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# Holloman Family Papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Holloman, John L. S. , Reverend
<b>Creator:</b>	Holloman, Rosa
<b>Title:</b>	Holloman Family Papers
<b>ID:</b>	041
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1915-1975
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	29 Boxes
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Reverend John L. S. Holloman, native of Hertford County, North Carolina graduated from Waters Institute in Winton, North Carolina in 1905. Holloman attended Virginia Union Theological Seminary from 1906 to 1908 and then taught at Waters Institute from 1910 to 1917 while at the same time serving as pastor of a small rural church. In 1912 he married Rosa Victoria Jones, a native of Charlottesville and a graduate of Hampton Institute.

In 1917 the Hollomans moved to Washington, D.C. where Reverend Holloman became pastor of the famous Second Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. until his retirement. Second Baptist was noted for its Sunday School Lyceum, which became a magnet for leading intellectuals in the African-American community.

Reverend Holloman was President of the Washington Baptist Seminary since its founding in 1927 and President of the Board of Trustees of the Stoddard Baptist Home. Locally, he was active in civic organizations and the Republican Party. He gained a national reputation as editor of the Lott Carey Herald, official organ of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Mrs. Holloman at various times served as President of the Lott Carey Convention Women's Auxiliary as well as a leader in local and national organizations for minister's wives. She was an Eastern Star member of the Datcher Chapter and

active in the PTA. The Holloman's children are Carolyn H. Troupe, Grace H. Davis, Jessie H. Jackson, Marjorie H. Parker, and Dr. J.L.S. Holloman.

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## Scope and Contents

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The papers consist primarily of the correspondence of Reverend Holloman from the 1920s through the 1960s, years in which he served as pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. Reverend Holloman's handwritten lecture notes and manuscripts of sermons, speeches, and articles are in the collection as well as some records from the Second Baptist church. Files regarding the Holloman's work in the Lott Carey Society, the National Baptist Convention, Eastern Star, Alpha Sigma Sorority and other religious and civic organization are in the papers. Also included are family photographs, a travel log, and other family memorabilia. The papers are arranged into five series: correspondence, Rosa Holloman materials, church records, sermons and writings, and family memorabilia.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Custodial History

The Holloman family children donated the papers to the Library in 1992.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- City churches

- Clergy
- Religion
- Speeches, addresses, etc
- Correspondence
- Organizational Records
- Families
- African Americans
- Black people

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Correspondence 1917-1967

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains Reverend Holloman's professional and personal correspondence during his tenure at the Second Avenue Baptist Church. Reverend Holloman corresponded with ministers all along the east coast as well as officials in a variety of civic and religious organizations in D.C. and the nation. A sample of organizations represented in the correspondence include the Stoddard Baptist Home; The Shiloh Baptist Church in D.C.; Union Baptist Church in Stamford, Connecticut; Virginia Union Theological Seminary; the Metro Baptist Church in D.C.; and the Republican State Committee in D.C. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Untitled, 1915-1929	Box 1	Folder 1
Untitled, 1930-1939	Box 2	Folder 1
Misc. , n.d.	Box 2	folder 2
Untitled, 1940-1941	Box 3	Folder 1
Untitled, 1942-1944	Box 4	Folder 1
Untitled, 1945-1946	Box 5	Folder 1
Untitled, 1947-1949	Box 6	Folder 1
Misc. , 1940s	Box 6	folder 2
Untitled, 1950-1952	Box 7	Folder 1
Untitled, 1953-1957	Box 8	Folder 1
Untitled, 1953-1957	Box 9	Folder 1
Untitled, 1953-1957	Box 10	Folder 1
Untitled, 1953-1957	Box 11	Folder 1
Untitled, 1953-1957	Box 12	Folder 1
Untitled, 1958-1959	Box 13	Folder 1
Misc Correspondence, 1950s	Box 13	folder 2

Untitled, 1960-1964	Box 14	Folder 1
Untitled, 1965-1969	Box 15	Folder 1
Misc. , 1960s	Box 15	Folder 2

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## Series 2: Rosa Holloman Materials, 1930-1971

### Scope and Contents

This series contains programs, publications, speeches, certificates, handwritten meeting notes, and publications which cover Mrs. Holloman's involvement in the Datcher Chapter of Eastern Star, Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary, Sigma Shadows of Alpha Sigma Sorority, and the National Association of Minister's Wives. It also includes Mrs. Holloman's correspondence and a handwritten account of the Holloman's trip to the Baptist World Alliance Congress held in London in 1955 with extended travel through Europe, Egypt, and the "holy land."

Title/Description	Instances	
Rosa Holloman's correspondence, 1937-1971	Box 16	Folder 1
National Association of Ministers Wives, 1937-1971	Box 17	Folder 1
Rosa Holloman's speeches, 1955-1969	Box 18	Folder 1
Eastern Star, 1938-1957	Box 19	Folder 1
Alpha Sigma, 1938-1957	Box 19	Folder 2
Women's Auxiliary of Lott Carey, 1938-1957	Box 19	Folder 3

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## Series 3: Church Records, 1915-1972

### Scope and Contents

Financial materials, including tax data, correspondence, insurance, receipts, and invoices appear first, arranged in chronological order. After the financial records, are other church records, including programs, newsletters, correspondence, attendance sheets, and award certificates which document the activities of the Second Avenue Baptist Church. The series also includes materials regarding Reverend Holloman's work for Lott Carey and the National Baptist Convention.

Title/Description	Instances	
Second Baptist Weekly Bulletins, 1950-1970	Box 20	Folder 1
Funeral statements, 1965-1969	Box 20	Folder 2
Gold Everywhere	Box 20	Folder 3
Lott Carey materials, 1921-1958	Box 21	Folder 1
Church Finance/insurance/tax papers, 1947-1959	Box 22	Folder 1

Church Finance/insurance/tax papers, 1947-1959	Box 23	Folder 1
Church Finance/insurance/tax papers, 1947-1959	Box 24	Folder 1

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## Series 4: Sermons and Writings, 1915-1972

### Scope and Contents

This series contains written manuscripts of many of Reverend Holloman's sermons, speeches, book reviews, journal articles, reports, editorials, and other writings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Lecture/outlines/sermons, 1915-1972	Box 25	Folder 1
Speeches/articles/reviews/reports, 1915-1972	Box 26	Folder 1

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## Series 5: Family Memorabilia, 1926-1963

### Scope and Contents

The series includes greeting cards, addressed envelopes, a calling card plate of Reverend Holloman, a travel log, a hood for a commencement gown, and school papers of 5th grader Jason Parker in 1953.

Title/Description	Instances	
Greeting cards/envelopes, Undated	Box 27	Folder 1
Address lists/birth registration/clippings/other misc., 1919-1972	Box 27	Folder 2
Travel log (trip to Europe and holy land), 1955	Box 27	Folder 3
Family papers and photographs, Undated	Box 28	Folder 1
Hood for gown, Undated	Box 29	Folder 1

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