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# Northeasterners Papers

## **An inventory of Northeasterners at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Northeasterners
<b>Title:</b>	Northeasterners Papers
<b>ID:</b>	021
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1952-1989
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.25 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Northeasterners was founded in 1930 by Agatha Scott Davis, wife of Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Inspired by the African American debutantes Agatha Davis visited in various northeastern cities, Davis formed the Northeasterners as a social club for African American women. Membership into the Northeasterns was by invitation only. Entrees provide a resume for consideration including education, careers of themselves and/or spouses, and membership in other African American organizations. The organization was originally known as the "Gay Northeasterners" to reflect the demeanor of the group as bright and happy. The word "gay" was dropped in 1979. The focus of the Northeasterners is philanthropic as well as social. Members meet at an annual conference held in different cities throughout the Northeast. The headquarters of the organization is New York City, New York. Washington, D.C. was one of the first chapters along with Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Chapters were also added in Baltimore, Maryland; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; Indianapolis, Indiana; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the state of New Jersey.

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## Scope and Contents

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The papers consist of correspondence, by-laws, meeting minutes, financial reports, a short history, member information, and photographs of the Northeasterners.

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## Arrangement

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Processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2020-04-08

### Custodial History

Collection was donated in 2000. Donor unknown.

### Processing Information

Basic archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- African Americans
- Societies and clubs
- Women
- Organizational Records
- Minutes (Records)
- Black people

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## Collection Inventory

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Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Bylaws and Constitution, 1952-1986	Box 1	Folder 1
Correspondence and Proposals, 1962-1989	Box 1	Folder 2
Financial reports, 1982-1983	Box 1	Folder 3
Minutes, 1978	Box 1	Folder 4
Officers, 1973-1975	Box 1	Folder 5
Over the Years: A History, 1985	Box 1	Folder 6
Photographs, Undated	Box 1	Folder 7

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