

**S1114 BUCKNER, JOHN (1891-1977), ADDENDA, ND, 1891-1995
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PROVENANCE

Robert Washington donated the collection on October 16, 2013.

BIOGRAPHY

John Buckner was born August 31, 1922, the only son of historian and educator Julia Davis. He graduated from Sumner High School in 1939. Buckner attended Stowe Teachers' College (renamed Harris-Stowe College in 1979) where he became the first male graduate in 1942. Buckner did graduate work at Northwestern University, the State University of Iowa, and Columbia University's Teacher College.

Buckner spent the rest of his life as an educator. From January 1943 to June 1960, he served on Sumner High School's faculty as a mathematics teacher, mathematics department chairman, and an advisor to students in a high achievers program. In 1960 Buckner joined the Superintendent's office of St. Louis Public Schools as a general consultant and supervisor of secondary education. At his own request, he returned to the Sumner faculty in 1964. Buckner became the school's principal in 1968, the first native St. Louisan and Sumner graduate to do so. He held the position until 1971. At the time of his death, Buckner worked as a curriculum specialist with St. Louis Public Schools.

Buckner sat on the Board of Directors of the Annie Malone Children's Home for many years. He chaired the Home's annual May Day celebrations during the 1960s. Then in January 1975, Buckner became the President of the Home's Board of Directors. Buckner's other activities included membership on the Freedom of Residence Committee; the Board of Managers for the YMCA's junior kindergarten; and the Equal Opportunity Committee of the Human Development Corporation, Inc. He served as chairman of HDC during 1974 and 1975. Also, the *St. Louis Argus* chose Buckner as toastmaster for its Distinguished Public Service Awards Banquet eight times from 1967-1977.

John D. Buckner died on July 17, 1977. He had recently returned to St. Louis from Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he had attended the Seventh World Council of the YMCA as a delegate.

Julia Davis was born in 1891, attended Sumner High School, Normal School, and Stowe Teachers' College and became an educator and historian of black history in St. Louis. Since

1941, she organized the annual Negro history exhibit at the St. Louis Public Library. She served on the National Education Association Committee on Teacher Education and Professional Standards, as secretary for the St. Louis branch of the Association For Childhood Education, and was active in other educational organizations. A Branch of the St. Louis Public Library was named in honor of Julia Davis and dedicated on April 24, 1974. She retired as a public school teacher on November 20, 1961. Ms. Davis died on April 26, 1993.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection includes three distinct series: Series 1 - John Buckner, Series 2 - Julia Davis; and Series 3 - the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Series 1 - John Buckner: This series includes various materials relating to John Buckner's involvement in the Annie Malone Children's Home, as well as his career in the St. Louis Public Schools with special emphasis on Sumner High School. The Sumner High School materials include programs for school performances, sporting events, and a small collection of school newspapers.

Series 2 - Julia Davis: This series includes historical publications authored by Julia Davis covering African American heritage, achievements and personalities. It also include a large collection of internal planning and budgeting documents from the St. Louis Public Library--Julia Davis Branch and an assortment of papers associated with Julia Davis' relationship to the St. Louis Public School District.

Series 3 - Alpha Phi Alpha: This collection contains APA publications including the fraternity publication *The Sphinx* and internal fraternity memos, correspondences and meeting minutes.

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Series 1: John Buckner

1. *A Climate for Individuality*, 1965
2. A Tribute to Samuel L. Miller, 1994
3. Alpha Kappa Alpha, 1968-1971
4. Ann Blackman, 1978
5. Annie Malone Children's Home, 1975-1990
6. Arthur E. Newman, 1962
7. Beaumont High School Yearbook, 1971
8. Beaumont High School Yearbook, 1972
9. Bissell Mansion Poems, 1975
10. Blackburn College Catalogue, 1963-1964

