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The R. Nathaniel Dett Club Records, 1882-1943 & 1973-2003

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Organizational records, dated 1927–2001, with the bulk of the materials dated 1950–2001, including constitution and bylaws, minutes, financial records, correspondence, programs, and other materials from one of the Chicago branches of the National Association of Negro Musicians (NANM). The collection also includes supplemental administrative materials relating to NANM, dated 1973–2003.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Founded in 1922, Chicago's R. Nathaniel Dett Club of Music and Allied Arts is one of the oldest active branches of the National Association of Negro Musicians (NANM). The Dett Club has had a number of NANM luminaries in its roster. Among those have been: John E. Webb, Sydonia M. Brooks, Ruth Allen Fouche, and Ona B. Campbell. The Dett Club maintains an active concert and event schedule during the year, hosting a Black History Program, a summertime Garden Party, and an annual Scholarship Contest. A narrative history of the club by John E. Webb, *Whispers of Love*, published in 1987, is based on the records in the collection.

SCOPE & CONTENT/COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The papers of the Dett Club series include constitutions and bylaws, minutes and agendas from meetings, correspondence, programs from concerts, newsletters, and photographs. The NANM series includes the above materials as well as materials relating to the national conventions and NANM Central Region conferences.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection has been arranged in two series:

1. Records of the Dett Club
2. Records of Dett Club with NANM

RELATED MATERIALS

CBMR Collections:

- Theodore Charles Stone Collection
- Collection of Materials on the National Association of Negro Musicians (NANM)
- National Association of Negro Musicians

External Collections:

[R. Nathaniel Dett Collection](#), Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, New York

ACQUISITION SOURCE

Received from the R. Nathaniel Dett Club through Charles E. Cannon, 2002.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

National Association of Negro Musicians. (U.S.), R. Nathaniel Dett Club of Music and Allied Arts, African Americans--Societies, etc., African-American-musicians

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R. NATHANIEL DETT CLUB RECORDS INVENTORY

Series I, R. Nathaniel Dett Club records Box #1–Constitutions, By-Laws, Minutes, and Agendas

Dett Club Constitutions and By-Laws 1958 – 1998.

Minutes:

Minutes: January 11, 1943 - April 3, 1949. Hardbound journal of minutes from various meetings.

Minutes: December 4, 1949.

Minutes: August 5, 1956.

Minutes: November 25, 1979 – June 28, 1987. Hardbound journal of minutes from various meetings.

Minutes: September 12, 1981.

Minutes: 1987. Minutes from meetings: September 27; October 25; November 22.

Minutes: 1988. Minutes from meetings: January 24; February 28; April 24; June 26; September 25; October 23; November 27.

Minutes: 1989. January 22; February 26; March 25; April 22; May 28; June 25.

Minutes: 1993. August 28; September 26; November 16; November 24; November 28.

Minutes: 1994. January 23; March 26; April 24; June 26; September 25; October 15; October 23; November 26.

Minutes: 1995. January 22; March 26; April 23; May 28; June 25; September 23; October 22.

Minutes: 1996. January 28; March 24 (three drafts); June 22; July 12; September 28 (two drafts); November 23.

Minutes: 1997-1998.

1997: March 23; April 27 (two drafts).

1998: February 8; September 27; October 25; November 22.

Minutes: 1999-2001.

1999: January 24; May 23; September 26; November 28.

2000: September 24; October 22 (four drafts); November 18; November 26.

2001: March 6; April 16.

Agendas:

Incomplete Agendas: 1976–February 1980. Agendas from meetings: (1976): April 17. (1979): August 3; August 26; September 15; September 30; October 27; October 28; November 25. (1980): January 27; June 1.

Incomplete Agendas: 1980. Agendas from meetings: March 15; March 29; April 12; April 27; September 14; October 26; November 23.

Incomplete Agendas: 1981. Agendas from meetings: January 25; March 22; April 26; May 24; June 28; August 1; September 27; October 25; November 22.

Incomplete Agendas: 1982. Agendas from meetings: January 24; February 28; March 28; April 25; May 23; June 27; September 26; October 24.

Incomplete Agendas: 1983–1984; 1986. Agendas from meetings: January 23; February 27; March 27; April 24; May 29; June 26; July 9; September 25; October 23 (includes Cadenza newsletter); November 27 (includes Cadenza newsletter). (1984): October 28 (includes Cadenza newsletter and Dett Club member roster). (1986): September 18.

