; Mary McLeod Bethune Club; the Poinsetta Club; and Volkamenian Club

Box 3 Folder 22

Photographic images, circa 1955-1965

Printed black and white images from newsletters and biographical profiles of Charleston City Federation members including Fields, Susan Dart Butler, Septima Poinsette Clark, Eliza Manigault, Albertha Murray, Ethelyn Parker and Susie Simmons

Box 3 Folder 23

Materials from The Modern Priscilla Club, 1974, 1982, and undated

Includes photocopied letter, program and handwritten notes regarding the club's origins

Box 3 Folder 24

The Modern Priscilla: Photographs, undated

Contains original and photocopied black and white prints of members

Box 4 Folder 1

City Federation of Women's and Girls' Club, circa 1967

Includes handwritten notes and photocopied newspaper clipping regarding club's involvement in the Charleston Clean-Up program

Box 4 Folder 2

Charleston Juniors and Federation of Girls, undated

Includes handwritten notes and roster

Box 4 Folder 3	Federation of Girls' Clubs: Photographs, undated
	Contains original and photocopied black and white images
Box 4 Folder 4	Programs and scrapbook documents, 1963, and undated
	From the Coastal District members
Box 4 Folder 5	Coastal District: Photographs, undated
	Holds original and photocopied black and white prints of members
	<b>5.3.3 Affiliations: South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs: Central/Marion Birnie Wilkinson District; Pee Dee and Piedmont Districts, 1949-1966</b>
	Contains original photographs; photocopied images from disassembled newsletters; reports and essays regarding associated clubs from the South Carolina's Northeastern, Midlands and Northwestern regions
Box 4 Folder 6	Photographic, circa 1955-1965
	Contains photocopied black and white images from disassembled newsletters with handwritten profiles of clubs and members in the Central/Marion Birnie Wilkinson District, South Carolina including the Azalea Club in Elloree; Aiken Civic League; The Uplift Federated Club in Barnwell; Culture and Magnolia Garden Clubs in Columbia
Box 4 Folder 7	Central District: Report, 1960, 1963
	Members report to Fields regarding committee on church relations; and photocopied letter from Eunice F. Stackhouse requesting material from the Wilkinson District for the publication in the "Palmettoan" newsletter
Box 4 Folder 8	Central/Wilkinson District: Photographs, 1966 and undated
	Includes original and photocopied images; and certificate (1966) from the Henrietta Austin Club of Cayce
Box 4 Folder 9	Sunlight Club, Incorporated: Typescripts, 1953 and undated
	Regarding the origins and purpose of the Orangeburg, South Carolina club. Also includes tax report to the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and photocopied photographs of members
Box 4 Folder 10	Correspondence, 1949
	Includes original and photocopied letters from Marion Wilkinson regarding planning of Sunlight club activities and from Helen Sheffield regarding Junior programs
Box 4 Folder 11	Pee Dee District: Essays, undated
	Original and photocopied writings regarding the districts origins and its members
Box 4 Folder 12	Photographic images, circa 1955-1965

		Photocopied black and white pictures from disassembled newsletters and original black and white photographs of clubs and members in the Pee Dee District, including the Addie Pickens Club in Cheraw; Darlington Social Hearts; Eureka Club in Florence; the Progressive Federated Women's Club and One More Effort Club in Sumter, South Carolina
Box 4 Folder 13	<b>Piedmont District: Meeting minutes, circa 1960-1965</b>	Contains scattered photocopied annual meeting minutes, with member profiles
Box 4 Folder 14	<b>Photographic images, circa 1955-1965</b>	Photocopied black and white images from disassembled newsletters and original black and white photographs of clubs and members in the Piedmont District, including The Ever Ready Club in Rock Hill; Lend-a-Hand Federated Club in Greenville; Mary McLeod Bethune Club in Seneca; and the Over-The-Top Federated Club, Greenville, South Carolina
	<b>5.3.4 Affiliations: The Marion Birnie Wilkinson Home for Girls, Cayce, South Carolina, 1922-1979, and undated</b>	
		Contains correspondence, original photographs and photocopied photographic images of this young women's home established by members of the South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs
Box 4 Folder 15	<b>Correspondence, 1949-1979</b>	Contains original and photocopied letters regarding administrative business and donation drives for the Marion Birnie Wilkinson Home for Girls and the Wilkinson Club. Includes partial draft of letters from Fields to Wilkinson regarding the Home's status and to Reverend DuBose, Pastor of Wesley Methodist Church regarding the treatment of the girls while attending Sunday services
Box 4 Folder 16	<b>Research notes, 1945, 1977</b>	Original and photocopied handwritten notes regarding study on juvenile delinquency; housing girls at the home; and Fields' position as superintendent
Box 4 Folder 17	<b>Speech and manuscript, undated</b>	Partial typed speech by Fields in tribute to Marion Birnie Wilkinson, with a biographical sketch
Box 4 Folder 18	<b>Photographic images, 1959-1963</b>	Photocopied black and white pictures from disassembled South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Club's "Our Book of Gold: Fiftieth Anniversary"; and newsletters of the Wilkinson Home for Girls, with articles and group photos
Box 4 Folder 19	<b>Photographs, 1922, 1960-1968</b>	Black and white photos of exterior of the Wilkinson Home for Girls and group photographs of girls