11. Board of Education Report of Auditor, 1943-1944
12. Board of Education Report, 1961
13. *Boston Roxbury City Newspaper*, 1963
14. Brochures, 1959-1980
15. Brochures, 1966-1985
16. Buckner Research Project, 1944
17. Centennial Celebration RSVPs, 1975
18. Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers 62nd Convention, 1962
19. Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers Papers, 1962
20. Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers Papers, 1967
21. Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers Papers, 1968
22. Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers Yearbook, 1959
23. Charles Proctor, 1988
24. Class List
25. Columbia School, 1945
26. Cub Journals, 1957-1969
27. Curriculum Leadership Vol. 10 No. 2, 1972
28. Delegation to Libya
29. Delegation to Libya Press Kit
30. Development of Secondary School Curriculum, 1959
31. Diane Hedin, 1992
32. Elementary School Studies: A Guide to Current Research, 1967
33. Essential High School Battery
34. Funeral Notices and Brochures, 1954-1990
35. Guidelines for Elementary and Social Studies, 1967
36. Hadley Technical High School, 1962
37. Harold Berlack, 1967
38. Harris Teachers College, 1927-1986
39. Humanizing Education: The Person in the Process, 1969
40. Ida Goodwin Woodfolk Roast
41. John Buckner Army Bible
42. John Buckner Correspondences, 1955-1975

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43. John C. Smith University
44. John Wright
45. Let the Righteous Speak, 1962
46. Linguistics and the Classroom Teacher, 1967
47. M.E.D. Bylaws, 1972
48. Mike Williams

49. Missouri Committee for the Humanities, 1978-1979
50. Missouri School Directory, 1962-1963
51. Missouri State Association of Negro Teachers, 1945
52. Missouri State Association of Teachers Brochures, 1974
53. Missouri State Association of Teachers Brochures, 1975
54. Missouri Tennis Association, 1972
55. National Baptist Convention Series, 1951
56. National Science Teachers Association Bulletins, 1965
57. New Modes - St. Louis Public Schools, 1977
58. Newsletters, 1975
59. Newsletters, 1976
60. Northwest High School, 1963-1964
61. Northwestern University Alumni Newsletter, 1963-1965
62. Pathways to Success: O'Fallon Technical Center, 196
63. Police List
64. Principals Annual Report, 1900-1913
65. Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society Vol. 14 No. 2, 1963
66. Programs and Pamphlets, 1957-1971
67. PTA Fashion Show, 1972
68. Report of the St. Louis Public Schools- Superintendent, 1975
69. Report on the Condition of St. Louis Public Schools, 1967
70. Richard Hudlin, 1976
71. Roscoe Robinson, 1975
72. Seminar Lecture, 1953
73. Southern Illinois University, 1994
74. Southern Newsletter, 1957
75. St. Louis Public School Papers (need dates)
76. St. Louis Public School Papers, 1954-1979
77. St. Louis Public School Papers, 1958-1975
78. St. Louis Public School Papers, 1962-1975
79. St. Louis Public Schools - Mathematics Publications, 1962-1963
80. St. Louis Public Schools - Meet the Schools, 1955
81. St. Louis Public Schools Journal, 1953
82. St. Louis Public Schools Sports Programs, 1951-1953
83. St. Louis Public Secondary Schools, 1961
84. Story Book Films Brochure
85. Sumner Administrative Reports, 1963
86. Sumner Awards Night, 1992
87. Sumner Blank Evaluations
88. Sumner Buzz Book, 1951

89. Sumner Class Reunion, 1992
90. Sumner Communicators, 1982-1986
91. Sumner Daily Bulletins, 1955
92. Sumner Directories, 1957, 1988
93. Sumner Distinguished Graduates
94. Sumner Emergency Plans, 1984-1985
95. Sumner Faculty Manual