Incomplete Agendas: 1990. Agendas from meetings: January 27; June 24 (includes Cadenza newsletter); July 22 (includes Cadenza newsletter); September 23 (with notes by Sydonia M. Brooks); October 20; November 25 (includes Dett Club Festival report and correspondence from Charles E. Cannon); December 23 (includes minutes).

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Box #1, Agendas, continued**

Incomplete Agendas: 1991. Agendas from meetings: January 27; February 24; March 16; April 28 (includes 1991 NANM convention schedule); May 26 (includes 1991 NANM convention schedule); June 23.

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Box #2, Agendas, continued**

Incomplete Agendas: 1993; 1994. Agendas from meetings: (1993): March 28 (includes Dett Club Member directory, various papers concerning the 1993 NANM Central Region Conference, various articles on Charles Smith, McGill Brothers, and Andre Watts). (1994): January 23 (includes article on Marian Anderson, Central Region Report: Mid-Winter Board Meeting, Proposal to the Youth Division of NANM)

Incomplete Agendas: 1995. Agendas from meetings: March 26 (includes letter from NANM board members, information concerning the 1995 NANM Central Region Conference, information concerning the 1996 Scholarship Voice Contest, Article on Leontyne Price, article on Opera Ebony); April 23; May 28 (includes article on Dett Club, advertisement and schedule for the Chicago Lyric Opera's radio broadcasts); September 23; October 22 (includes article on prominent Chicago opera personalities, article on Georg Solti, schedule for the 1995 Chicago Humanities Festival); December 2.

Incomplete Agendas: 1996. Agendas from meetings: January 28 (two drafts); March 24 (includes information concerning the 1996 NANM Central Region Conference, information concerning the 1996 NANM Scholarship Contest for Voice); April 28 (list of contestants and schedule for the 1996 NANM Scholarship Contest for Voice); August 17; November 23 (with handwritten notes).

Incomplete Agendas: 1997. Agendas from meetings: January 26 (two drafts, one includes Yuletide Social Report and handwritten notes); March 23; April 27 (includes schedule for NANM national convention and schedule for the 1997 Strings Scholarship Contest); October 26 (includes letter announcement for Genesis Connection concert); November 23.

Incomplete Agendas: 1998–2000. Agendas from meetings: (1998): January 25; February 8; March 29 (includes various articles on Stan Ford and Joseph Joubert). (1999): October 15 (letter announcing the October 24 meeting of the Dett Club). (2000): January 13 (letter announcing the January 23 meeting of the Dett Club).

Complete Agendas: 1998. Spiral bound booklets; October 25 (two different editions).

Complete Agendas: 1999. Spiral bound booklets; January 25 (with handwritten notes by Sydonia M. Brooks); February 20 (with handwritten notes by Sydonia M. Brooks); March 21; June 27; October 24; November 28 (includes loose leaf notes from October 24 meeting).

Complete Agendas: 2000. Spiral bound booklets; January 19; February 19; March 26; April 30 (includes: (loose leaf) host and hostess list, committee rosters); May 21 (includes: (loose leaf) article on Kathleen Battle, flyer for Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert); June 25 (includes: (loose leaf) report of treasurer, flyer for Dett Juniors Benefit Banquet and Fashion Show); September 24; October 22; November 26 (not spiral bound).

Complete Agendas: 2001. Spiral bound booklets; January 28 (includes: (loose leaf) program for Mary Ellen Webb's funeral); March 25; April 22.

**Series I, R. Nathaniel Dett Club records
Box #3, Correspondence, Administrative Materials**

Correspondence: 1950s. Includes: (undated): letter advertising the 1954 Scholarship Benefit Concert.

Correspondence: 1960s. Includes: one letter from the Detroit Musicians' Association; two letters from John E.

Webb related to the NANM National Convention journal of 1968.

Correspondence: 1970s. (10 letters)

Correspondence: 1980 February 15–December 31 (20 letters)

Correspondence: 1981 January 9–November 1981 (19 letters)

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Box #3, Correspondence, continued**

Correspondence: 1982 February 16–November 1982 (18 letters)

Correspondence: January, 1983–August 25, 1983. (7 letters)

Correspondence: December 20, 1985; April 1, 1986. Nine letters related to aid given to DeQuence Nelson.

Correspondence: 1987–1989. (7 letters and cards)

Correspondence: February 12, 1990–September 24, 1995. (7 letters)

Correspondence: April 15, 1996–March 20(?), 2000. (7 letters)

Financial Records and Reports:

Financial Records: Youth Festival ticket sales; undated general record of expenses; records of membership dues dating from July 2, 1980–May 24, 1981; record of membership dues paid dating from September 14, 1980–June 28, 1981; record of NANM membership dues paid dated January 9, 1996; Report on Duo-Piano Concert (Stan Ford and Joseph Joubert) from 1998; Report from the 1999 Garden Party.

