Jackie Shearer Papers

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10 record cartons (10 lin. ft.)

#### Biographical Note

Jackie Shearer, born Jacqueline Anne Shearer in Boston, Massachusetts, was an African-American independent producer and director of documentary films about African Americans. Her works include A Minor Altercation (1976), a dramatic film about the Boston school busing crisis used to promote discussion of racism and desegregation, and two segments of the Emmy award-winning second series of the Eyes on the Prize documentary series which aired on public television and was produced by Blackside, Inc. The two episodes are "The Keys to the Kingdom" (1989), which covers the year 1968 with a particular focus on the increasingly radical vision of Martin Luther King, Jr., and "The Promised Land" (1989) dealing with Boston school desegregation and affirmative action. Shearer produced and directed, and wrote, along with Leslie Lee, The Massachusetts Colored 54th Infantry (1991) for the PBS series The American Experience. This one-hour documentary emphasizes the role of Boston's free black abolitionist community in forming the first African-American Civil War regiment.

A 1968 graduate of Brandeis University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, Shearer was committed to using media as a tool for social change. In the 1970's she made a number of educational and training films, slide-tape programs and public service announcements. In the late 1970's she formed the Reel Deal Production Company as the vehicle for her filmmaking, and moved to New York City in 1981. At this time Shearer began working on "Addie and the Pink Carnations," a decade-long endeavor to complete a feature film depicting the social history of black women domestic workers during the Depression. She and several others, including John Edgar Wideman conducted research and wrote scripts focusing on union activities. Shearer died before the film could be produced. In 1985 she founded Didn't Take Low Productions, Inc. to produce and distribute motion picture films, videos and other media material, in particular, "Addie."

Shearer was the editor for *The Incident Report* (1984), a dramatic training film exploring the issue of patient abuse in nursing homes. Continuing with her mission to help open

people's eyes to political realities she witnessed or experienced, Shearer produced, directed and wrote the multimedia video production *Going Up to Birmingham* (1992) for the permanent exhibition of the then newly opened Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Alabama. This work, displayed on a video wall, focuses on Birmingham's early years and the racial divide that marked urban life.

Another film project Shearer worked on was "Songs of My People," a documentary based on a book of photographs by Dudley M. Brooks and an exhibition (1992) of the same title. Film rights had been optioned by producer Quincy Jones, but the film was never produced.

In addition to her film work, Shearer served on funding review panels, including the New York State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. She was also an advisor to the Film Fund. She served on several boards, most notably as president and chair as well as secretary of the Board of Directors of the Independent Television Service, whose mission is to "bring to the public television audiences innovative programming that involves creative risks and which addresses the needs of unserved or underserved audiences, particularly minorities and children." She was also on the Search Committee for a new executive director in 1992. Her involvement in this organization was brief, as Shearer died at age 46 on November 26, 1993 of colon cancer in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

#### Scope and Content

The Jackie Shearer Papers document various aspects of this filmmaker's career, including production and research files as well as scripts for a few of her films, and her involvement with professional organizations. Shearer's later years, 1980's-1993, are emphasized in this collection.

The Shearer Papers are divided into four series. The titles, dates and box numbers are as follows:

Title	Dates	Box Numbers
Personal Papers	1975-1993	1
Professional Activities	1980-1993	1-2
Projects	1966-1992	2-10
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The series PERSONAL PAPERS, 1975-1993 (.5 lin. ft.) includes biographical information, appointment books (1982), and letters and cards from her numerous friends concerning her illness. The PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES series 1980-1993 (1.3 lin. ft.) includes two speeches she presented, consultancies for several projects, and files for organizations on which she served on the fund review panel or in other advisory capacities. These organizations are the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Film Fund, and the New York State Council on the Arts. There are also files for conferences in which she participated, including printed material for a filmmakers trip to Cuba in 1983.

Shearer served the Independent Television Service (ITVS) in several capacities. Created by the community of independent producers and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and authorized by Congress in 1988, the goal of ITVS is to enhance the diversity and innovativeness of television programming available to public broadcasting. These objectives perfectly fit Shearer's own personal aims for the mission of independent films. ITVS files (1988-1993) contain minutes of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and information related to the organization's attempt to determine its own organizational structure and the role of its administrative staff. Included are minutes of the board of directors for "P.O.V.," a national, prime-time public television series showcasing a broad range of non-fiction works that reflect the individual "points of view" of independent filmmakers. Since ITVS also functions as a funding source for independent works, Shearer's files contain lists of approved proposals in its "Open Call" program which encourages a wide diversity of subjects and treatments, as well as other administrative records. A single file containing minutes and a proposal (1991-1992) represents

Span, Inc., a non-profit agency offering innovative reentry services for former and current prisoners in Massachusetts. Shearer was the founding chair of the board in 1978, and continued her service until her death.

Shearer worked on a number of films with primarily African-American themes, in a variety of roles: producer, director and script writer, as exemplified in the PROJECTS series, 1966-1992 (7 lin. ft.). The project on which Shearer worked on longest and which is represented by the greatest amount of material is "Addie and the Pink Carnations." conceived the idea in 1979, when the title was "Nobody Knows...", later renamed "Didn't Take Low", and in 1984 she settled on the name "Addie and the Pink Carnations." In a draft of the script of December 1984, she titled it "When It's Morning in the City." The processor has maintained these four titles on the folders to show the development of Shearer's ideas. Because of funding difficulties, numerous changes to the script and ideas concerning the focus of the film, and Shearer's ill health, the project was never completed.

