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Blanche Louise Oden Tucker (1896-1966) Papers, 1919-1982

29 items

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REPOSITORY

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DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the Missouri Historical Society in 2000 by Ms. Ollie Tucker Ward.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Blanche Louise Oden Tucker was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1896, and married George W. Tucker in 1920. In 1921, she founded the Tucker Business Institute and Service Company, which later became known as the Tucker Business College. The college was the first business college in the United States to teach African-American women secretarial science. She died June 27, 1966, in St. Louis.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers contain photocopies of newspaper clippings and other items from the scrapbook of Blanche Louise Oden Tucker, mostly relating to Tucker Business College and the Tucker family. (Several photographs were transferred to the Photographs and Prints Department. A Tucker College scarf was transferred to the Collections Department.)

INVENTORY

- 1919 June 13 Invitation to the marriage of Blanche Louisa Oden and George W. Tucker
- circa 1930s-1940s Photocopies of newspaper clippings (circa 1930s-1940s), mostly from the *St. Louis Argus*, including several relating to Tucker Business College and articles and/or photographs on the following: Pauline Ross, Olive "Chickie" Collins, Dr. George W. Tucker, Anthony Pope, Eugenia Harding, Ethel Rhodes, George B. Nesbitt, Mrs. Vivian E. Taylor, Clarissa Boone, Miss Thelma Johnson, Helen Ross, Mrs. Blanche L.O. Tucker, newborns of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Brown, and six African-American women applying for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (17 pages)
- 1939 Feb 18 Whist tally card, Tucker's Business College announcing the opening of the School of Domestic Art
- 1943 Nov 21 Three copies of a program for Upsilon Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity celebrating Negro Achievement Week, November 21, 1943. Also contains award "for merit" to Tucker Business College.
- 1943 Dec 25 Christmas cards of Blanche L. and Pvt. George O. Tucker, 1943 (2 items)
- 1982 Dec 6 Program for the funeral of Deacon Ralph Tucker, December 6, 1982
- no date Advertisement for Tucker Business College, 4366 Cook Avenue
- no date Tucker Business College stationery
- no date Two copies of a program, possibly for a graduation ceremony for Tucker Business College
- no date Print of a group photograph of 11 young African-American women, perhaps students of Tucker Business College
- no date State of Ohio prepaid sales tax consumer's receipt stamp for 1 cent.