Financial Reports to NANM. Official reports of membership with receipts to NANM for the years 1980–1982.

Reports to the Treasurer. Various reports from 1979 to 2001.

Receipts: 1934.

Receipts: 1968–2000. Includes receipts from NANM membership dues, receipts from various events put on by the Dett Club, various NANM membership cards, including J. Bernice Campbell's lifetime membership card.

Checks Received, April–May 1990. Photocopies of checks received for ticket sales to an unknown event.

Miscellaneous Contracts for Advertisements in Various Programs. Contracts, ordering forms, list of prospective advertisers for a variety of Dett Club events.

Reports to the Central Region:

Central Region Annual Report: 1981. Dett Club annual report submitted to the 1981 Central Region Conference.

Central Region Annual Report: 1982. Dett Club annual report submitted to the 1982 Central Region Conference.

Annual Report to the Central Region: 1991. Includes: Treasurer's report, survey of members

Dett Juniors Papers:

Betty Jackson King Alliance: Financial Reports. Official reports to the NANM of active members in the Central Region branch of the Betty Jackson King Alliance for the years 1987; 1988; 1990.

Miscellaneous Betty Jackson King Alliance Papers. List of members and auditioning pianists and organists; handwritten plan for a survey of members; election results in an undated Betty Jackson King Alliance/Dett Juniors election.

Dett Juniors: Minutes: November 19, 2000.

Dett Juniors: Financial Reports. Official reports to the NANM of active members in the Dett Juniors club for the years 1978; 1980; 1990; 1991.

Dett Juniors: Membership List. List of active members for 1982.

Miscellaneous Administrative Papers:

Election Papers. Results of Dett Club elections from 1981 and two undated years; Nominating Committee report (1997); official branch roster (sent to NANM); Nominating Committee for 1981-1982.

Membership Applications. Membership applications to the Dett Club from various years.

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Box #3, Administrative Materials

Attendance Lists: August 8, 1979–September 25, 1983. Attendance reports for regular Dett Club meetings.

Schedules of Meetings: 1958–1990.

Membership Rosters: 1973–1996.

Group Host Lists. One undated list of the hosts and hostesses for each meeting of the Dett Club for that year; 1988/1989 schedule of meetings and activities.

Scholarship Contest Winners: 1982–1995. Includes: biographies of the winners; scoring sheets.

Scholarship Contest Winners: Follow-Up Report (2000?). A comprehensive follow-up report on Dett Club scholarship winners and a typescript draft of the report.

Membership applications

Whispers of Love: Final. Published copy of John E. Webb's history of the Dett Club.

Whispers of Love: Draft. Late draft of *Whispers of Love*.

Whispers of Love: Papers. Assorted papers related to *Whispers of Love*.

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Box #4, Administrative Materials, Recordings, and Programs

New York City Bus Trip. 1983. Various papers related to the 1983 Dett Club trip to the NANM National Convention in New York City; papers include: passenger lists, insurance receipts, hotel receipts.

Chicago Musician's Directory: 1984. Listing of musicians active in Chicago with addresses and phone numbers.

Recordings:

Reel-to-reel ¼ inch magnetic tape (7/8 speed). Contains: "Nathaniel Dett Song Fest": February 13, 1972.

Programs:

Cavalleria Rusticana Opera: May 22, 1942. Program from the Dett Club production.

Dett Club 40th Anniversary Concert: October 20, 1962: Program and Papers. Various papers relating to the 40th Anniversary concert.

Scholarship Benefit Concert: May 22, 1966: Papers. Includes: one flyer; invitational letter from John E. Webb; advertisement order and contract form; ticket order form.

Festival of the Arts: June 21–22, 1969: Program and Papers. Various papers related to the concert.

Dett Club Programs: 1950–1958. Concert programs from Dett Club events in the 1950s. Includes:
July 28, 1950: Bach Memorial Concert;
February 22, 1953: Scholarship Benefit Concert (featuring: Huel Gwin and James Benson);
May, 17 1953: Piano Contest;
July 26, 1953: Garden Party;
March 27, 1955: Scholarship Concert (featuring: Orrin Suthern II and Zolla McCullough);
July 31, 1955: Garden Party;
March 11, 1956: Annual Scholarship Benefit Concert (featuring: Marian Lewis and Dr. Mitchell Southall);
April 20, 1958: Music Showcase
July 20, 1958: Afternoon on the Lawn.