The project files for "Addie and the Pink Carnations" include incorporation papers for Didn't Take Low Productions (1985), followed by proposals, synopses and contracts with script writers. Originally Shearer conceived of the idea of producing a forty-minute film about black women domestic workers during the Depression which would combine documentary and dramatic formats. her thoughts evolved, she expanded the film to ninety minutes, and developed her characters into a dramatic presentation that includes their attempts at forming a labor union. The numerous versions of the screenplay commence with Shearer's own handwritten original first draft, followed by script outlines by novelist and dramatist Ifa Baeza (1981). Shearer continued to write additional script outlines in 1982, and hired author John Edgar Wideman who wrote a couple of versions of the script. Shearer wrote additional drafts in 1984, at which point she and arts educator and actor Steve Seidel co-produced several drafts. The writer Patricia Goldstone then took over Seidel's role as co-author in approximately 1986. Shearer's script notes follow this sequence of drafts, either associated with a particular co-author or relating to her own or an unidentified co-author. There is a small

amount of correspondence associated with these various versions of the screenplay, 1980-1990.

For the film, Shearer conducted research concerning the black domestics in 1930's and their efforts to form trade There are manuscripts and notes by former editor unions. of Freedomways, Esther Cooper Jackson (including a photocopy of her 1940 thesis), her friend and colleague Nancy Falk, and Dr. Trudier Harris, retired professor of literature. Additionally, there are oral history transcripts in the domestics research material files, along with general works about domestics. As Shearer wanted to provide a context for the Depression in her film, other files include general background material, including music of the era. Finally, financial records, especially proposals to various funding agencies and Shearer's marketing and distribution plan, offer her insights into this project which occupied her for more than a decade.

This series also includes Shearer's proposal for a new audiovisual exhibit design prepared in 1990 for Boston's African Meeting House, part of the Museum of Afro-American History. One of her public service films was made for the Equal Employment Opportunity Training program; the file consists of the script with annotations and production material, 1987. Documents for the Eyes on the Prize Second Series contains a published interview with Shearer; other items pertain solely to the "Keys to the Kingdom" segment and consist only of a list of award winning nominations and rating sheets.

Going Up to Birmingham which was installed on the voting rights video wall in the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in 1992 combines original footage, historic paintings, etchings, photographs, old film footage and an audio track to tell the story of Birmingham's early history. Folders consist of a media package, budget and other financial information, as well as production files, 1991-1992. For the Incident Report, a thirty-minute narrative film on nursing home abuse edited by Shearer, there are scripts and correspondence about the production.

Material for the film Massachusetts  $54^{th}$  Colored Infantry (1991) documents its production and consists of research files for particular soldiers including notes based on

their pension records, a copy of Mary Frances Berry's 1966 dissertation, "The Negro Soldier Movement and the Adoption of the National Conscription: 1652-1865," and photocopies of letters from Corporal James Henry Gooding and other members of the regiment. Additional research material incorporates notes about free blacks in Boston during the Civil War era, and, for the Battle of Fort Wagner, there are manuscripts by Stephen R. Wise and Richard Andersen focusing on Robert Gould Shaw. Also part of the "Massachusetts 54th" are a couple of scripts, financial information, production files, and two boxes of slides showing the production team during filming in Boston. Publicity information includes Shearer's a manuscript for a report concerning the making of the film.

Files for Shearer's first independently produced film and her first time directing narrative, A Minor Altercation (1976), consist of a script, discussion guide, and information about screenings and distribution.

Material for the unproduced *Songs of My People* contains a proposal, production files consisting of treatments, and the transcript of a lengthy advisors meeting with Quincy Jones and others, 1991. Research data encompass notes and printed material about various types of African-American music. The final project for which there are files is *Sophronia*, a love story, planned as a ninety-minute color film in 1979; there are script notes and a prospectus.

Other material in this series are proposals and related material for Shearer's projects which did not come to fruition, such as printed material regarding the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Center for Constitutional Rights, 1986; a master scene outline based on Nella Larsen's novel *Quicksand*, 1981; and "The Southern Lady: Image and Reality;" 1992. Proposed projects of filmmakers Michelle Parkerson and Jack Willis can also be found here.

Photocopies of research material from a wide array of repositories, along with research requests and associated material that she and her staff had assembled for several of her completed and incomplete film projects, have been discarded. This series is arranged alphabetically by title of film, followed by proposed films Shearer worked on, and proposed films projects of other filmmakers.

The series SUBJECT FILES, 1971-1992 (.6 lin. ft.) contains information pertinent to filmmakers including a directory of minority motion picture production and technical professionals, resumes of individuals in the filmmaking business, and printed material about politics and film.

#### Provenance

Nancy Falk on behalf of the Shearer Estate December 1994, February 2001 SCM 94-54, SCM 01-3

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	23	Proposal Advisor - Carpendale, Susan - "People of the Word," 1992
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	23	Correspondence, 1980-1984 1985-1986, 1990 Research Material
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	25	Master's Thesis - Photocopy,
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