



## The Minnie Flanagan Collection

A.89.13

### Finding aid

#### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Collection was donated by the family of Minnie Flanagan.

**Title:** The Minnie Flanagan Collection

**Dates:** The dates of the collection range from 1936 to 1987.

**Quantity:** One Banker Box

**Abstract:** The collection is comprised of personal and professional materials belonging to Minnie A. Flanagan spanning her life as a civil-rights leader in Dallas, Texas.

**Identification:** A.89.13

**Location:** In the archives of the Dallas Historical Society.

**Language:** The materials are in English.

**Repository:** The Dallas Historical Society

#### Biographical Sketch or Administrative History

Minnie Flanagan, (1902-1987), an African American Civil- Rights leader, was born in 1902 in Chandler, Texas. She moved to Dallas in 1918 where she became involved with the civic affairs of the city. From 1937 to 1949 Minnie Flanagan was active in the Democratic Progressive Voters League and became one of two women on the league's executive committee. She also served on the National Metropolitan Council of Negro women and with the Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce. In the 1950s, with her husband, she opened the Oak Cliff Youth Center in their home, thus providing a place for Dallas teenagers to meet on weekends. By day, the center functioned as a nursery for working black mothers. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s her interest in civil rights increased. She worked to organize, and participate, in demonstrations against segregated cafeterias and public facilities in Dallas. She served as president of the Dallas NAACP from 1959 to 1961. In 1986 her achievements were recognized by the bestowal of the NAACP Heritage Award. In her last years she gave dedicated service to the American Cancer Association. Minnie Flanagan died in May 1987.

Peggy Hardman, "Flanagan, Minnie A.," *Handbook of Texas Online*, accessed June 01, 2022, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/flanagan-minnie-a>.

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## Scope and Contents Note

The collection contains personal and professional materials dating from 1936-1987. Included in the collection are news clippings, brochures, pamphlets, invitations, pages of songs, and printed programs.

## Arrangement

The collection is in chronological order.

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

The collection is available for research by appointment only.

### Use Restrictions

Standard copyright restrictions apply.

## Related Material

NA

## Separated Material

NA

## Index Terms

**Subjects (Persons):** Minnie Flanagan, Lee Flanagan, Jean Kirkpatrick, William O. Cooper, Eddie Bernice Johnson

**Subjects (Organizations):** NCAAP, Progressive Voters League, Alpha Sigma Lambda, YWCA, Young Men's Christian Association

**Subjects:** [650]

**Places:** Dallas, Texas, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Paul Quinn College

**Document Types:** Archival

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

From the archives of the Dallas Historical Society.

**Acquisition Information:**

The collection was a donation.

**Processing Information:**

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<b>Description of Series</b>
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The collection is mainly composed of pamphlets, newspaper clippings, brochures, certificates, receipts, printed materials, and programs.

Box #	Folder #	Title/Description	Date
1	A.89.13.1	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raffle tickets</li> <li>• Souvenir brochure for Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter (4/16/1952)</li> <li>• Catalog for R. Nicholson Seed Co. (1941)</li> <li>• Excerpt from Proposed Constitution and By -Laws of the National YWCA of the USA (1948)</li> <li>• By- laws of the Women’s Auxiliary of the Dallas City County Hospital System</li> <li>• Brochure for Philly in summer (1961)</li> <li>• Certificate for recognition of service in the Second War Loan Drive</li> <li>• Check from NAACP</li> <li>• Brochure for candidate William O. Cooper Dem. County Chairman</li> <li>• Pamphlet for ‘Peaceful Use of Atomic Energy’ (1955) &amp; ‘Evolution of Foreign Policy’ (1954) from the Dept. of State</li> <li>• Receipt from Progressive Voters League</li> <li>• World Peace Assoc. 16 -Point Program</li> </ul>	1941-1961
	A.89.13.2	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small objects: cocktail napkin, thank you card from a wedding, demo. record for ‘As You Remember Them’, syphilis brochure, business card for massage equipment, business card for Newman Electric Co, small photo of a black man, card for candidate Mike McKool (1950)</li> </ul>	1938-1987