Dett Club Programs: 1962–1969. Concert programs from Dett Club events in the 1960s. Includes:
June 24, 1962: Duo Recital, (featuring: Marion Lewis and Horace McAfee);
April 19, 1964: "Music Revolution – Music Romantic;"
July 25, 1965: Annual Garden Party;
June 4, 1967: Scholarship Recital (featuring J. Bernice Brown and Joseph Drew);
July 23, 1967: Lawn Party;
August 3, 1969: Garden Party.

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Box #4: Programs, continued

Dett Club Programs: 1970–1973. Concert programs from Dett Club events in the years 1970 – 1973. Includes:

May 15, 1970: "Souper et Danse de Printemps;"
February 13, 1972: Dett Club Golden Jubilee;
February 25, 1973: Negro History Program;
May 20, 1973: Alyce Nadine King concert with Albert Yarbrough.

Dett Club Programs: 1976. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1976. Includes:
March 28: Bicentennial Salute to Black Composers and Arrangers of Chicago;
June 27: Bicentennial Salute to Past Presidents;
October 17: "The Atonement."

Dett Club Programs: 1977–1979. Concert Programs from Dett Club events in the years 1977–1979. Includes:

October 23, 1977: Music Showcase;
October 29, 1978: “It Happened on Sunday.”

Dett Club Programs: 1980. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1980. Includes:

April 19: Church Music Workshop: Spirituals.

Dett Club Programs: 1981. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1981. Includes:

May 31: History Awards Spectacular;
June 28: Scholarship Recital (featuring Joann Hawkins and Lawrence Robinson);
October 11: “This is Your Life” (concert honoring Hortense Love) Includes: (loose leaf) two poems addressed to Hortense Love from J. Bernice Campbell, fact sheet).

Dett Club Programs: 1982. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1982. Includes:

February 18: Black History Program;
February 21: Black History Program (draft);
February 27: Negro History Program (three drafts);
April 4: “The Last Seven Words of Christ;”
May 23: John Henry Square Dinner Recital (2 drafts);
August 7: Official Staff Breakfast;
November 28: “Looking Back With Pride” featuring Dett Scholarship Winners.

Dett Club Programs: 1983. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1983. Includes:

February 10: Dett School Program;
February 20: Annual Black History Program;
May 22: A Colossal Youth Festival Benefit (with one ticket);
July 31: “The Dettos Go to the Opera;”
August 17: The Hinds Sister Trio with Joseph Joubert.

Dett Club Programs: 1984. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1984. Includes:

February 16: Black History Program.

Dett Club Programs: 1985. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1985. Includes:

May 26: Bach, Handel Scarlatti Tricentennial;
November 23: Student Recital.

Dett Club Programs: 1986. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1986. Includes: July 27: “Swing Along!”

Dett Club Programs: 1987. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1987. Includes:

February 28: Annual Black History Program (two drafts);
May 24: Musical Memoirs: Recognition Program.

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Box #4: Programs, continued

Dett Club Programs: 1988. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1988. Includes:

February 27: Black History Program;
May 22: Musical Memoirs: Recognition Awards.

Dett Club Programs: 1989. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1989. Includes:

January 8: Holiday Banquet;
February 25: Black History Program;
April 9: Duo Concert (featuring Anita Berry and Stan Ford).

Dett Club Programs: 1990. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1990. Includes:
February 18: Black History Program;
April 28: Spring Music Banquet/Raffle;
May 20: Musical Memoirs: Recognition Awards;
October 27: Dett Festival: Featuring the Solo works of Robert Nathaniel Dett (two drafts).

Dett Club Programs: 1991. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1991. Includes:
February 23: Gospel, Spirituals, Classical by Black Composers (two drafts).

Dett Club Programs: 1992. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1992. Includes:
May 24: 70th Anniversary featuring Music by Black American Women Composers;
July 26: "County Time in the Garden."

Dett Club Programs: 1993. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1993. Includes:
February 28: Black History Program.

Dett Club Programs: 1994. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1994. Includes:
February 26: Black History Program (seven drafts).

Dett Club Programs: 1995. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1995. Includes:
February 25: "Lift Every Voice and Sing: Negro Spirituals;"
February 25: Black History Program;
March 26: Organ Recital (featuring Dr. Herman D. Taylor);
May 7: Gala Concert;
July 23: Annual Garden Party: "A Hawaiian Fiesta."

