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## Ruffin/Jones Family Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Title:</b>	Ruffin/Jones Family Collection
<b>ID:</b>	145
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1842 - 1999 (bulk 1920s - 1999)
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1920-1999
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.5 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Ruffin/Jones Family contains material related to C. Bernard Ruffin, III and members of his family, especially C. Bernard Ruffin, Jr.; Louise Jones Hubbard; and Mary Jones Nightengale Carter.

C. Bernard Ruffin, III is the Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter in Washington, DC. After graduating from Roosevelt High School in DC, he attended Bowdoin College and Yale Divinity School. He served at several other churches prior to becoming Assistant Pastor at Holy Comforter in 1980. Ruffin also worked as a history teacher at South Lakes High School in Reston, VA. He has written and co-written a number of books, including: Padre Pio: The True Story; The Shroud of Turin; The Twelve: The Lives of the Apostles after Calvary; Miracles of St. Padre Pio; The Days of the Martyrs: A History of the Persecution of Christians from Apostolic Times to the Time of Constantine; The Life of Brother Andre: The Miracle Worker of St. Joseph; Last Words: A Dictionary of Deathbed Quotations; and Profiles in Faith: The Religious Beliefs of Eminent Americans.

C. Bernard Ruffin, Jr. (father of C. Bernard Ruffin, III) grew up in Washington, DC and attended Howard University. He was a Metropolitan Police Officer from 1940 until 1964. He was also head of Division Two of the Metropolitan Police Boys Club from 1952 to 1958, as well as Director of the Police Boys Club Summer Camp from 1950 to 1958. He went on to serve as the Director of Safety and Security

at Howard University, the Associate Director of the Pilot Police Project, and the Security Director at Montgomery College.

Lillian Jones Ruffin (mother of C. Bernard Ruffin, III), came from a large family from Chambersburg, PA. Her parents, Lewis and Sarah Jones, had fourteen children in total. Four of these children -- Lillian, Louise, Mary, and Amy -- ended up living in Washington, DC.

Louise Jones Hubbard attended Howard University, Columbia University, and Catholic University. In addition to writing a book and many articles on foreign languages and the teaching of foreign languages, she taught at Bluefield State College, Dunbar High School, District of Columbia Teachers College (now the University of the District of Columbia), and the University of Benin. Louise was a member of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Mary Jones Nightengale Carter attended Howard University, Columbia University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Iowa. She taught business at Terrell Junior High School, Dunbar High School, and Roosevelt High School. Mary was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, as well as the Woofs Club.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Ruffin/Jones Family Collection contains photographs, cassette tapes with audio recordings of interviews, and printed material such as articles and publications, brochures and programs, school-related items, letters, and research files and notes pertaining to C. Bernard Ruffin, III and members of his family. The life and work of his aunt, Louise Jones Hubbard, is particularly well-documented; material related to her makes up a large portion of the collection.

The collection is divided into seven (7) series: I. Louise Hubbard; II. C. Bernard Ruffin, Jr.; III. C. Bernard Ruffin, III; IV. Mary Carter; V. Ruffin/Jones Family, General; VI. Photographs; and VII. Audio. Series I., Louise Hubbard, is divided into four (4) sub-series: I. Articles and Publications; II. Church; III. Groups and Extracurricular Activities ; and IV. Teaching.

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## Arrangement

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Processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. Collection reprocessed, series created, collection renamed to reflect content 2020-10-19 2020-06-03

### Custodial History

The Ruffin/Jones Family Collection was donated to the Library by C. Bernard Ruffin, III

### Processing Information

This collection was originally processed in 2014 as part of the DC Africana Archives Project, funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources Hidden Collections.

During reprocessing in 2018, the collection was divided into series and arranged chronologically thereunder, with related material grouped together. Items that were not labeled or clearly associated with a family member's name were placed into series based on context.