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96. Sumner High School Programs
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100. Sumner Homecoming Program, 1991
101. Sumner Letter Awards, 1955
102. Sumner Moods, 1971
103. Sumner Papers, 1929-1975
104. Sumner Papers, 1946-1978
105. Sumner Papers, 1964-1975
106. Sumner Papers, 1975
107. Sumner Papers, 1975-1979
108. Sumner PTA Conferences, 1988
109. Sumner Second Annual All-Sports Awards Night, 1954
110. Sumner Third Annual All-Sports Awards Night, 1955
111. The Changing Curriculum: Mathematics, 1967
112. The Clearing House Vol. 43 No. 4, 1968
113. The Construction and use of Mathematical Models
114. The Mathematics Teacher Vol. LXI No. 3, 1968
115. The Mathematics Teacher Vol. LXII No. 1, 1959
116. Uganda Amateur Boxing Association, 1963
117. Washington University Bulletins of Summer Courses, 1965
118. Y Circus, 1954
119. Y World Communique, 1968
120. Y.M.C.A., 1963

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Series 2: Julia Davis

121. *100 Families that Rule the Empire*, 1944

122. 1st Annual Julia Davis Awards Banquet, 1994
123. A History of the Alphabet, 1930
124. A Tale of Two Cities: St. Louis Public Schools, 1968
125. African American Heritage of St. Louis: A Guide, 1992
126. African American Inventors, 1980
127. Black American Congressmen, 1977
128. Black Trailblazers
129. Colored Schools, 1877
130. Colored Teachers Employed 1898-1899
131. Constitution of the AFT, 1961
132. Down Memory Lane, 1909
133. Drug and Alcohol Abuse
134. Educational Leadership, 1966
135. Elegy for Thomas Gray, 1959
136. Evelyn Johnson, 1954-1959
137. Eye on St. Louis: African American Heritage 1764-1986
138. Friends of Julia Davis Branch Library, 1989-1995
139. Friends of Julia Davis Branch Library, 1990-1995
140. Friends of Julia Davis Branch Library, 1993
141. Friends of Julia Davis Branch Library, 1994-1995
142. Gospel Fest Program, 1994
143. History of African American Judges and Lawyers, 1994
144. Homer G. Phillips Hospital, 1977
145. Journal of Negro History, Vol. LXVII No. 1 and No. 4, 1982
146. Journal of Negro History, Vol. XXIV No. 4, 1939
147. Julia Davis Biographies, 1968
148. Julia Davis Family File
149. Julia Davis History Papers, 1977-1985
150. Julia Davis Library By-Laws
151. Julia Davis Papers, 1969
152. Julia Davis Papers, 1988
153. Julia Davis' 99th Birthday, 1990
154. Letters to Julia Davis, 1977
155. Martin Luther King Jr.
156. Meeting Records, 1985-1986

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157. Missouri State Teachers Association, 1973
158. National Association of Negro Musicians 60th Anniversary, 1979
159. National Association of State Directors for Special Education, 1989

160. NEA Journal, 1939
161. Negro Race in America, 1891
162. News clippings, 1959-1993
163. Newspapers, 1963-1987
164. Normal School, 1859
165. Police Chief of Seattle
166. Receipts, 1984
167. School and Community, 1974
168. School and Home, 1942, 1990
169. Senior Citizens and Social Organizations, 1974
170. Short Stories and Poems
171. SIU-Carbondale Alumni Magazine, 1995
172. St. Louis and Paul Dunbar Lawrence, 1989
173. *St. Louis Daily Globe Democrat* Photocopies, 1997
174. St. Louis Public Library
175. St. Louis Public Library- African American History Calendar, 1993
176. St. Louis Public School History, 1968
177. St. Louis Public Schools History
178. St. Louis Public Schools Semi-Quarterly Pay, 1899-1900
179. St. Louis Teachers Association, 1965
180. Sumner Hall of Fame, 1992
181. Sumner High School 75th Anniversary
182. Sumner High School Graduating Classes
183. Sumner Moods, 1987
184. Technique of Teaching, 1961
185. *The Crisis*, 1992
186. The Status of Integration in the St. Louis Public School System, 1964-1965
187. Turner Middle School, 1968
188. U.S. Presidential History
189. UMSL Magazine, 1992
190. United Negro College Fund, 1983
191. US Government Questions and Answers
192. Valuing the Dignity of Black Children
193. Vital Statistics of St. Louis Public Schools, 1964
194. Washington University Commencement Program, 1978
195. Washington University Commencement Program, 1988
196. William Wyatt
197. Y.M.C.A. Old Tymers, 1992
198. Y.M.C.A. Old Tymers, 1994
199. Y.M.C.A. Old Tymers, 1995