Dett Club Programs: 1996. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1996. Includes:
February 24: Annual Black History Program (3 drafts);
February 25: Annual Black History Program (5 drafts);
May 26: Dett Ladies on Parade: special guest: Betty Stalling (three drafts);
July 28: Annual Garden Party.

Dett Club Programs: 1997. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1997. Includes:
February 22: Annual Black History Program (2 drafts);
May 25: Annual Music Festival (2 drafts);
July 27: Annual Garden Party;
November 15: Gospel Music Workshop Featuring: Dolores Eggleston.

Dett Club Programs: 1998. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1998. Includes:
February 28: "Patterns in Black Music;"
March 21: Duo- Piano Concert Featuring Stan Ford and Joseph Joubert;
October 17: Children's Choir Music Workshop;
December 26: "Christmas Jamboree."

Dett Club Programs: 1999. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 1999. Includes:
February 27: The Year of the Spiritual (spiral bound book);
July 25: "The Motherland: Africa the land where human greatness began" (annual garden party).

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Box #4: Programs, continued

Dett Club Programs: 2000. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 2000. Includes:
February 26: Black History in This Millennium;
July 23: The Millennium Garden Party Program;
December 28: Christmas Party.

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Box #5: Programs, Flyers, and Biographies

Programs, continued:

Dett Club Programs: 2001. Concert programs from Dett Club events in 2001. Includes:
February 10: Black History Program (two drafts, spiral bound books);
February 25: Black History Celebration: Black Composers (spiral bound book).

Miscellaneous Dett Club Programs:

"Rolling Along in Negro Song": Script Draft. Undated script for a concert (Black History Program?) with handwritten notes.

Roland Hayes Concert: Financial Report. Financial report from ticket sales for the Roland Hayes Concert of 1970; flyer for the event.

Shirley Verrett Concert: Papers. Various papers related to the March 1, 1980 concert held at the Auditorium Theater in Chicago. Papers include: 1 ticket; list of attending Dett Club members; cover of a program; and various receipts.

Flyers and Invitations:

Dett Club Flyers and Invitations: 1966–1975.

Dett Club Flyers and Invitations: 1981–1983.

Dett Club Flyers and Invitations: 1986–1989.

Dett Club Flyers and Invitations: 1990–1995.

Dett Club Flyers and Invitations: 1996–2001.

Programs and Concerts:

Not NANM or Dett Club. Assorted programs from various concerts not related to the Dett Club.

1939 Edition of *Hi-Jinx*. Program from the Du Sable High School production, presented by Capt. Walter Henri Dyett.

"This is Negro Music": May 3, 1963: Program and Papers. Program from the NANM sponsored event; invitational letter from John E. Webb.

Century of Negro Progress Exposition: 1963. Program from the 1963 event.

La Julia Rhea 50th Anniversary Celebration: Program and Papers. Program and papers from the Du Sable Museum's celebration of La Julia Rhea's holding of the title role in *Aida*. Includes: souvenir folder; history of Mme. Rhea's operatic career.

Hymn Concert. Lyric sheet for an undated concert.

Non-Dett Club Programs: 1970s. (3 items)

Non-Dett Club Programs: 1980s. (12 items)

Non-Dett Club Programs: 1990s. (7 items)

Miscellaneous Programs.

Non Dett Club Flyers and Invitations:

Non-Dett Club Flyers and Invitations: 1927–1982.

Non-Dett Club Flyers and Invitations: 1982–1999.

Miscellaneous Flyers, Announcements, Promotional Materials. Includes: Howard A. Roberts concert, Muntu Dance Theater concert, Honorarium for Rev. Jesse Jackson, various advertisements.

Biographies for Use in Programs:

Biographies: The African Children's Choir. Three page press release and biography on The African Children's Choir (see also: Dett Club Programs–1999)

Biographies: Edward Boatner. Short biography on Edward Boatner.

Biographies: Harry T. Burleigh. From the 1987 Annual Black History Program. Single paragraph biography of Harry T. Burleigh, on single note card.

Biographies: R. Nathaniel Dett. Two page biography of R. Nathaniel Dett.

Biographies: Stan Ford. Single paragraph biography on Stan Ford, resume' of Stan Ford.

Biographies: Sharon Hamilton. From the 1983 Annual Black Heritage Program. Single handwritten page biography of Sharon Hamilton.

Biographies: Hazel Harrison. Brief chronology of the life of Hazel Harrison.

Biographies: W. O. Hoyle. Biography of W.O. Hoyle handwritten on five note cards.

Biographies: Joseph Joubert. Two page biography of Joseph Joubert.