Box 4 Folder 20

Photographs, circa 1960

Black and white images of individual girls from the Wilkinson Home

## 5.4 Affiliations: Women's Organizations: National Council of Negro Women, 1949-1985

Contains organizational handbook, pamphlets, correspondence, magazine and newspaper clippings and materials regarding founder-president Mary McLeod Bethune

Box 4 Folder 21

Constitution and By-Laws, 1954 and undated

Also includes organizational pamphlet

Box 4 Folder 22

Correspondence and photographs, 1949-1950, 1985

Includes original and photocopied letters from the National Council regarding the formation of the Charleston Metropolitan Council; and letter (1985) regarding tribute to Mary McLeod Bethune; and black and white photograph (circa 1950) of Fields with the Charleston Metropolitan Council members

Box 4 Folder 23

Newspaper and magazine clippings, 1950

Photocopied articles regarding Dorothy Ferebee, second president of the National Council, and of other members

Box 4 Folder 24

Documents regarding Mary McLeod Bethune, 1949-1950, 1976

Includes programs, letters and invitations regarding tributes to Bethune; program and "Women United" magazine article concerning International Night observing the fourth anniversary of the United Nations, with Bethune presiding; and 1976 South Carolina State House tribute

Box 4 Folder 25

Newspaper and magazine clippings, 1949-1951, 1955

Original and photocopied articles concerning the retirement of Mary McLeod Bethune; her death (1955); and handwritten draft of speech by Fields

## 5.5 Affiliations: Child Day Care Centers and Civic Associations, 1967-1986, and undated

Includes correspondence, proposals, newsletters, photographs and newspaper clippings relating to the Charleston Nursery and Day Care Center, the Mamie Fields Day Care Center, Charleston's Branch of the Y.W.C.A., The League of Women Voters of Charleston County and the National Black Women's Health Project

Box 5 Folder 1

Charleston Nursery and Day Care Center: By-Law and various documents, 1969-1971 and undated

Includes typed letter, contact lists and press releases

Box 5 Folder 2

Mamie Fields Day Care Center: Various documents, 1969-1984

Includes handwritten notes, photocopied newspaper clippings and programs

Box 5 Folder 3

Mamie Fields Day Care Center: Photographs, 1979-1981

Contains black and white and color photos

- Box 5 Folder 4 Charleston's Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association: various documents, 1967, 1976-1981, 1983  
Includes carbon copy of proposal written by Fields concerning interracial cooperation; newsletters and programs and certificate
- Box 5 Folder 5 The League of Women Voters, Charleston County: newsletter and membership list, 1980-1985
- Box 5 Folder 6 National Black Women's Health Project, 1986  
Typed letter regarding Fields' membership. Also includes the By-Laws of the South Carolina Chapter of National Association of Black Social Workers
- 5.6 Affiliations: Centenary United Methodist Church and Related Religious Institutions, 1896-1986 and undated  
Contains organizational materials, letter, newsletters, programs photographs and other documents relating to the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.
- Box 5 Folder 7 Centenary United Methodist Church: various documents, 1984-1985  
Contains 118th anniversary program, with church's history, membership roll and report on committee nominations
- Box 5 Folder 8 Centenary United Methodist Church: budgets, 1971-1974, 1982-1986  
Includes administrative board roster
- Box 5 Folder 9 Various church service programs, 1976-1986  
Includes photocopied church hymns
- Box 5 Folder 10 Centenary United Methodist Women: various documents, 1975-1986  
Includes programs, newsletters, course study materials and officers roster
- Box 5 Folder 11 Correspondence, 1968-1986, and undated  
Includes letters to Fields and church members concerning church functions, fundraiser for Esau Jenkins Opportunity Center, Johns Island, and overseas relief efforts
- Box 5 Folder 12 Handwritten notes, 1978, 1984  
Written by Fields regarding Sunday school convention and spiritual retreat
- Box 5 Folder 13 South Carolina United Methodist Churches: various documents, 1896, 1972-1974  
Includes fragment of receipt booklet (1896) regarding payments from Reverend B.R. Witherspoon for an annual South Carolina conference. Also contains photocopied entry from "United Methodist Ministers in South Carolina" concerning Fields' great uncles, James B. and Abram Middleton and their involvement in the South Carolina Conference and establishment of churches; and minutes (1972) from Board of Christian Social Concerns

