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The Thomas Jefferson Library at the University of Missouri-St. Louis donated thirty issues of *Proud* magazine to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection.

The first issue of *Proud* appeared in January 1970 as a monthly publication oriented toward the St. Louis black urban population. With Betty Lee as Managing Editor, Beverly A. Bishop as Production Manager, and Ernie McMillan as President, *Proud's* staff published articles and information addressing the needs and interests of the black community. *Proud* covered topics usually not found in the major daily newspapers, such as black history.

Although *Proud's* subscription list grew to 10,000 by 1974, it faced financial problems. Rising production costs already had forced a cut back in publication in 1972. *Proud* also reduced its publication frequency to bi-monthly in that year. By the late 1980s, *Proud* could no longer publish on a regular schedule due to increased expenses.

The collection contains issues of *Proud* from 1970-1981. However, the issues do not comprise a complete set. Washington University holds copies to all back issues. Topics discussed include: black history, urban careers, religion, education, politics, housing, black community leaders, health, community organizations, music, and sports.

Oral histories (T-351, T-341) from the Women in the Seventies Project provide additional information on Betty Lee and Beverly Bishop, the founding of *Proud*, and the magazine's operations.

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