Biographies: Betty Jackson King. Flyer listing Ms. King's qualifications and work experience.

Biographies: Horace T. McAfee. Brief biography of Horace T. McAfee and roster of the Chancel Choir (text is highlighted).

Biographies: Mable Renee Morrison. Photograph and short biography most likely from a press kit.

Biographies: Autobiography of Ester Gaskin Williams. Two page autobiography of Ester Gaskin Williams of the Eureka Jubilee Singers, probably used in the 1981 History Awards Spectacular.

Biographies: Biographies used in the 1981 History Awards Spectacular. Biographies are typed and handwritten on large note cards. Includes: Linwood Bolden, Mary A. Boykin, the Brooks, the Burnaugh's, Betha Curry, Vernon Jarrett, S. Sylvester Johnson, De Quence J. Nelson, La Julia E. Rhea, Theodore Charles Stone, Gertrude Jackson Taylor, Blanch Thompson, John E. Webb, Ester Gaskin Williams.

Biographies: Biographies used in the 1993 Black History Program. Single-sentence biographies of Roland Carter, Edward Boatner, Thomas A. Dorsey, Hall Johnson, Richard Smallwood (no biography). Handwritten on a note card.

Biographies: Dett Club Members. Short biographies of Dett Club members. Includes: J. Bernice Campbell, Louise Combs-Burnaugh, Marjorie Stewart Joyner, Blanch Smith Walton, Clara Fine Wheeler.

Biographies: Miscellaneous. Includes: brief, single paragraph biographies of Frederick Douglas Hall, J. Rosamond Johnson, Edward Margetson, Florence Price, John Wesley Work III from a 1961(?) publication; single paragraph biography of Eugene W. Hancock with Mr. Hancock's comments on a

collection of Negro Spirituals he transcribed for organ, from a 1979(?) publication; single page biographies of Marcus Garvey and Desmond Mpilo Tutu from Microsoft *Encarta* Encyclopedia (1997?).

Series I, R. Nathaniel Dett Club records
Box #6: Photographs, Memorials, and General Resources

Photographs:

Photographs from an undated Dett Club meeting. Includes five photographs.

J. Bernice Campbell

Rutha Jessup

John E. Webb

Board Meeting(?): 1970s(?)

Willis Patterson, John E. Webb, DeQuence Nelson(?)

Alyce King, 2 unidentified women, and J. Bernice Campbell

Leotyne Price, J. Bernice Campbell, Beatrice Cloud, and 2 unidentified men

Alyce King and 3 unidentified women

Choir photo

Golden Jubilee Concert 13 Feb, 1972

Dett Club Garden Party: 1970s(?)

Dett Club Garden Party: 27 July, 1986(?)

Dett Club Garden Party: 1980s(?)

Photos from an undated Dett Club meeting (5 photos)

Photos from an undated NANM convention: 1990s(?) (8 photos)

Memorials and Funerals:

Memorials and Funerals: Louise Burnaugh. Includes: letter from the Dett Club to the family of Louise Burnaugh.

Memorials and Funerals: Austin G. Campbell. Includes: letter to J. Bernice Campbell from Loretta; Resolution for Austin G. Campbell.

Memorials and Funerals: Marchita Jennings. Includes: resolution for Marchita Jennings.

Memorials and Funerals: Kelsie George Albert Keeys, Jr. Includes: program from memorial service.

Memorials and Funerals: Rev. Theodore McEwing. Includes: resolution for Rev. Theodore McEwing.

Memorials and Funerals: Dr. Wilbert Earl McGruder. Includes: program from the memorial service.

Memorials and Funerals: Alice Martin Meine Nichols. Includes: draft of a letter of sympathy to the family of Alice Martin Meine Nichols from Sydonia M. Brooks.

Memorials and Funerals: Blanche Thompson. Includes: resolution for Blanche Thompson.

Memorials and Funerals: Kathryn Mitchell Watts. Includes: program from the memorial service.

Memorials and Funerals: Louise Oberall Weber-Smothers. Includes: program from memorial service.

Memorials and Funerals: Helen R. White. Includes: program from the memorial service (photocopy).

Memorials and Funerals: Tribute to Our Deceased Members. Includes: brief biographies of deceased Dett Club members: John E. Webb, Kathryn Mitchell Watts, Rutha Jessup Gutierrez, Prudence Ethel Wilson, Louise Combes-Burnaugh.

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Box #6: Memorials, continued

Memorials and Funerals: Thank You Notes and Sympathy Cards. Includes: various cards to the Dett Club from the families of the deceased (9 items).