Box 5 Folder 14 Charleston District of the Women's Society of Christian Service: programs and certificates, 1941

Box 5 Folder 15 Photographs, undated

Contains black and white, sepia and color photographs, including pictures of Fields and Bible school students; with unidentified church group photographs

Box 5 Folder 16 Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Chapter No. 41, O.E.S.: photographs, 1956, and undated

Black and white newsletter photographs of Fields with members

#### 5.7 Affiliations: Community and Various Organizations, 1940-1981

Holds documents pertaining to Fields's association with various civic organizations, including the Charleston County Community Improvement Program/Mayor Gaillard's Citizens Advisory Committee; Trident Area Agency on Aging and Senior Citizens and the Cannon Street Y.M.C.A. Also includes Fields's tribute as South Carolina's Outstanding Older Citizen (1972)

Box 5 Folder 17 Charleston County Community Improvement Program: Various documents, 1967-1969

Contains photocopied project proposal, handwritten notes and black and white photographs. Also contains newspaper clipping regarding Fields' participation on Mayor Gaillard's Citizens Advisory Committee

Box 5 Folder 18 South Carolina's Outstanding Older Citizen, 1972

Holds carbon copy and photocopy of resolution with photocopied newspaper and magazine articles on Fields' tribute

Box 5 Folder 19 Trident Area Agency on Aging and Senior Citizens, 1972-1981

Holds letters and reports from the Agency. Also includes photocopied newspaper clipping and certificate from Clemson University to Fields for college week for senior citizens; and letter from Joshua Higgins, Commission on Human Relations, New Jersey, inspired by Fields' diploma and requesting advise on how to motivate their seniors

Box 5 Folder 20 Cannon Street Y.M.C.A., Charleston, South Carolina: Photographs, circa 1950

Black and white images of groundbreaking ceremony

Box 5 Folder 21 Certificates, 1940-1955

Given to Fields from various volunteer organizations

### Series 6: Photographic Materials, circa 1910-1980

Contain numerous original individual photographs (1910, 1940-1980) of Fields, alone and with relatives, friends and associates; the majority being unidentified. Included is a photograph of Charleston Inter-racial Commission members; and one of Fields with jazz trumpeter, Dizzy Gillespie (undated).

Box 6 Folder 1 Photograph, 1930

Black and white image (6 1/2" x 10") of Fields, Susan Dart Butler and others attending an Interracial Committee/Commission on Interracial Cooperation meeting at Dart Hall, Charleston, South Carolina

Box 6 Folder 2 Photographs, circa 1910, 1940-1980, and undated

Contains black and white and color prints of Fields; with relatives, friends and associates (mostly unidentified). Includes a color photograph of Fields with jazz trumpeter, Dizzy Gillespie (undated)

Box 6 Folder 3 Photographs, circa 1950-1980

Black and white and color prints of Fields's family and friends (identified)

Box 6 Folder 4 Photographs, circa 1910-1939

Black and white prints of unidentified individuals and groups

Box 6 Folder 5 Photographs, circa 1940-1959

Black and white prints of unidentified individuals and groups

Box 6 Folder 6 Photographs, circa 1960-1980

Black and white and color prints of unidentified individuals and groups

Oversize Image Folder Photograph, 1952  
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Black and white panoramic print of National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Incorporated 28th Biennial Convention at Belmont High School, Los Angeles, California

## Series 7: Various Materials, 1944-1987

Contains scattered programs of events Fields attended. Also includes Fields's address books

Box 6 Folder 7 Programs, 1979-1987

Various graduation commencements and service organizations

Box 6 Folder 8 Address books, 1944-1975

Unbound pages with listings of friends and members from the South Carolina Federation of Women, civic organizations