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JOHNETTE GREEN EDWARDS PAPERS

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JOHNETTE GREEN EDWARDS PAPERS

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The papers of Johnette Edwards, social worker, club woman and the first Black member of the Winthrop Board of Visitors, were received as a gift by the college Archives from her husband, John A. Edwards, on May 2, 1979.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 6.5
Approximate No. of pieces: 13,000

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Scope and Content Note: **Johnette Green Edwards (1926-1977) was a social worker, club woman, and first African-American member of the Winthrop College Board of Visitors. The collection is a good reference source for information concerning Black women's organizations and social services programs in S.C. Important areas of research would include the ways Black women's organizations worked to affect social and political change, and how South Carolina expanded its programs and policies with regard to the mentally handicapped citizens of the state. The collection includes papers relating to the following organizations: South Carolina Federation of Women's and Girl's Clubs, the Trident Forum for the Handicapped, the Wilkinson Home for Girls, Southeaster Association of Colored Girls' clubs, The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Delta Sigma Theta, Church Women United, United Community Service and the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees. Organizational and personal records contained in the collection include correspondence, financial records, brochures, and newspaper clippings, speeches, photographs and related papers.**

Transfer of items: All Government Printing Office publications were transferred to the documents department of the Dacus Library.

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

JOHNETTE GREEN EDWARDS

- 1926 Born January 8, in Barnwell, South Carolina.
- 1965 First African American to be professionally employed by the S.C. Department of Mental Retardation.
- 1970 Member- S.C. White House Conference on Children and Youth.
- 1971 Appointed to the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Named "Citizen of the Year" by Mu alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi.
- 1973 Delta of the Year- Delta Sigma Theta sorority.
- 1974 Recipient of Congressional Award for "outstanding service to her fellow man through the Trident Forum..."
- 1976 Named as the first Black member to the Winthrop Board of Visitors.
- 1977 Died- April

Distinctions:

1. Executive director of the Trident forum for the Handicapped,
2. Johnette Edwards Scholarship established at the College of Charleston,
3. President of the S.C. Federations of Women's
4. President of Girl' Clubs, Inc.
5. Executive Council member of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	BIOGRAPHICAL FILE Contains biographical sketches of Johnette Edwards. In chronological order.	1970-1977, nd
1	2-5	CORRESPONDENCE Letters received by Johnette Edwards relate to business, personal and family affairs. In chronological order.	1950-1977, nd
1	6	SPEECHES Speeches and noted from appearance before various professional organizations. No fixed order.	1969-1971, nd
1	7	FINANCIAL PAPERS Relates to the Edwards family. In chronological order.	1965-1977
A) PAPERS RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S CLUBS, INC. (SCFWGC)			
2	8	CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS Includes the legal record of the name change of the organization (1971) and the proposed constitution and bylaws. In chronological order.	1959-1975, nd
2	9-13	CORRESPONDENCE Letters relate to activities, proposals, and national affiliations of the organization. Some correspondence relates to SCFWGC's role as governing organizations for the Wilkinson home.	1967-1976, nd
3	14-15	FINANCIAL PAPERS Annual reports, examinations of accounts, receipts and collection statements for the organization and its affiliates. In chronological order.	1959-1975, nd
3-4	15-25	VARIOUS PAPERS Includes brochures, program agendas, project proposals and reports, newsletters and related papers. In chronological order.	1968-1977, nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
B) PAPERS RELATING TO THE WILKINSON HOME (CAYCE, S.C.)			
5	--	BYLAWS	nd
5	26-28	CORRESPONDENCE Most correspondence is in reference to the constant struggle on the part of the SCFWGC to raise necessary funding for this long-established orphanage.	1966-1977
5-6	29-31	FINANCIAL PAPERS Includes proposed annual budgets, tax information, donation records and receipts for items purchased for the home. In chronological order.	1958-1976, nd
6	32	VARIOUS PAPERS Brochures, employment resumes for Wilkinson Home directors candidates, and residents lists for the home. In chronological order.	1967-1976, nd
C) PAPERS RELATING TO THE TRIDENT FORUM FOR THE HANDICAPPED			
6	33	BYLAWS	nd
6-7	33-34	CORRESPONDENCE Letters relate to the functions, activities and ideology of the organization. correspondents include top social services officials in S.C. In chronological order.	1967-1976, nd
7	35-38	MINUTES Minutes of organization and committee meetings. In chronological order.	1966-1976
8	39-43	VARIOUS PAPERS Includes brochures, newsletters, conference reports, program agendas, and other papers. In chronological order.	1966-1976, nd