Music:

Music: Cook, Will Marion: "Swing Along!"

Music: Dett, R. Nathaniel: "The Chariot Jubilee", "As by the Streams of Babylon", "Don't you weep no more, Mary", "Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler", "Listen to the Lambs", "Music in the Mine", "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadows", "O Holy Lord" x2, "Son of Mary"

Music: Hall, Fredrick: "Deliverance"

Music: Price, Florence B.: "At the Cotton Gin", "The Butterfly", "Levee Dance"

Music: R. Nathaniel Dett. Miscellaneous Fragments. Fragments of pieces by R.N. Dett. Includes: "In the Bottoms;" "I am Seeking for a City;" "Gently, Lord, O Gently Lead Us;" "O Holy Savior."

Music: *Sullivan Guide System Music Book*. Workbook from an unknown music student. Includes: short book [?] review of unnamed book; minutes from August 9, 1932 meeting of the O'Neil Dramatic Club; various notes on music theory; lyrics to three verses of an unnamed love song.

Music: John E. Webb Lessons. Two graded music assignments by John E. Webb (March 30, 1955; undated).

Music: Miscellaneous Fragments. Fragments of pieces from a variety of composers and arrangers.

Music: Music Instruction and Inspirational. Various papers related to music instruction, mostly of an inspirational nature.

Essays:

Essays: "Celebration of Black Music at the Philharmonic". Review of the New York Philharmonic's August 29–September 2, 1997 "Celebration of Black Composers," by Gloster B. Current.

Essays: "Book Review: I Wouldn't Take Nothin' for My Journey." Article (unpublished?) by Larry Murphy, Ph.D. reviewing the book by Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

Essays: "Music: Black, White & Blue." Walton, Ortiz. *Music: Black, White & Blue: A sociological survey of the use and misuse of Afro-American music*. New York: William Morrow & Company, Inc., 1972. 12–13; 18–19; 44–45; 144–115; 124–125.

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Newspapers: Clippings/Articles. Articles from various sources; November, 1978–June 7, 2000.

Chicago Crusader: October 22, 1977–April 26, 1980. Includes: October 22, 1977 [incomplete]; July 30, 1977; April 19, 1980; April 26, 1980 [incomplete].

Chicago Crusader: July 25, 1981–March 13, 1982. Includes: July 25, 1981; September 12, 1981; February 6, 1982; March 13, 1982 [incomplete].

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Newspapers, continued:

Chicago Crusader: February 5, 1983–June 25, 1983. Includes: February 5; April 16 [incomplete]; May 7; May 14; May 21; June 25.

Chicago Crusader: September 11, 1999–September 18, 1999.

Hyde Park Citizen: April 1, 1993.

Today's African American Chronicle: January 26, 1996–February 8, 1996.

Miscellaneous Papers:

Inspirational Items. Eighteen items, mostly prayers, religious poetry and parables.

Dett Club Miscellaneous Papers.

General Miscellaneous Papers.

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Box #7: Administrative Materials

NANM, Constitutions. Various drafts and editions of the NANM constitution and bylaws. Includes complete revised editions from 1984 and 1991.

NANM, Duties and Responsibilities of Youth Branch Sponsors. Official NANM guidelines for sponsoring a youth division of NANM (see also Dett Juniors).

NANM, Receipts of membership dues from Dett members. Various years: 1979; 1981; 1993.

NANM, Financial Statements – 1973.

NANM, Financial Statements – 1980.

NANM, Financial Statements – 1981

NANM, Financial Statements – 1982

NANM, Financial Statements – 1983

NANM, Financial Statements – 1985

NANM, Financial Statements – 1986

NANM, Financial Statements – 1987

NANM, Manual on Election Procedure.

NANM, Membership Directory – 1996.

NANM, Suggestions to the NANM. Undated: suggestions for administrative and program changes in the NANM (pre-1980).

Surveys and Questionnaires. Includes: Central Region Questionnaire from 1979; undated NANM Survey.

NANM National Convention Programs and Papers:

1965 Program from Annual Luncheon and Fashion Extravaganza of the Life Member Guild from the 1965 national convention;

NANM National Convention – 1969. Minutes from the General Assembly of the NANM from the 1969 national convention.

NANM National Convention – 1980. Various papers related to the NANM National Convention of 1980 in Birmingham, Alabama. Includes: two registration slips, minutes of the General Session, nomination ballots, registration form, program from the memorial service, transcript of the presidential speech.

