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#### INTRODUCTION

The papers of Sarah Belle Jackson contain high school and college diplomas, extensive documentation on Sarah Belle's role as a community leader within Columbia, Missouri, and many church programs, songs, and choir booklets. The papers also contain news articles regarding the racial tensions in Columbia, including police reports and social response to the Kimberly Linzie case in 1985.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Joan Sorrels on behalf of Eugene T. Jackson on 3 May 2000 (Accession No. 5864).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born on January 3, 1928, Sarah Belle Anderson was one of three children. She attended Jefferson Junior High School and graduated in 1945. She received a certificate of recognition from Stephens College's School of Liberal and Professional Studies in 1981. Anderson worked as a teacher's aide at a local school for handicapped children and was also heavily involved with the African American community in Columbia. Sarah Belle Anderson married Eugene Jackson and together they had one child, Eugene T. Jackson.

Sarah Belle Jackson was a huge activist within the community. She worked as a volunteer and secretary at the J.W. (Blind) Boone Community Center since its opening, and was responsible for establishing the center's daycare service. On the February 14, 1968, Jackson was appointed Co-Director of the Center. In 1976, Sarah Belle became the Director of the Center's Senior Adult's Recreation Program and retired from Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department seventeen years later in 1993 after a total of thirty-two years.

Sarah Belle Jackson suffered a stroke in 1997 that left her in weakened health. She passed away two years later on June 3, 1999, at the age of seventy-one.

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- f. 6 Ministers' Lives (Sims & Mutamba) and Plays (Easter & Christmas), 1970s

- f. 7 J.W. (Blind) Boone Community Center: Senior Adult Programs, 1970s
- f. 8 Cemetery Hill; Funeral programs; Jackson Family photograph scans, 1980s
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