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<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
9-14	44-61	PAPERS RELATING TO MENTAL RETARDATION A general file related to the Trident Forum containing foundation reports, surveys, studies, handbooks, brochures, pamphlets, and general correspondence relating to mental retardation in the U.S. and S.C. In chronological order.	1964-1976, nd
D) PAPERS RELATING TO THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS			
14	62	CORRESPONDENCE Most correspondence relates to the twenty-fifth Biennial Convention of SACWC, which was held in Charleston, S.C. and hosted by the South Carolina Federation of Women's and Girl's Clubs, Inc. In chronological order.	1968-1974
14	63-64	VARIOUS PAPERS Includes anniversary publications of affiliate clubs, brochures, program notes, financial reports and other papers relating to the activities of the organization's members.	1967-1973, nd
E) PAPERS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS			
15	65	CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence from the national organization addressed to affiliate clubs and their members. in chronological order.	1971-1976
15	65-66	VARIOUS PAPERS Includes organization handbooks, convention programs, a membership survey, national reports and other records relating to the organization. In chronological order.	1968-1971, nd
F) PAPERS RELATING TO THE CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN SOUTH CAROLINA			
15	67	CORRESPONDENCE Letters relating to the adult education program of the organization. in chronological order.	1970

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15	67	VARIOUS PAPERS Papers relating to adult education programs initiated by the organization. in chronological order.	1968-1971, nd
G) PAPERS RELATING TO THE CHARLESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
16	68	CORRESPONDENCE In chronological order.	1970
16	68	VARIOUS PAPERS Includes the constitution and bylaws for Rivers High School Parent-Teacher Association and related papers. In chronological order.	1971-1972, nd
H) PAPERS RELATING TO THE UNITED COMMUNITY SERVICES			
16	69	CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED PAPERS Includes correspondence relating to U.C.S. financial involvement with the Wilkinson Home. In chronological order.	1970-1974
I) PAPERS RELATING TO DELTA SIGMA THETA			
16	70	CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	nd
16	70	CORRESPONDENCE Includes correspondence relating to the national convention and the work Johnette Edwards did while she held membership in the organization. In chronological order.	1961-1976, nd
16	70-72	VARIOUS PAPERS Includes newsletters, program notes, convention notes and other papers relating to the activities of the organization. in chronological order.	1954-1976, nd
J) PAPERS RELATING OT HE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF POSTAL AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES			
17	73	CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	1967, nd

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<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
17	73	CORRESPONDENCE Johnette Edwards served as president for the Charleston Branch NAPFE and letters relate to various aspects of the organization including workshops, conventions, and amendments to the organization's constitution and bylaws. In chronological order.	1964-1973, nd
17	74	VARIOUS PAPERS Includes convention addresses, programs, newsletters, the organization's roster, reports and related papers. In chronological order.	1963-1972, nd
K) PERSONAL FILE			
17-19	75-84	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS Articles relate to the accomplishments and notable achievements of Johnette Edwards, and to the civil rights issue. In chronological order.	1946-1978 nd
20	85	PHOTOGRAPHS	nd
20	86	AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES Includes a Congressional Award, 1973 "Delta of the Year" award, and other certificates of merit and achievement. In chronological order.	1968-1979
20-26	87-108	VARIOUS PAPERS Magazine articles, memorabilia, religious publications, college course outlines, information pamphlets, newsletters and other papers which reflect Johnette Edward's wide scope of interests. In chronological order.	1967-1978 nd