200. *From Superman to Man*, 1953
201. Forest Park Community College Handbook
202. *Harper's Tropical Concordance*
203. *Negro Trail Blazers of California*

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Series 3: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

204. 36th General Convention, 1950
205. 41st Convention, 1955
206. 44th General Convention, 1958
207. 45th Convention, 1959
208. 57th General Convention Minutes, 1963
209. 58th General Convention Minutes, 1972
210. 58th General Convention, 1964
211. 67th Convention, 1973
212. 68th Convention, 1974
213. 69th Anniversary Convention, 1975
214. 73rd Founder's Day Observation, 1992
215. 75th Founder's Day Celebration, 1994
216. Annual Reports of Officers and Committees, 1974
217. APA Calendar, 1994
218. APA Constitution, 1995
219. Committee Brochures, 1959
220. Directories, 1962-1965
221. Epsilon Lambda Gazette, 1995
222. Fraternity Handbook, 1957
223. Fraternity Information
224. Fraternity Papers
225. Fraternity Rules and Regulations
226. Frederick N. Weathers, 1994
227. Golden Anniversary, 1956
228. Handbook and Directory, 1972
229. Housing Proposal, 1993
230. News Clippings, 1975
231. Phi Delta Kappa 12th Annual Awards Luncheon, 1990
232. Pledge Manual, 1948
233. Programs and Flyers, 1966
234. Southern Regional Convention, 1965
235. *The Sphinx* M.L.K. Tribute, 1968

236. *The Sphinx*, 1954
237. *The Sphinx*, 1960
238. *The Sphinx*, 1961
239. *The Sphinx*, 1962
240. *The Sphinx*, 1963
241. *The Sphinx*, 1964
242. *The Sphinx*, 1966
243. *The Sphinx*, 1969
244. *The Sphinx*, 1971
245. *The Sphinx*, 1972
246. *The Sphinx*, 1973
247. *The Sphinx*, 1975
248. *The Sphinx*, 1976
249. *The Sphinx*, 1977
250. *The Sphinx*, 1982
251. *The Sphinx*, 1992
252. *The Sphinx*, 1994
253. World's Convention, 1968

254. The Negro's Fight For Franchise Freedom, 1959
255. St. Louis Public School District Report Card, 1979
256. The Mid-Century Challenge to Negro Professionals, 1959
257. The Sumner Cub Journal, 1945
258. Sumner High School Faculty Bulletins, 1954
259. St. Louis Public Schools Tentative Budget, 1974
260. School and Home Newspaper, 1975
261. Alpha Phi Alpha Anniversary Convention Program, 1966
262. Julia Davis Scrapbook, 1981
263. Julia Davis Scrapbook, 1981
264. Photographs 1114.1-1114.20
265. Photographs 1114.21-1114.50
266. Photographs 1114.51-1114.79
267. Photographs 1114.80-1114.93, 1114.120-1114.138 (1114.94-1114.119 are in box 7)

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Alpha Phi Alpha Artifacts

St. Louis Argus, 4/17/1975

St. Louis Argus, 4/15/1960

St. Louis Argus, 9/02/1960

St. Louis Argus, 2/18/1966

St. Louis Argus, 8/26/1960

St. Louis American, 11/06/1958

St. Louis Crusader, 9/06/1961

St. Louis Globe Democrat, 10/17/1959

St. Louis Countian, 5/21/1960

St. Louis Daily Record, 5/21/1960

Houston Post, 11/19/1961

Missouri House of Representative Resolutions- Julia Davis Branch Library

Semi-Quarterly Pay Roll 1899-1900

Sumner High School Songs

Sumner High School Goes to War Scrapbook

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Obituaries and Memorial Programs