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Guide to the

**Nation of Islam membership roster**

1964 - 2011

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## Summary

**Creator:** Nation of Islam (Chicago, Ill.)

**Title:** Nation of Islam membership roster

**Date:** 1964 - 2011

**Size:** 0.01 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Purchased in 2018 from Guernsey's.

**Abstract:** Nation of Islam membership roster consists of a membership rosters (names and positions), as well as documents that serve as a guide to practicing Islam. These documents include lessons, articles, prayers, rules of conduct, laws of Islam, physical and mental guidelines, correspondence from Mosque no. 15 in Atlanta, GA, and divine sayings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

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## Creator History

The Nation of Islam was founded in Detroit (Mosque No. 1) in the early 1930s. Elijah Muhammad, its spiritual and supreme leader, established the group's headquarters in Chicago (Mosque No. 2) with significant chapters in New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. Malcolm X, Muhammad's most famous disciple, helped build the Nation of Islam into a national membership organization, from which he resigned in 1964. After Muhammad's death in 1975, his son Warith Deen Muhammed (Wallace Muhammad) steered the group closer to traditional Islamic beliefs and practices, and renamed it the World Community of al-Islam in the West, and later the American Muslim Mission. A dissident group led by Louis Farrakhan broke away from Muhammed in 1978, and reconstituted the Nation of Islam along the original teachings of Elijah Muhammad.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains of 2 membership rosters (names and positions) from 1975, as well as documents that serve as a guide to practicing Islam. These documents include lessons, articles, prayers, rules of conduct, laws of Islam, physical and mental guidelines, correspondence from Mosque no. 15 in Atlanta, GA, and divine sayings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

**Arrangement:** Items are arranged chronologically.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African Americans -- Religion  
Black Muslims -- History  
Muslims -- United States

### **Names**

Elijah Muhammad, 1897-1975  
Farrakhan, Louis  
Nation of Islam (Chicago, Ill.)