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation for Fashion Park Clothes at Roland Ellis</li> <li>• Newsroom postcard (1970)</li> <li>• Envelope for Atl. Life Insurance Co.</li> <li>• Greeting card from Anderson's Furniture Studio Dallas (1938)</li> <li>• Dallas Morning News cutout about Abe Lincoln (1963)</li> <li>• List of songs</li> <li>• Memorial service pamphlet for Minnie Flanagan (1987)</li> <li>• Holiday calendar for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (1950)</li> <li>• Forum about 'Changing Conditions of Negro Life in America' (1954)</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.3	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small personal objects: turtle themed valentine, offering envelope from Smith Chapel, pin card for M. Flanagan from Dallas Unit of American Cancer Society, Christmas card from friends, cocktail napkin for Powe's (1961), excerpt about Rev. Richard Allen - Bishop of the first African Methodist Church in U.S., empty mail envelope (1959), miniature checkers postcard, small note, letter from Jean Kirkpatrick (1950)</li> </ul>	1950-1961
	A.89.13.4	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification for a pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1950)</li> <li>• American Cancer Society certificate for volunteering (1963), ACS certificate of appreciation (1964)</li> <li>• Personal note (undated)</li> <li>• Certificate of Merit from Paul Quinn College (1955)</li> <li>• Misc. gospel song lyrics</li> <li>• Appreciation certificate from NAACP (1974)</li> <li>• News clipping about Tx Homestead Law</li> </ul>	1948-1974

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate from Young Men's Christian Assoc. (1956) and volunteer certificate for Lee Flanagan (1954)</li> <li>• American Bible Society certificate (1948-49)</li> <li>• Certificate from ACS (1968)</li> <li>• Shares for School of Religion at Paul Quinn College (1956)</li> <li>• Certificate of Excellence from DISD</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.5	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total memberships from 1960</li> <li>• Letter directed to Rev. Dickerson, Mrs. Coleman, and Christian friends</li> <li>• Misc. objects: dry cleaner business card, Philly pamphlet (1960), empty envelopes</li> <li>• Barely legible notes</li> <li>• NAACP about balance owed (1961)</li> <li>• Blank "Special Events Report"</li> <li>• NAACP membership campaign memorandum (1961)</li> <li>• Objectives of Joint Committee on Human Relations</li> <li>• NAACP agenda (1941), handout (1957), invite (1961), advance book jacket</li> <li>• Holiday handout from Minnesota ('60)</li> <li>• Disbursements book (1957)</li> <li>• Letter from NAACP about Freedom Fund Dinner (1960)</li> <li>• Envelope for NAACP convention (1961)</li> <li>• Negro pop. for S. States (1950 &amp; 1960)</li> <li>• Record of Senate on Cloture</li> <li>• Suggested booklist</li> <li>• Report to the nation (1945)</li> </ul>	1945-1961
	A.89.13.6	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Rations 100 Days' religious text</li> <li>• Planting guide from Sears</li> <li>• Handbook for tuberculosis patients</li> <li>• Pamphlet for Suncheck blinds from William Volker &amp; Co.</li> <li>• Radio sermon in Dallas (1941)</li> </ul>	1941-1954

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Modern Household Hints'</li> <li>• Public Schools Week (1954)</li> <li>• Flower Show (1942)</li> <li>• Contractor pamphlet</li> <li>• Pamphlet about employment on merit</li> <li>• Highlights of capitol</li> <li>• World Community Day handout</li> <li>• The Black Hills Passion Play</li> <li>• Story of ADA</li> <li>• 'What the Negro Has Done for the US and Texas'</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.7	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old plant tags and seed bags</li> <li>• Misc. material about birds</li> <li>• Pruning guides</li> <li>• U.S. Dept of Agriculture handouts</li> <li>• Hastings' price list for seeds</li> <li>• Home budget guidelines</li> <li>• Nicholson's fall planting guide</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.8	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• News clippings: Cuban rebellion (1970), Black inventors (1970), pictures of women, 'Believe It or Not' (1951), 'Negro Day' Program, 100-year-old slave, Negro Immortals, 'There Are NO MASTER RACES!' comic, about Joe Louis Barrow daughter (1943), G. Washington Carver, misc. other clippings about black people</li> </ul>	1943-1970
	A.89.13.9	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• News clippings: housing funds bill, segregation, Negro writer, cotton, lent, war, high school, comics, prayer</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.10	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misc. materials: 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', Temple Sq. in SLC, reports of activities of Open-Door Gospel Mission, comedy act for Phi Lambda Sorority (1944), commencement for HS (1941), travelogue</li> <li>• Questions and tidbits for study club at YMCA (1954)</li> <li>• Marian Anderson catalogs</li> </ul>	1941-1977

