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Guide to the

**Elayne Williams Corley papers**

1929-1989

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## Summary

**Creator:** Corley, Elayne Williams

**Title:** Elayne Williams Corley papers

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**Size:** 1.26 linear feet (3 boxes, 1 oversize folder)

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**Abstract:** Elayne Williams Corley (1903-1969) was known for her activities with women's organizations. She served as president and treasurer of the Manhattan section of the National Council of Negro Women; president for three terms of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority New York chapter and was vice president at the time of her death. She was also one of the representatives to the Non-Governmental Organizations section of the United Nations for the sorority. Papers of Elayne Corley consisting of her files from her involvement in the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority (treasurer for the Eastern Region) and the National Council of Negro Women. The files for NCNW principally document a fundraising concert for the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial in Washington, D.C., of which Corley was chairperson. The files for the sorority contain programs, committee files, convention materials, annual reports, newsletters, handbooks, directories, the constitution and bylaws, handwritten notes and memorabilia.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American women -- New York (State) -- New York -- Societies and clubs  
Greek letter societies -- United States

### **Names**

Corley, Elayne Williams  
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority  
Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Fine Arts Center  
National Council of Negro Women

## Container List

### Iota Phi Lambda Sorority

- b. 1 f. 1 Bylaws, Handbook and Protocol 1929
- b. 1 f. 1 Annual Reports 1980-1981
- b. 1 f. 3 Incorporation Documents 1979
- b. 1 f. 4 Financial Ledger (notebook)
- b. 1 f. 5 General Correspondence 1971-1987
- b. 1 f. 6 Correspondence - Elayne Corley 1971-1985
- b. 1 f. 7 Membership Application 1984
- Eastern Regional Conference
- b. 1 f. 8 1970s
- b. 1 f. 9 1980s
- b. 1 f. 10 National Conference 1969-1982
- b. 2 f. 1 50th Anniversary Convention 1979
- 60th Anniversary Convention
- b. 2 f. 2 General 1989
- b. 2 f. 3 Reports 1989

### Journals

- b. 2 f. 4 1969-1977
- b. 2 f. 5 1988-1989
- b. 2 f. 6 Newsletters 1972-1989
- b. 2 f. 7 Songs

### Other Organizations

- b. 2 f. 8 Flyers and Programs 1940-1987
- o. 1 Certificates of Appreciation 1935-1980
- Certificates: Casper Montague Corley, Elayne Corley, Manhattan and The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Chapter.
- National Council of Negro Women
- b. 3 f. 1-2 1959-1983
- b. 3 f. 3 Memorial Committee 1971
- b. 3 f. 4 National Association of Negro Business Professional Women's Club 1963-1979
- b. 3 f. 5 Abyssinian Baptist Church 1966-1982
- b. 3 f. 6 Casper Montague Corley - Mechanic Membership Passbook 1945
- b. 3 f. 7 Order of Eastern Star - Bible