NANM National Convention – 1981. Various papers related to the NANM National Convention of 1981 in Los Angeles. Includes: branch reports, report of the Eastern director, announcement of the convention.

NANM National Convention – 1982. Various papers related to the NANM National Convention of 1982 in Chicago. Includes: one flyer for the event, transcript of the presidential speech, report from the evaluation committee, records of ticket sales, financial records, program from the memorial service, copy of the Southern Region's position paper on the convention, miscellaneous papers.

NANM National Convention – 1983. Various papers related to the NANM National Convention of 1983 in New York. Includes: transcript of the presidential speech, roster of pre-registered members, roster of on-site registers, annual report of the Eastern Region, program from the Annual Breakfast Mixer, program from Annual Luncheon [of the] Life Member Guild, position paper on the convention by Warren A. Sweeney.

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NANM National Convention Programs and Papers, continued:

NANM National Convention – 1985. Various papers from the 1985 NANM National Convention in Southfield, Mi. Includes: program from the memorial service, minutes from three general sessions.

NANM National Convention - 1986. Various papers from the 1986 NANM National Convention in Chicago. Includes: seating plan for the banquet, pre-registered members list, minutes from four general sessions, program from the Annual Luncheon and Fashion Extravaganza of the Life Member Guild.

NANM National Convention – 1987. Various papers from the 1987 NANM National Convention in New Orleans. Includes: one survey, pre-registered members list, on-site registration list, minutes from three general sessions, miscellaneous papers.

NANM National Convention – 1988. Miscellaneous papers from the 1988 NANM National Convention in San Diego.

NANM National Convention – 1989. Various papers from the 1989 NANM National Convention in Atlanta. Includes: minutes from one general session, capsule history of Dett Club, convention schedule.

NANM National Convention – 1990. Various papers from the 1990 NANM National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia. Includes: campaign flyers, pre-registration list, minutes from three general sessions, roster of standing committee members, miscellaneous papers.

NANM National Convention – 1991. Program from Gala Concert of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

NANM National Convention – 1994. Program from the Opening Mass meeting.

NANM National Convention – 1995. Various papers from the 1995 NANM National Convention in Oakland, California. Includes: pre-registration list, on-site registration list, registration packet, minutes from two general sessions, miscellaneous papers.

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NANM National Convention Programs and Papers, continued:

NANM National Convention – 2000. Various papers from the 2000 NANM National Convention in Atlanta. Includes: proposed schedule, standing committee roster, NANM Newsletter (with handwritten notes), program for the memorial service (with handwritten notes), miscellaneous papers.

NANM, Miscellaneous National Convention Information. Various registration forms, program for a breakfast mixer, hotel information, member survey.

NANM Regional Conferences Programs and Papers:

NANM, Central Region Constitution. 1979 Central Region Constitution.

NANM, Central Region Annual Report – 1980. Various papers from the 1980 Central Region conference. Includes: conference schedule, complete report (includes: financial statement, session minutes, branch reports, committee reports, branch activities), Dett Club annual report, registration list, miscellaneous papers.

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NANM Regional Conferences Programs and Papers, continued:

NANM, Central Region Mid-Winter Board Meeting – 1996. Various papers from the 1996 Mid-Winter Board Meeting. Includes: general session minutes, information on the 1996 NANM National Convention, miscellaneous papers.

NANM, Central Region Conference – 2000. Various papers related to the 2000 Central Region Annual Conference. Includes: conference schedule, Central Region annual newsletter, meeting minutes, treasury report, receipts, miscellaneous papers.

NANM, Central Region Conference – 2003. 2003 Central Region Annual Conference schedule.

NANM, Central Region Conference – 1990. General Session minutes.

NANM, Central Region Membership Roster. Includes: complete roster of members, addresses of regional presidents.

NANM, Eastern Region Annual Conference – 1981. Includes various flyers, message from Regional Director.

NANM, Central Region Board Meeting Reports – 1985–1986

NANM, Scholarship Information. Rules and registration forms for the annual scholarship contest in various disciplines from various years.

NANM Newsletters:

NANM Newsletters: 1973–1983. Newsletters from various dates.

NANM Newsletters: 1986–1992. Newsletters from various dates.

NANM Newsletters: 1995. Bound booklets.

NANM Newsletters: 1993–1996. Bound booklets, newsletters from various dates.

NANM Newsletters: 1997–1998. Bound booklets.

NANM, Youth Newsletters – April, 1974; 1982. Newsletters of the Youth Division of the NANM distributed at the annual conventions.

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NANM: Miscellaneous Papers

NANM, Letterhead.

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