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patron's list of study club (1954)</li> <li>• Samuel Huston College artist series (1945)</li> <li>• Excerpt about mod. day slavery (1941)</li> <li>• Church programs</li> <li>• NAACP honor guard (1959)</li> <li>• Zakat Temple Ball (1977)</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.11	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misc. news clippings: plants, coupons, parties, gardens, insects,</li> </ul>	1940s- 1960s
	A.89.13.12	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YWCA adult program, empty envelopes, flower show prize ribbon, birthday card, YWCA flashes (1941), Garden Club (1941), flower show entry (1940), info for regional conference in Dallas (1948), map of businesses in U.S. (1947)</li> </ul>	1940-1948
	A.89.13.13	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misc. news clippings: Jim Crow, Sr. citizens, local news about negros, NAACP, progressive voters league, integration issues</li> </ul>	1940s
	A.89.13.14	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinner programs (1949)</li> <li>• Testimonial banquet for funeral (1961)</li> <li>• Pianist performance at St Paul Methodist Church (1945)</li> <li>• Roosevelt Day Dinner (1954)</li> <li>• Iota Phi Lambda sorority event program (1951)</li> <li>• Piano recital (1948)</li> </ul>	1945-1961
	A.89.13.15	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bundle of United Nations pamphlets and printouts from 1954 and 1955</li> </ul>	1954-55
	A.89.13.16	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misc. news clippings: police issues, negro issues, school, NAACP, demonstrations</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.17	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promo. material for candidate William O. Cooper</li> </ul>	1946-1955

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senate remarks from Missouri (1955)</li> <li>• 'Who's Who in Politics' (1946)</li> <li>• Voter's League receipt</li> <li>• Campaign worker's report</li> <li>• Vote for Howard Daniels, Jr printout (1949)</li> <li>• Democratic Progressive Voters League of Texas letters (1946- 48)</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.18	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 Western Union telegrams (1936-1937)</li> <li>• 3 letters from 1936</li> </ul>	1936-1937
	A.89.13.19	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of donation from Scottish Rite Hospital (1982)</li> <li>• Application for residential construction</li> <li>• Empty envelopes</li> <li>• Mailgrams (1982)</li> <li>• ACS memorial program</li> <li>• Funeral program (1969)</li> <li>• Letters from YMCA regarding the passing of Lee (1982)</li> <li>• Misc. news clippings: featuring herself and her husband</li> </ul>	1969-1982
	A.89.13.20	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misc. news clippings: Sarah Churchill and her boyfriend, weekly TV program (1968), poem by soldier, The Beatles, 'Words to Live By' by Madame Chiang Kai- Shek, a leopard in Copenhagen, magazine portrait printout of Jackie O. and kids</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.21	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misc. news clippings: local news, birds, school, flowers, gardening, politics</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.22	Printed materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misc. news clippings about segregation and local politics</li> <li>• Smith Chapel raffle tickets (1951)</li> <li>• Empty envelopes from Progressive Voters League of Texas</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.23	Printed materials	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clippings of gardening tips, images of flowers, annual do's and don'ts, gardening guides</li> </ul>	
	A.89.13.24	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suburban Housing Program</li> <li>• Empty envelope from Negro Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Dallas Branch of NAACP program (1942)</li> <li>• NAACP Treasurer's year-end report (1959)</li> </ul>	1942-1959
	A.89.13.25	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education program</li> <li>• Appreciation card from Sickle Cell Anemia Fund (1973)</li> <li>• Promo. material for William O. Cooper</li> <li>• Suburban Housing Inc program (1960)</li> <li>• Lincoln H.S. Card (1951)</li> <li>• Tuskegee Institute card</li> <li>• U.N Day pamphlet (1955)</li> <li>• Paper about negroes in the U.S.</li> <li>• Best in Music concert pamphlet</li> <li>• Newspaper about Flannagan wedding</li> <li>• Letter directed to Mrs. Flanagan (1936)</li> <li>• Smith Chapel book review of "Stepchild" (1946)</li> <li>• Speaker notes from NAACP</li> </ul>	1936-1973
	A.89.13.26	<p>Printed materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member's pass for House of Representative (1949)</li> <li>• Application for Poll Tax or exemption</li> <li>• Program for Texas State Democratic Convention (1948)</li> <li>• 'Freedom Sunday' Worship Service (1959)</li> <li>• YMCA membership campaign pamphlet</li> <li>• Invitation to cocktail reception for Senator Oscar H. Mauzy (1985)</li> <li>• Daughters of Isis membership (1964)</li> <li>• Jubilee handout (1964)</li> </ul>	1943-1985

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Booker T. Washington memorial dinner invite (1948)</li><li>• Photo of a couple (presumably Mrs. Flanagan and her husband)</li><li>• UN and NAACP brochure</li><li>• Award from YMCA</li><li>• Statement of integration and race relations (1961)</li><li>• Progressive Voters League membership campaign (1946)</li><li>• Subscription card for Progressive Voters League</li><li>• Letter and image from Eddie Bernice Johnson</li><li>• News clipping of Progressive Voters League</li><li>• Letter from U.S. Treasury War Finance Committee (1943)</li></ul>	
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