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Guide to the

**Mary Helen Washington papers**

1873 - 2002 [bulk 1995 - 2002]

Sc MG 776

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## Summary

**Creator:** Washington, Mary Helen

**Title:** Mary Helen Washington papers

**Date:** 1873 - 2002 [bulk 1995 - 2002]

**Size:** 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift, Mary Helen Washington, November 2007

**Abstract:** The Mary Helen Washington papers (1873-2002, bulk dates 1995-2002) document the working relationship of scholar and author Mary Helen Washington and journalist Lloyd L. Brown.

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## Creator History

Mary Helen Washington, born in 1941 and originally from Cleveland Ohio, is a scholar, researcher, writer, and professor of English at the University of Maryland. Washington's work explores topics such as Black women writers, Black literature, and radicalism. Her publications include *Black-Eyed Susans: Classic Stories by Black Women Writers*, *Midnight Birds: Stories of Contemporary Black Women Writers*, and *The Other Blacklist: The African American Literary and Cultural Left of the 1950s* where Lloyd Louis Brown would be one of four featured writers.

Lloyd Louis Brown (1913-2003) was a journalist, novelist, activist, and labor organizer. Brown was one of Robeson's biographers, and his writings include *Iron City*, and *The Young Paul Robeson: On My Journey Now*.

## **Custodial History**

The collection was held and maintained by Mary Helen Washington until its donation to the Schomburg.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Mary Helen Washington papers, dating from 1873-2002 (bulk dates 1995-2002), document the working relationship of Washington and journalist Lloyd L. Brown. Lloyd Louis Brown (1913-2003) was a journalist, novelist, activist, and labor organizer. Brown was one of Paul Robeson's biographers, and his writings include: *Iron City*, and *The Young Paul Robeson: On My Journey Now*. The collection mainly consists of correspondence, but also included are writings and printed materials.

**Arrangement:** Correspondence arranged chronologically.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American authors  
African American communists  
African American labor leaders  
African American radicals  
African American women authors  
African Americans -- Civil rights  
African Americans -- Correspondence  
Black nationalism  
Civil rights  
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
Communist parties -- United States  
Letters  
Publications  
Radicalism  
Women authors, Black

### **Names**

Brown, Lloyd L. (Lloyd Louis), 1913-2003  
Washington, Mary Helen

## Container List

*Washington, Mary Helen*

Correspondence 1995 - 2002

Washington, Mary HelenBrown, Lloyd L. (Lloyd Louis), 1913-2003

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