Throughout processing, paper clips and loose, rusty, and/or warped staples were removed; folded papers were unfolded and pressed flat; and folders and binders were disassembled. While most photographs were covered in protective sleeves, oversize photos were laid flat and separated with a sheet of legal-size acid-free paper. The processor made redacted copies of items containing personal or private information. The majority of newspaper clippings were photocopied; however, full newspapers and large clippings were separated from other items with a sheet of acid-free paper. The processor relabeled and refoldered, as needed, and any loose items (including a small record) were placed into acid-free folders. Four handmade felt objects were stored in a separate box for preservation purposes.

The following items were removed from the collection and discarded: duplicates (more than two); original newspaper clippings; blank papers; and original folders and binders. The processor shredded any originals containing personal or private information.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- African Americans
- Genealogy
- City churches
- Families
- Black persons

## Collection Inventory

Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs, undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Baseball Drawing, undated	Box 1	Folder 2
Correspondence, 1926-1969	Box 1	Folder 3
Class Record Book, 1980-1981	Box 1	Folder 4
DC Teachers College Catalog - 1971/1972, 1971	Box 1	Folder 5
Newspaper Articles, 1991	Box 1	Folder 6
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church, 1991	Box 1	Folder 7
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church, 1990-1991	Box 1	Folder 8
Women in Mongo Betti's Perpetu, undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Boys Club, undated	Box 1	Folder 10
Award Night Program, 1957	Box 1	Folder 11
Louise Hubbard, 1974	Box 1	Folder 12
Presbyterian Church Research, undated	Box 1	Folder 13

Dunbar High School, 1960-1962	Box 2	Folder 1
Class Register Books, 1960-1975	Box 2	Folder 2
Club Members Fold Christmas Seals, 1941	Box 2	Folder 3
Dunbar High School Newsletter, 1954-1962	Box 2	Folder 4
All College Assembly / Travel Abroad, undated	Box 2	Folder 5
Class Record Books, 1960-1981	Box 2	Folder 6
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church, 1953-1994	Box 2	Folder 7
Academic Consolidation Committee, 1978	Box 2	Folder 8
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church 150th Anniversary Planning Committee, 1990-1993	Box 2	Folder 9
Historical Committee/ History Notes, 1991	Box 2	Folder 10
Presbyterian Women, 1984-1987	Box 3	Folder 1
Howard Transcript, 1936	Box 3	Folder 2
Board Pamphlet, undated	Box 3	Folder 3
English Teaching Forum Magazine, 1978	Box 3	Folder 4
The Modern Language Journal, 1968	Box 3	Folder 5
Accent on ACTFL, 1973	Box 3	Folder 6
The Division of Foreign Languages and Literature, 1975	Box 3	Folder 7
Manuscript - Morceaux Choisis, undated	Box 3	Folder 8
The Modern Language Journal, 1980	Box 3	Folder 9
Manuscript - Hubbard, undated	Box 3	Folder 10
Foreign Language Annals Journal, 1975	Box 3	Folder 11
The Individual and the Group in French Literature since 1914. Dissertation, 1955	Box 4	Folder 1
Delta Journal, 1985-1986	Box 4	Folder 2
ACTFL Workshop Proceedings, 1972	Box 4	Folder 3
Spanish in the Elementary Schools, 1952	Box 4	Folder 4
1978 MLA International Bibliography, 1979	Box 4	Folder 5
Annales de L'Universite du Benin, 1977	Box 4	Folder 6
The DFL Bulletin, 1967	Box 4	Folder 7
Public Schools of DC Curriculum Bulletin, 1951	Box 4	Folder 8
University of Congo Pamphlet, undated	Box 4	Folder 9
CLA Journal - 1975, 1975	Box 4	Folder 10

The College Faculty Portraits, 1967	Box 4	Folder 11
Strength through Wisdom: A Critique of U.S Capability, 1979	Box 5	Folder 1
Dimension Languages '80 16th Southern Conference on Language Teaching, 1980	Box 5	Folder 2
Guide for Teaching Spanish in the Elementary Schools, 1952	Box 5	Folder 3
Cassettes, undated	Box 6	Folder 1
Oversized Photographs, undated	Box 7	Folder 1

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