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Guide to the

Ella Haith Weaver papers

1933-1993

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Summary

Creator: Weaver, Ella Haith

Title: Ella Haith Weaver papers

Date: 1933-1993

Size: 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

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Abstract: Ella Virginia Haith Weaver (1911-1991) was an educator and speech pathologist. The bulk of the Ella Haith Weaver papers is comprised of newspaper clippings and notes from her research and studies.

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Creator History

Ella Virginia Haith Weaver (1911-1991) was born on March 11, 1911, in Greensboro, North Carolina. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Drama from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Philadelphia (1932), a Masters in Speech and Linguistics from the University of Michigan (1933), and a Doctorate degree from Northwestern University (1949) in Speech Pathology. She married Robert C. Weaver in 1935, who would become the first Black cabinet appointee, serving as the Secretary for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (1966-1968).

A speech pathologist, Weaver spent most of her professional career at Brooklyn College, 1949-1967, directing the Speech Correction Clinic. She also acted as a consultant on a number of federal social development projects. Included among these projects were the Women Training Centers, Job Corps,

and the Changing Dialects Research Projects at the Detroit public schools. In 1968, Weaver functioned as the chairperson for a project ("These Are My Jewels") aimed at serving children at the Northside Center for Child Development in New York City and the Department of Psychiatry of the Children's Hospital in Washington D.C. Ella Haith Weaver was 80 years old at the time of her death in 1991.

Scope and Content Note

The bulk of this collection is comprised of newspaper clippings, documenting the Weavers' Washington D.C. years; class notes from her doctoral studies; field notes from her research; recipes; and guest lists. Weaver's dissertation, "An Approach to Language Behavior from the Point of View of General Semantics", is included in the collection.

Arrangement: Arranged into three series: I. Personal; II. Professional; and III. Printed matter.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American women college teachers
African American women educators
African American women in the professions
Authors, Black
Speech therapists

Names

Weaver, Ella Haith
Weaver, Robert C. (Robert Clifton), 1907-1997

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